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*Dear Alumni and Friends,*

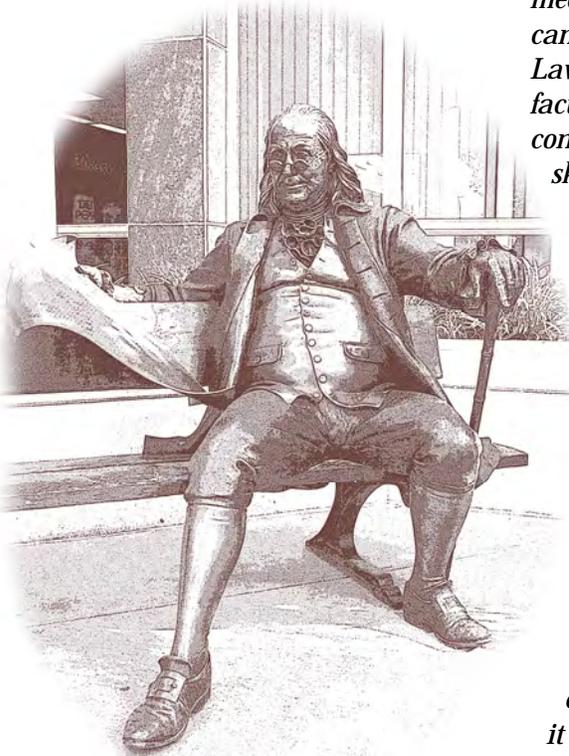
*Some argue that law schools should teach theory, maintaining that new lawyers can acquire the practical knowledge they will need during their early years in practice. Others contend that law schools should focus their efforts on ensuring that graduates leave law school with at least some modicum of real world training. Theory, they argue, is interesting to academics, but not much help to a client in need of help. To some degree, I admit, either approach can succeed.*

*Great law schools, however, teach both theory and lawyering skills. At Washburn Law we have always recognized the importance of both theory and skills. Indeed, as many of you have told me during our meetings, our law school's commitment to ensuring that our graduates can apply theory in a skillful way is what has distinguished Washburn Law for many years! In part our success is a tribute to our full-time faculty. Whether teaching in the classroom or the clinic, they have consistently emphasized the importance of both theory and lawyering skills.*

*Equally important, however, have been the contributions made by the many judges and practicing lawyers who over the years have brought the world of practice to the classroom. Over the years, these judges and lawyers have enriched our classrooms. They have added depth to our curriculum, and helped our students understand the importance of honing their lawyering skills. They have also brought home the importance of ethical behavior and civility in practice in ways that we who do not practice on a regular basis can not. There is no way that we can adequately compensate any adjunct professor for the many crucial contributions he or she makes to the education of our students. In this issue of *The Washburn Lawyer*, however, we attempt to recognize the important role they have played and continue to play in making Washburn Law the great law school it is. I suspect as you read about them, you will recall more than a few moments of your law school days!*

*Sincerely,*

*Dennis R. Honabach  
Dean*





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## John E. Howe joined Washburn Law in 1959, to serve as dean of Washburn University

School of Law. He left St. Louis Law school after seven years where he had served both as faculty and Associate Dean. The yearning to become Dean is what made Howe gravitate to Washburn Law. In fact, the dean at St. Louis offered his deanship to Howe if he would stay. However, being the consummate gentleman that Howe is, he

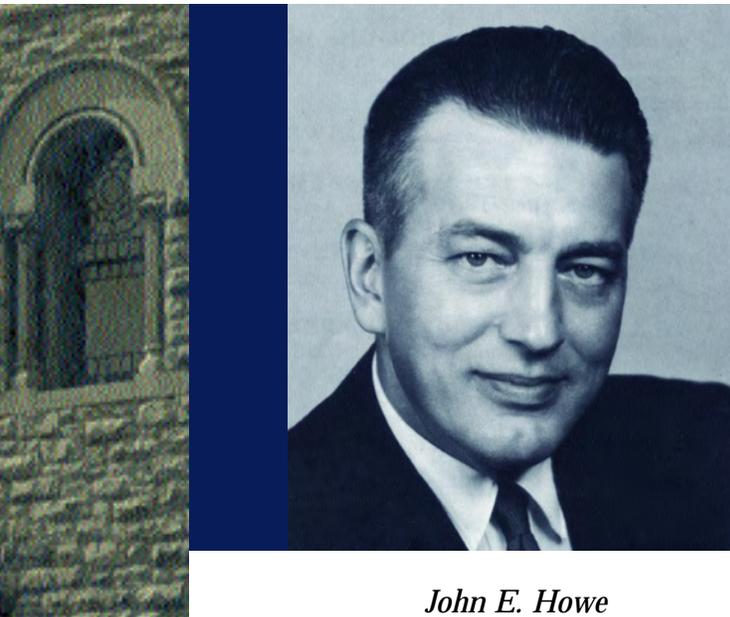
told him “no.” He did not want him to give up his deanship. Howe joined Washburn Law and served as dean until 1970, the third longest serving dean at Washburn Law. And how fortunate it was for Washburn Law. Not only did he serve in an administrative capacity,

which was ultimately tested during the 1966 tornado that destroyed the law school, but he served as educator, cheerleader, fundraiser, and overall Washburn Law enthusiast.

After Howe graduated from law school at Kentucky he began his career as an associate in a small law office in Kentucky. It was a general practice firm, as were so

many small firms in the small communities. He handled everything from divorce to murder cases. During law school Howe thought he would like to teach law. He knew, however, he would need hands-on, practical experience before he could walk into the classroom. After two and a half years at the small firm, Howe contacted John Hervey at the ABA. Howe said he was interested in teaching at a law school and asked what schools he should consider. Hervey suggested Creighton and that is where Howe ended up. While a faculty member at Creighton Howe taught Property and some Commercial courses.

# The Importance of ADJUNCT PROFESSORS



*John E. Howe*

After six years at Creighton, Howe received a phone call from his former law school dean at Kentucky. He asked if Howe would be interested in joining him at St. Louis University. It was a great opportunity, and Howe accepted. While at St. Louis, Howe taught Property Law, one of his favorite courses. Eventually Howe became Associate Dean at St. Louis.

Howe yearned to be more than Associate Dean, so when Washburn University School of Law had an opening for their dean, he applied for and accepted the position. When he joined Washburn Law, there were only seven full-time faculty members and twenty-two practicing members. Practicing members, or part-time faculty as they were referred to at that time, were practicing attorneys or judges. Those part-time faculty are now referred to as adjunct faculty. "At the time, money was scarce, and the only way to supplement your curriculum was to use as many part-time faculty as possible," said Howe.

"As I remember, I think the entire yearly budget for the law school was \$100,000 when I started. You couldn't have too many full-time faculty on payroll. The part-time faculty helped tremendously to enhance our course offerings," said Howe. "The budget was so small, that when I arrived, there wasn't even a mimeograph machine. I had to go out and buy one with my own money for the school," Howe remem-

bers. Although part-time faculty were a benefit to the school, they certainly created obstacles in scheduling classes. "Since they were practicing attorneys and judges, you had to work around their schedules and they told you when they could and could not teach," remembers Howe. "At the time when I first arrived and the beginning of my tenure as dean, most core classes were held in the morning and taught by full-time faculty. Since most students worked, the afternoons were left free and the part-time faculty taught mostly in the evening." Keeping part-time faculty was difficult. "Many of the young men who were practicing taught part-time to supplement their

income while they were starting their practice. Once their practice grew, they didn't need the extra income, and didn't have the time, so they would quit teaching," said Howe.

At that time in the early 60's, many law schools depended on part-time faculty. Howe recalls that at the larger state funded schools, most of the faculty were full-time.

However, smaller schools who did not receive state money had to rely on part-time faculty to help teach the courses. "Part-time faculty bring to the classroom active practice problems. They have a more practical aspect which is helpful to the students," said Howe. "Full-time faculty just couldn't provide that angle. Most full-time faculty started teaching right out of law school, or like me, only practiced for several years. That isn't enough to know or

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understand the practical aspects of practicing law. Part-time faculty added a dimension of practice full-time faculty could not.” Howe believes some of the part-time faculty would have decided to teach full-time if the pay had been better.

Even though money was scarce at the law school, Howe used the full-time and part-time faculty to the best of his ability. Full-time faculty would teach the first year core courses to build the foundation for law students. Part-time faculty would teach courses that second and third year law students would take. Those courses incorporated more of the practical aspects of law. The benefits of having a large part-time faculty proved to be both good and bad. “The big benefit of part-time faculty was the financial aspect. They were also engaged in the practice of law which enhanced the student’s legal education. However, on the other end of the spectrum, it was difficulty to schedule classes. It was hard to evaluate each part-time faculty member since they were only around during the evening and it was hard to keep them interested in teaching for long periods of time,” recalls Howe.



*Philip Lewis '36*



*Jack Quinlan '51*



*Charles Fisher '51*



*Gene McKinney '54*

Howe remembers fondly that the part-time faculty during his tenure as dean were terrific. Both full-time and part-time faculty got along well together. He remembers those who taught during his entire tenure at the law school, including Philip Lewis '35, David Prager, Jack Quinlan '51 and Charles Fisher '51. “Phil Lewis was an excellent teacher. He thought like a student. He could explain anything to the students and make them understand the concept. I never saw anyone who could relate to the students like he could,” said Howe. Others who served as part-time faculty during Howe’s tenure with many years of service included: Allen Gerye '57, Clarence Gideon '56, Lester Goodell '25, Byron Gray, Lloyd Hall, Justice Schuyler Jackson, Howard Jones '28, Harold Schroeder '47, Roy Bartlett '49, Albert Martin, Gerald Goodell '58, Gene McKinney '54, William Treadway and Harry Craig. Others who began their part-time teaching career during the end of Howe’s tenure and continued to teach included: Herbert Marshall '43, Lou Eisenbarth '54, Austin Nothern '64, Wayne Stratton '58, Charles Henson and The Honorable Beryl Johnson, to name a few.

Howe's tenure as dean took him through the turbulent years at Washburn Law after the tornado hit the campus in 1966. He remembers with detail the effects of the tornado and the damage to the school. Then University President, John Henderson, asked Howe if he wanted to rebuild Carnegie, or have a new law building. After an emergency faculty meeting at Howe's home, the faculty decided to ask for a new building. When Howe told Henderson their decision, Henderson replied, "Well then, get busy raising money. We have our hands full with the other buildings." That statement quickly set in motion Howe's priorities for the next several years.

Howe called alum Harold Fatzer '33 and told him they needed to rally the alumni to raise money for a new building. Fatzer along with John Shamberg '37 and many other alumni spent the next year fundraising for the new law school building. Together they raised \$1.2 million for the law school. "I remember driving all over that year, talking to alumni and asking for donations to help rebuild the law school," said Howe.

"The alumni really pulled together and worked hard to come to the aid of the law school. It was a great thing." In 1969, the new building opened up its doors for the fall semester. "We spent three years in trailers on the University campus. During this time, some of the part-time faculty used their offices or offices of friends to hold their classes. Since classrooms were scarce, that was a big help to the school," said Howe.



*Howard Jones '28*



*Roy Bartlett '49*



*William Treadway*

"I think I am the only dean whose deanship saw the law school in three locations; Carnegie, the trailers and the new school," said Howe. His deanship also saw the number of full-time faculty range from seven to nine members and part-time faculty range from thirteen to twenty-two.

Howe continued to serve as dean of Washburn Law until he stepped down in 1970. "That was long enough, I don't believe that a dean should stay any longer, it's time to step down and let someone else take the reins and lead the school," said Howe. "I turned in my resignation in 1969, but Phil Lewis encouraged me to stay for one more year. Phil told me 'you worked hard to get this new building for the law school, you should stay for at least one more year to enjoy it'," Howe remembers. Howe ultimately stayed for one more year. After stepping down as dean, Howe remained on the faculty as a Professor until 1978. From 1978 to 1981 he taught part-time, teaching Water Law. A course he suggested the law school add to the curriculum. "When I became a part-time faculty member, then I could tell them when I wanted to teach," Howe said with a grin. After many years serving as dean and scheduling around part-time faculty, Howe was finally on the other side. He could now have some one schedule around his time. A point he made with a large smile on his face.

"I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Washburn Law. Both the full-time and part-time faculty were great to work with; I have many fond memories of my time at Washburn Law," stated Howe.

Dean Howe and his wife Margaret continue to live in Topeka and remain wonderful ambassadors of Washburn Law.



Duke Dupree,  
Washburn Law School Association

*A recent Law School alum asked me “Why should I join the law school alumni association and pay dues; what’s in it for me?” Young, eager and ready to succeed in his practice, he saw little value in joining the Washburn Law School Association. I answered him, but his question stayed with me. And as I started speaking at this year’s graduation luncheon, given by the Washburn Law School Association for the graduates, their families and friends, I decided to repeat with minor changes my answer to that question.*

*Over forty percent of those recently graduating from Washburn University School of Law received financial assistance because of alumni. In the three years that the Class of 2005 attended law school, alumni provided \$2,750,000 in scholarships and financial aid and provided over 3,000 hours assisting in the students’ legal education. The Class of 2005 began their legal education at a law school ranked in the 4<sup>th</sup> tier; they graduated from a law school that is in the upper part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> tier ranking. That help, that assistance was provided by Washburn Law alumni who cared, who had pride in their law school, and who desired to help others.*

*Continually helping to improve Washburn Law is what the Washburn Law School Association is all about. We can take pride in what has been accomplished, but 3<sup>rd</sup> tier — we can do better. No individual, no class can accomplish what we alumni can do together.*

*It has and it always will take three things to make a great law school æ qualified students, a dedicated, highly qualified and motivated faculty, and strong alumni support. We have the qualified students (check out their LSAT scores and undergraduate grades). We have a dedicated, qualified and motivated faculty. What we need is the support of each and every Washburn lawyer.*

*No matter what your practice, no matter what career path you chose, no matter what your accomplishments and achievements, it happened because of your legal education. It all began with your graduation from Washburn University School of Law. In May 2006 Washburn Law will graduate its 100<sup>th</sup> class. Become a member of the Association and assist in the many ways necessary to make the next century at Washburn Law even better.*

*Sincerely,*

*Duke*

# Washburn Adjunct Professors PROFILES

For many years, Washburn University School of Law has relied heavily on its adjunct faculty members to help round out law student's legal education. Full-time faculty provide excellent instruction on theory for law students, but it is the adjunct faculty that help instill practical, real world experience. Highlighted here are just a few of the adjuncts who have graced the halls of Washburn Law. There are many other numerous adjuncts who have given their time to Washburn Law, but due to space limitations, we could not mention them all.



## **The Honorable Bob Abbott '60**

Attorney for the Department of Army in Stockton, CA; partner in the firm of Harper, Hornbaker & Abbott in Junction City, KS; Judge

with the Kansas Court of Appeals; ultimately, Justice with the Kansas Supreme Court and Adjunct Professor of Legal Ethics for thirteen years at Washburn Law. This describes the career of Justice Bob Abbott. From his teaching career, Abbott most enjoyed working with students and felt it was a great opportunity to tie the law to legal ethics. A perfect fit considering Abbott adamantly believes in "equal justice for all."

Abbott encourages students to "study, listen and be prepared. Have respect for the law and for the profession." While in law school Abbott participated in the *Washburn Law Journal* which he attributes to making him a much better writer. Something he has used extensively in his illustrious career. Abbott has received numerous awards including the Distinguished Service Award from the Washburn Law School Association in 1998, and the Adjunct Professor of the Year Award in 1983. He also served on the Washburn Law School Association Board of Governors from 1975 to 1987.

After twenty-seven years on the bench, Abbott retired and considers himself the current "head fisherman, jet ski director and boat captain at the Abbott lake house." He plans to travel to as many places as possible and fully enjoy his retirement. ■



## **Pat Baker '79**

Pat Baker enrolled at Washburn Law as a non-traditional student and a mother of four children. "Fellow non-traditional student mothers understood peanut butter on

your outlines," said Baker. She was part of a group who returned to school after being out of academia for some time. "It was the best support group in the world," said Baker. Being a non-traditional student and feeling a great deal of support from faculty and fellow students encouraged Baker to give back to Washburn by becoming an adjunct professor.

Baker was an adjunct during the 80's and 90's and will be back at Washburn Law in the fall of 2005. She taught Public Education Law and will be teaching the same course again. Baker is currently Deputy Executive Director/General Counsel of the Kansas Association of School Boards. She provides legal services to 300 local school boards and provides management services to the School Board Association. It is easy to understand that Baker believes in "Education, education, education for everyone. It is the one absolute essential to preserve democracy. Preserving individual rights in an increasingly repressive society," states Baker.

Baker loves what she is doing, and despite thinking law school would be boring, after a few years, she is still at it and finds it constantly changing and evolving. "I still love it and don't plan to change," she said. ■



### **Terri Lynn Savely Bezek '86**

An uncle (Richard Martin '72) and a cousin (Leigh Hood '82) helped Terri Bezek decide to attend Washburn Law. Relationships with

fellow students and faculty members including Professors Bruce Levine, Linda Elrod and Jim Concannon became fond memories. Participating in the *Washburn Law Journal* by writing a Comment and then serving as Notes Editor helped hone her research and writing skills, which would serve her well in her chosen career path. All this encouraged and propelled Bezek to teach Conflict of Laws from 1997 to 2001.

“Teaching Conflict of Laws was one of the few opportunities to integrate many aspects of law school courses – different substantive areas, constitutional law and civil procedure — into one class and to give students the opportunity to view the law through a much broader spectrum than many other classes allow,” said Bezek. She was awarded the Adjunct of the Year Award in 1999, 2001 and 2002.

As Director of Central Staff for the Kansas Court of Appeals, Bezek is responsible for training and supervising the Central Research Staff of fifteen attorneys and three secretaries. During law school Bezek clerked for judges at the Shawnee County District Court. After graduation she worked two years as law clerk for the Honorable Earl E. O'Connor, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court of Kansas. In 1988 she joined McAnany, Van Cleave and Phillips in Kansas City and in 1995 joined the Kansas Court of Appeals.

A final word to students and current lawyers, “Work hard, respect yourselves and others, act honestly and always strive to make the legal system the best it can be.” Bezek believes that law school needs to instill the attitude in all students of the importance to vigilantly develop and maintain their integrity and credibility. “Regardless of whether you graduated at the top of your class, you will not succeed and you will damage the system if you do not maintain your integrity and credibility as an attorney.” ■



### **The Honorable Terry L. Bullock**

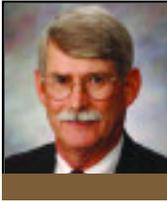
The Honorable Terry L. Bullock may be one of the longest running adjunct faculty members at Washburn Law. For thirty-two

years, Bullock has taught Ethics and Professional Responsibility at Washburn Law. “Chief Judge J. Richard Foth taught Ethics and asked me to help. I agreed to do so for one semester in 1974 . . . and here I am, thirty-two years later,” says Bullock. The one thing Bullock enjoys the most and the one thing that is the most challenging for him as an adjunct are the students. However, passing along to students what he has learned in his forty-one years at the bar is something Judge Bullock believes is very important and worthwhile.

To students, Bullock gives this advice, “If your motive is to learn how to help people either stay out of, or negotiate through, the troubles of this life, then we have much to offer.” And he believes the most important thing to gain from a legal education is the ability to analyze and solve problems. It is also important to have a strong character, to be well disciplined and to be well motivated.

Bullock is currently a trial judge for the State of Kansas, sitting in Topeka. He became a District Judge in 1976 and was Chief Judge of the Third District from 1995 to 2000. Recently at the Kansas Bar Association Annual Meeting in June 2005, Bullock received the Courageous Attorney Award for displaying exceptional courage in the face of adversity, after his decision on state public school funding thrust him into the public eye.

Although not a Washburn Law alum, Bullock has devoted many years to Washburn Law and its students. He received the Adjunct of the Year Award in 1991, 1994, 1998 and 2005. Bullock’s mentors included the late Judge A.K. Staveley, the late Philip Buzick, the late Judge E. Newton Vickers '50 and the late Chief Judge J. Richard Foth. “They taught me the craft and the values of a noble profession which I cherish,” said Bullock. Traits he continues to pass on to current law school students. ■



## Stephen W. Cavanaugh '80

Stephen Cavanaugh graduated from Washburn University in 1971 with a B.A. and went to work in Kansas City and then in Denver for several food companies. In 1976 he decided to come back to Topeka and attend law school. "Washburn Law has a presence in Topeka with the District Court, U.S. District Court, Kansas Court of Appeals and the Kansas Supreme Court," said Cavanaugh, which is why he returned to Washburn for law school. After serving as a law clerk during law school with the firm of Fisher, Ralston, Ochs & Heck P.A., he was hired as an Associate Attorney after graduation. That firm is now known as Cavanaugh, Smith and Lemon P.A. where Cavanaugh is President, majority shareholder and managing shareholder.

In 1989 Cavanaugh had the opportunity to begin teaching as an adjunct in Trial Techniques. The reason he wanted to teach? "I am of the strong belief that we all must give back to our community, and Washburn is part of that community. I believe that I owe the law school something for the opportunities it created for me." Cavanaugh helped expand and develop that course into Pretrial Advocacy and Trial Advocacy. He taught for ten years from 1987 to 1997 and again in 2001. "I particularly enjoyed it when I could teach Pretrial Advocacy in the fall and keep the same students the spring semester for Trial Advocacy," said Cavanaugh. He went on to say, "I was always impressed by the professionalism and effort that the students put into the class and the trials that were held at the conclusion of the semester."

Cavanaugh has enjoyed the relationships he has made over the years with students in his class and believes an adjunct can draw on their many experiences as a practicing lawyer, bringing unique insights to the subject matter being taught.

"People skills coupled with high ethical standards and personal integrity have been extremely important to me in my career. I would encourage students and young lawyers to work hard and fiercely protect their personal integrity and ethical reputation. No client or cause will ever be important enough to place one's reputation or license at risk. Remember, just because you have the right to do something, does not necessarily mean that doing it will be in the best interest of their clients. You must always temper your legal approach with common sense," states Cavanaugh. ■



## S. Lucky DeFries '78

An entire career working in the area of state and local taxation gave Lucky DeFries the specialized niche to teach the State and Local Tax course at Washburn Law. Since 1980, DeFries has taught this course as lecturer and adjunct, and enjoyed every minute of it. Recently he team-taught with Mark Burghart. Because schools cannot have enough full-time faculty to teach every course needed, DeFries feels the "opportunity to offer something to the school and students interested in pursuing a career in tax law, is a rewarding experience and well worth the extra time in addition to your full-time job."

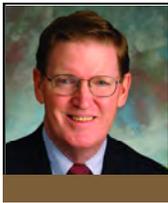
DeFries started his career with the Kansas Department of Revenue as a staff attorney. He practiced with Ralston & Frieden for two years then joined Coffman, DeFries, & Nothern (formerly Schroeder, Heeney, Griff & Coffman) in 1985. While in law school, DeFries interned for Jim Slattery '75. He not only learned a great deal during the internship, but he credits Slattery with helping him secure a job at the Department of Revenue which DeFries feels shaped his entire career in state and local tax.

DeFries served on the Topeka Legal Aid Society Board and has given many hours of pro bono service to those in need. He believes everyone should be afforded the opportunity for equal access to the law and gives those clients the same attention and time that he would give a Fortune 100 corporation. He also has been involved with the Topeka Bar Association's Ethics and Grievance Committee for fifteen years and serves as its Chair. DeFries enjoys the opportunity to help attorneys who may need assistance to avoid finding themselves in a situation where they might violate ethical obligations.

DeFries believes being an attorney is a noble profession and encourages students who are interested in the law to pursue it as a career. "The best way for us to assure that the legal profession will remain an honorable one is for committed individuals who are dedicated to upholding the integrity of the profession to pursue a legal career," states DeFries. He believes it is very important for students to leave law school with not only a thorough knowledge of the law but also a very clear understanding of how important it is that they demonstrate integrity and honesty. "If at the end of one's legal career your honesty and integrity are intact, you will have done well and been a credit to your profession," said DeFries.

In law school Professor John Kuether gave DeFries guidance when he was not devoting the time necessary and attention to his studies. For that he has always been grateful. DeFries said, "Washburn afforded me the platform for which I was able to launch a very enjoyable, satisfying and successful legal career. Trying to make sure other students have those same opportunities is something all of us should try and help facilitate." ■

# PROFILES . . .



## Larry Dimmitt '68

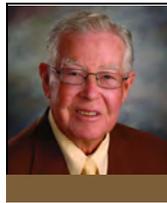
Larry Dimmitt spent twenty-six years working in the telecommunications industry, predominantly with Southwestern Bell. Being asked to teach

Telecommunications Law at Washburn Law was a perfect fit. "The Dean asked me to teach and I thought it would be a rewarding experience and I was right. I enjoyed the challenge of trying to keep up with ever-changing developments in the telecommunication field," said Dimmitt. One of Dimmitt's biggest challenges while teaching was in 1996. Class started in January and then in February, Congress passed the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. That Act greatly changed telecommunications especially regarding competition. "I had to scramble to learn about the new law so I could share it with my students," recalls Dimmitt. He has taught Telecommunications Law for ten years at Washburn.

Attending classes in trailers was common for Dimmitt who graduated one year before the new law building was completed. While in law school he served as Associate Editor of the *Washburn Law Journal*. After graduation Dimmitt began his career with Southwestern Bell in Topeka. He was transferred to St. Louis then joined the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. and moved to New York. In 1979, he returned to Southwestern Bell in St. Louis and eventually returned to Topeka. He retired in 1994. "I think it is extremely important in today's corporate environment for attorneys to lead the way in promoting high business ethics," states Dimmitt.

Dimmitt believes sharing personal law experiences with students is important. "I believe law students need to be encouraged to learn how to resolve controversies, not just engage in them. Sometimes I think attorneys could stress this aspect of the practice more," said Dimmitt. His final words of encouragement, "For students, study hard in law school because it will pay off in the future. For practicing attorneys, analyze legal issues in the broadest way possible so you can figure out the best way to represent your clients."

Dimmitt recently stepped down from being an adjunct in order to focus on community service activities, of which he is involved in many, and to enjoy more time with family and friends. ■



## Charles S. Fisher Jr. '51

A respect for adjunct faculty is what compelled Charles Fisher to join the adjunct faculty at Washburn Law. "I had such

respect for adjunct faculty and was honored to be asked to join them," said Fisher. For approximately thirteen years, Fisher taught Evidence and Trial Practice. "Keeping students challenged and interested were the most challenging aspects of teaching," claimed Fisher. He believes it was very important to keep the respect of students and a challenge to keep ahead of them. Being able to add valuable practical experience to the classroom is something he thoroughly enjoyed.

Fisher is retired from the firm of Fisher, Cavanaugh, Smith & Lemon P.A. in Topeka where he practiced until 2003. He also served as Topeka City Attorney from 1957 to 1958. Fisher believes that "total preparation and integrity" are the keys to being a good lawyer. He often told students "A degree does not of itself make a qualified lawyer. A passion for the profession and for integrity is essential." During law school, Fisher participated in debate and moot court which he feels largely contributed to his career as a litigator.

During law school Fisher received a scholarship which helped him when his GI bill ran out. He believes it is important to give back to Washburn Law because "some great kids need the help, in addition to the fact that Washburn has a legacy of excellence and it continues to grow."

Fisher, now retired, enjoys spending his time with family, hunting and fishing. ■

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— Charles S. Fisher Jr.

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## Beth Foerster '84

Professor Michael Barbara asked George McCullough of McCullough, Wareheim & LaBunker PA to be a guest speaker to his Employment Relations class.

Because McCullough had just retired, Beth Foerster was asked to speak in his place. After speaking to his class, Barbara said she should consider being an adjunct professor. Jeff Cooper '85 was teaching Workers Compensation and asked Foerster if she would like to share the load of teaching the course since both had busy law practices. They have co-taught ever since; however, Foerster has taught the summer course by herself since 2000.

Foerster is a partner/shareholder in the McCullough, Wareheim & LaBunker law firm, where currently all the partners in the firm are Washburn Law grads. Foerster said, "An important part of being an adjunct is not only to provide students with an advocate's viewpoint, but also to provide the historical context of Workers Compensation Law." She tries to keep students ahead of the public policy trends in Workers Compensation Law and illustrating concepts in class. Foerster believes it is important that Workers Compensation law be taught by an adjunct because workers compensation concepts can evolve through public policy. "Knowledge of the law by itself is not enough. The tools of the advocacy and technological resources and input from practitioners are vital to the understanding and practice of law. Washburn provides the tools in addition to the law," states Foerster.

Foerster works mainly in the area of Workers Compensation and is licensed to practice in Kansas, the U.S. District Court of Kansas, the Tenth Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court. Foerster believes Workers Compensation is a reality of modern industrial life that affects every one of us as an employer, employee or family member of someone who has been hurt. "I enjoy helping people get the treatment they need when they get hurt and a resolution of the claim as allowed by law," said Foerster. She has also been blessed with the ability to converse in Spanish. "As the Hispanic population in the state has increased, there has been a need for assistance for on-the-job injuries for Spanish speaking workers, and I am pleased to be able to provide that assistance."

Foerster and her husband Kent Foerster '89, are proud parents of daughters Kelly and Anna. ■



## Michael Francis '75

Michael Francis was drawn to Washburn Law as a student by the good reputation of the law clinic. Later in his last semester of law school he was named outstanding

legal intern. So it comes as no surprise that Francis returned to Washburn Law to teach Trial Advocacy and Advanced Trial Advocacy. In the early years it was called "practice court." His adjuncting career began when he filled in for Mark Bennett who had a conflict one night in his class. The following year, Francis was asked to teach, and he has remained an adjunct on and off for over twenty-five years.

Francis enjoys teaching and watching students grow toward their chosen careers. He also enjoys reading published articles by his previous students. "These courses give me the opportunity to stay in touch with current trial trends and techniques and, what has surprised me, is that there is a tremendous amount that we can learn from students as well," said Francis. He feels that the most important thing to instill in students is that one day they will appear in court and not only must lawyers abide by legal ethics but they must also observe rules of civility toward the court, counsel, parties and witnesses.

After graduation Francis served as Assistant County Attorney in Geary County. Six months later the County Attorney resigned and he was appointed as his replacement. Four years later Francis returned to Topeka and practiced with the firm of Davis and Bennett then later joined Sloan, Listrom, Eisenbarth, Sloan and Glassman where he became partner. In 2002 he left the firm to begin his current solo practice in Topeka where he shares offices with Randy Baird '73.

Francis remarked, "I am amazed to see the great quality of students who pass through the doors of the school and hopefully I can help them in some way. Teaching is a way I can give back to the community that helped me in my professional career. Washburn gave me a wonderful base upon which to build, I have had the benefit and why not share it with others," claims Francis. ■



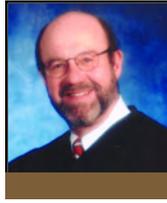
## Gerald Goodell '58

You could say Gerald Goodell followed in his father's footsteps. His father, Lester Goodell, graduated from Washburn Law in 1925 and also served as an adjunct professor in Evidence several years before his death. Gerald Goodell began teaching in 1963 and served as an adjunct professor in Mortgages for three to four years and has served the rest of the time teaching Trial Practice. Goodell likes teaching Trial Practice, "You can see an immediate impact on your students," he said of the class. He has spent twenty-five years assisting students and "giving them practical skills that they do not receive from regular faculty," said Goodell. He believes it is important to teach as an adjunct to assure the law school graduates lawyers who will continue to provide quality service to their clients.

Goodell is currently Of Counsel with the law firm of Goodell, Stratton, Edmonds and Palmer LLP. He began in 1958 as an Associate, became partner in 1963 and Of Counsel in 2003. He hopes to continue in this capacity as long as his health will let him. During Goodell's many years in practice he believes you must establish a relationship with lawyers and judges where you practice. "Show that your word is the most important part of your character and that your reputation and honesty are the most important things you can have as an attorney," said Goodell.

Goodell believes in the public defender system and legal aide. He chaired a committee of the Kansas Bar Association over thirty years ago to establish a statewide Public Defender System. They were successful in getting the law changed to allow the system which is now in operation in most of the areas of Kansas.

Goodell has served as Past President of the Washburn Law School Association and the Washburn Law School Foundation, he is a recipient of the Washburn Law School Association Distinguished Service Award in 1982 and received an Honorary Doctorate of Laws degree from Washburn Law in 2002. ■



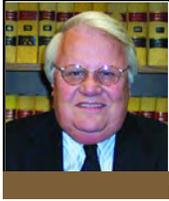
## The Honorable Jan W. Leuenberger '61

"One of the most interesting things I have learned is that you can never stop learning," said Judge Leuenberger. That belief is one

reason he decided to teach at Washburn Law. Leuenberger felt honored when Professor Robinson asked him to teach Negotiation and Settlement and agreed to teach. At that time the most challenging thing was the lack of textbooks and teaching materials. "Negotiation and Settlement was just evolving as a new discipline," said Leuenberger. Being prepared was very important to Judge Leuenberger. "Students want some insight about the practical side of what you are teaching. They want not only the theory but how it is used in real life," he said. He also taught Business Law to Washburn undergraduate students. Between the two classes, Leuenberger taught for a total of twenty-nine years.

Leuenberger was in private practice either with partners or in solo practice for thirty-four years. In 1995, he was appointed as Shawnee County District Court Judge by Governor Graves. "Knowing I had as good of a legal education as I could have obtained anywhere in the country, it allowed me to pursue a practice and judgeship with confidence," said Leuenberger. He feels it is important to give back to the school which has given him the opportunity to advance in his chosen career. "By giving back you continue to learn and you continue to grow as an individual," said Leuenberger.

Leuenberger has had several mentors over the years. "The professors who made you work and think because I learned the discipline to practice law. Others are former partners Ralph Glenn '26 and Bud Cornish '48 for how to apply the discipline and Judge George Templar '27 who showed extraordinary judicial temperament," said Leuenberger. ■



### **Brian J. Moline '66**

Brian Moline received the Adjunct Faculty of the Year Award in 2003. For over twenty years, Moline taught Juvenile Law, Trial Techniques, Legal History and

Insurance Law. His favorite is Legal History. "I believe it is important that law students have an appreciation of the rich and exciting heritage of their chosen field and an appreciation of the important public role of lawyers," said Moline. Moline likes the opportunity to add a real world dimension to the study of law, which he can do as an adjunct professor. "I gain as much or more from my teaching as my students. I gain knowledge and fresh insight every session. Teaching forces the instructor to stay ahead of your students in subject matter and stay abreast of developments and trends. It is the ultimate CLE," he said.

Moline has spent most of his career between state government service and Kansas Legal Services, a public-interest law firm he co-founded in 1978. Moline currently serves as Chairman of the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC). He was appointed to the KCC by Governor Bill Graves on December 16, 1998 and was reappointed by Governor Kathleen Sebelius in March 2002 and elected Chair by the three-member Commission on May 5, 2003. He served as general counsel to the KCC from 1979 to 1985 and also from 1991 to 1995.

Moline has served as Executive Director of Kansas Legal Services for both Topeka and Wichita. He believes strongly in civil liberties, equal access to justice and protection of the minority point of view. It is no surprise he believes the most important thing students take away from their legal education is, "Commitment to equal access to justice and the obligation of lawyers to defend unpopular persons and causes." ■



### **Marty Snyder**

Marty Snyder has taught Pretrial Advocacy every year since 1989 at Washburn Law. She has also taught in the Legal Assistants program at Washburn University since

the summer of 1989. A course she would love to teach but has not yet is Professional Responsibility. "It is something that I love and believe in, and have a large collection of interesting 'war stories'," states Snyder. Very true since she worked ten years as the Deputy Disciplinary Administrator for the Kansas Supreme Court.

Snyder currently is Assistant Attorney General in the Litigation Division where she has served for the past three years. She served in that same capacity from 1990 to 1993. Snyder was in private practice from 1982 to 1990.

Snyder received the Adjunct Professor of the Year Award from Washburn Law in 1992. She said, "A love of learning never ends and I hope to continue to mix practicing and teaching law." Snyder believes adjuncts are important because they have something valuable to offer and the ability to communicate it in an effective way that encourages professional development. "The students are extremely bright and keep me on my toes. I enjoy the challenge as well as watching their self-confidence and competence grow," is what she enjoys most. The most important thing she wants students to take away is, "Have a lifetime love of learning and a desire to use your education and license to make a positive difference."

Though Snyder is not a Washburn Law alum, she has devoted many years to the legal education of Washburn Law students. One of her mentors, Robert Stephen, told her, "Having a position as a public servant combines a great deal of power and discretionary authority. It is important to use them with judgment and respect." Snyder certainly has lived up to those words. ■

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“Have a lifetime love of learning and a desire to use your education and license to make a positive difference.”

– Marty Snyder

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## Jeffrey L. Ungerer '82

Jeff Ungerer received his accounting degree from Washburn University and was Assistant Professor of Taxation at Washburn University in the business school

while he attended Washburn Law. After graduating from law school, Ungerer became an adjunct professor at the law school, teaching Estate and Gift Tax. “The challenge to teaching is always how to keep learning fun and how to help students learn and retain more information,” said Ungerer. Keeping up on current law and teaching techniques is critical to him.

Ungerer is General Counsel and Chief Financial Officer at MRV, Inc, a real estate development group. He oversees the legal and financial operations of MRV and negotiates terms for purchase/sale/lease and oversees development activity. Prior to joining MRV, Ungerer was a partner in the Newbery & Ungerer firm for over seven years. He was in solo practice three years prior to Newbery & Ungerer and was partner in the law firm of Davis Unrein from 1987 to 1990.

Ungerer appreciates the ability to integrate tax into business and business into law. Ungerer believes several things, “Being right is not always the same as winning/succeeding. Advocacy in trials is completely different than advocacy in business transactions. The art is using law as a tool not a weapon. A law degree and license to practice are privileges to make a difference while earning a living; always keep learning. And patience and perseverance are both crucial qualities. Never give up on using the law to help people” said Ungerer. ■

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– Jeffrey L. Ungerer

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## **Karen C. Wittman '91**

For six years, Karen Wittman was a forensic chemist with the Pinellas County, FL, forensic laboratory. She did lab work and taught police officers how to package and handle forensic evidence

and to investigate clandestine laboratories. She was an expert witness in more than forty trials. Wittman then decided to attend law school, knowing that having a law degree with a forensic chemistry degree she could accomplish more. Wittman has served as Assistant District Attorney, Assistant Attorney General for the Kansas Racing Commission in charge of litigation, Kansas Insurance Department Fraud Unit, Assistant Attorney General Fraud Unit of Workers Compensation and currently as Senior Assistant District Attorney. Wittman is in charge of all traffic offenses occurring in the Third Judicial District of Kansas.

Wittman noticed Washburn Law's curriculum was lacking in courses dealing with scientific issues in the courtroom. In the mid 90's, more cases were making the news and scientific evidence was becoming more and more in the spotlight. After doing some research, she proposed a course entitled Forensic Science and the Law for students who had already taken Evidence. The course focused on criminal issues, specifically scientific topics that a new lawyer might be faced with upon graduation. She taught for a number of years. Wittman also speaks at various seminar classes at the law school since she has stopped teaching the course. She also is an adjunct faculty member of Florida International University in Miami, FL, where she teaches From Crime Scene to Courtroom, for forensic chemistry majors.

One of Wittman's mentors was Bill Ossmann '77, her first supervising attorney at the District Attorney's office. Ossmann helped focus her ability to use common sense in dealing with people and handling cases in a fair and just manner. "He gave me many opportunities to expand my legal career. I think he has always believed I could do things that I didn't otherwise believe I could do. I am very grateful to him," said Wittman. "I see myself as a career prosecutor. I am in hopes that I will be able to continue to expand my ability to teach the legal aspects of forensic science." Wittman said it is rewarding to see her students succeed in their careers from skills they learned in law school. Wittman said, "I want my students

to walk away from the course having an understanding of their job and their duty to the court, not a theoretical perspective, but a hands-on prospective. I really enjoy what I do. I hope my enthusiasm for being a litigator in my duty as a prosecutor inspires others to pursue those types of careers." ■



## **Tom Wright '64**

When Tom Wright was in law school, lawyers hung out at the courthouse watching trials, learning real life skills. Wright believes being an adjunct is a more efficient method to

teaching. "Students learn the basic principles of advocacy in the academic sense. A good adjunct places this learning in the context of everyday practice," said Wright. As a Trial Advocacy adjunct, he teaches in the National Institute for Trial Advocacy method of teaching which he believes is a step forward in Trial Advocacy teaching. Wright said, "It forces you to look at how trial practice is done by others and makes you think about your own firmly entrenched habits."

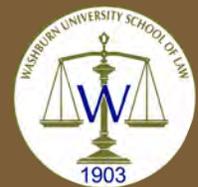
Wright is a partner in the law firm of Wright, Henson, Clark, Hutton, Mudrick, & Gragson in Topeka, Kansas. He chose to attend Washburn because Topeka was the state capital. Wright stayed in Topeka after graduating from law school because he felt it was important to live and practice in a city with an active University. He believes Washburn is an asset to Kansas and it is important for alumni to give back to the school not only financially but also by getting the word out about Washburn Law.

"Washburn has a feeling of collegiality among the faculty that extends to its students and a history of taking care of its own," said Wright.

Wright firmly believes students need to recognize and understand that they must continue to learn even beyond law school. "There are many times in and out of court when it is best to keep your mouth closed. It is much easier to learn when you lose. When a lawyer wins, he or she attributes it to great natural intelligence and skill. When he or she loses, there is more likely meaningful introspection. If you practice in the courtroom you will get a lot of chances for introspection over time," states Wright. Along the same line, he feels that "we have all become too committed to one point of view politically. Feel passionately that compromise is not necessarily failure."

Wright encourages students by pointing out, "There are still rewards in private practice. There is a bit of freedom of expression available to those independent souls who provide fee for service law." ■

# Summer 2005 Intensive Trial Advocacy Program



This section focuses on alumni who are having early career successes that the pioneer alumni could have only dreamed of decades ago. These are alumni whose careers bear watching as they quickly maneuver through the public and private world to conquer the challenges that lie ahead and to encourage others to do the same.

## Rising Stars Recent Grads on the Move



### Joyce Grover '94

Joyce Grover never imagined where her life would take her after receiving her undergraduate degree in 1976. She joined the Peace Corps, waited tables, worked in a fish factory in Iceland and assisted refugees arriving in Los Angeles. She worked for a domestic violence program for eight years and found there were few attorneys available for victims of domestic violence. Even fewer were educated about the dynamics of domestic violence, which proved to be very frustrating. That is what drove Grover back to school to get a law degree after having been out of school for nearly twenty years.

After graduation from Washburn Law, Grover worked for the Kansas Court of Appeals and later as research attorney for Chief Justice McFarland '64 on the Kansas Supreme Court. In 2001, she accepted her current position as Legal Advocacy Coordinator at the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence. She felt like she had finally come full circle. Grover now uses her legal knowledge and experience to help victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. "My law degree has broadened my advocacy work with women and kids and has added a new dimension to my commitment. If I could have designed a job for myself right out of law school this would have been it, though my experience with the appellate courts was invaluable" said Grover.

As part of a national network of attorneys who work with Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions, she could see the impact of training attorneys on the issue of domestic violence. Grover was thrilled to be asked to teach Domestic Violence at Washburn Law and accepted the opportunity. "Having a good, compassionate, competent attorney is so very critical for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. Systems and professionals often re-victimize the people

who survive these crimes and it is my hope we can reduce the numbers of times that happens," said Grover.

"Because domestic violence and sexual assault permeates so many areas of the law, it is critical that lawyers understand it and think about it, whether they are practicing tort law, family law, or bankruptcy. I will always give my time to helping attorneys and students better understand these issues. Attorneys play such a critical role," emphasizes Grover.

"I have been working with and for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault for nearly twenty years. I am passionate about ending violence against women. The stories I heard twenty years ago still echo in my mind. The courage and strength of battered women and their children is amazing. I still carry the faces and stories of all of these women and children with me in my work today. When a rape victim is harassed and intimidated in a courtroom, it reminds me again of how critical this work is and why I must continue it. As Barbara Hart has said, 'I can't NOT do this work,'" states Grover. ■



### Tad C. Layton '03

Tad Layton's participation on the Trial Advocacy Competition Team when he was a law student directly influenced his decision to become an adjunct professor at the law

school. Layton teaches Trial Advocacy Competition Teams and in the Intensive Trial Advocacy Program. He enjoys developing genuine relationships with students who will someday become his colleagues. Layton hopes he is setting a professional example for students and brings practical expertise to the classroom. Apparently,



he has succeeded. Layton took the law school Trial Advocacy Competition Team not only to regionals but to nationals where they lost in the semi-final round. This was the only loss for the Washburn Law team during the entire year and the first time that a Kansas law school qualified for the national round of competition. The Washburn team ultimately took third out of 223 teams nationally.

Layton said Professors John Francis and Michael Kaye are responsible for him becoming an adjunct. "Professor Francis selected me for the Trial Advocacy Competition Team in my second year of law school. His training gave me the confidence to accept a position teaching mock trial at the undergraduate level. Professor Kaye approached me to consider teaching the law school trial teams," said Layton. Encouragement from both made Layton's decision to become an adjunct easy.

Layton has a few beliefs in his early career, "The most important thing for a lawyer is to have intellectual curiosity and sound technical and persuasive writing skills; legal pedigree is far less important than hard work and perseverance; anyone can succeed through hard work; don't be shy, ask the hard question; and honesty is the best policy." These are all things he tries to pass on to his students. Layton feels everyone has an obligation to teach and mentor those who are entering the legal profession. "There is something very special about working with a student and seeing that light bulb go on," said Layton.

Layton recently moved from the Topeka law firm of Coffman, DeFries & Nothorn to the offices of Lathrop & Gage, in Overland Park, KS, where he practices in the areas of estate, business, and tax planning as well as trust and estate litigation. He wants to continue to learn and develop in the practice of law with his sights on someday looking toward a career on the bench. ■



## Terence O'Malley '95

In Terence O'Malley's earlier career, he served as press secretary to the Governor of Alaska and the House of Representatives in Alaska. He went

through the Exxon Valdez oil spill, an exercise in crisis management, which dominated his life for three years. Then with two year-old twins he decided to move to Topeka and attend Washburn Law. During law school he put to use his background and B.A. in English and his Masters in Radio-TV-Film and helped to produce several videos for the law school; two recruitment videos and the thirty-year anniversary of the tornado which destroyed the law school in 1966. He worked with Bill Kurtis '66 on that production. Incidentally, O'Malley also was awarded the Bill Kurtis Media Law Scholarship while in law school.

Having an extensive interest in media law, O'Malley approached the law school administration about teaching a course. They gave him the opportunity and he taught Media Law for five years. O'Malley believes, "Washburn Law, without great fanfare, humbly educated thousands of people... giving them a solid education at a reasonable price. It needs everyone's help to continue to do so." He also believes contributing to the education of young people makes this a better world.

O'Malley clerked for the Honorable Dale E. Saffels '49, who was a true mentor and "simply a great man." He worked for several law firms in Kansas City for four years as a litigation associate, then worked for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, who employs over 750 lawyers nationwide. O'Malley currently is Assistant Legal Counsel for Fidelity Security Life Insurance Company. "I wanted the experience of working within a smaller context," said O'Malley.

In his spare time, O'Malley is a piano player and has produced several music CDs. He plays blues, boogie-woogie and swing. He is also producing a documentary entitled *Nelly Don*, about a woman who had the largest dress manufacturing company in the country for fifty years. It includes fashion, glamour, politics, crime and the American success story. ■



### Keenan Post '94

After graduating from Washburn Law and finishing an LLM in tax from Florida, Keenan Post took a position with the Newbery and Ungerer law firm in Topeka. Post comments both Dave Newbery and Jeff Ungerer '82 had a huge impact on his professional career, teaching

him how to apply in the real world the knowledge gained in law school. While working at the firm, Dave Newbery stopped teaching as a Washburn Law adjunct and Post expressed his interest in taking over the course. It went from a passing thought to a reality when then Associate Dean Easley agreed. "I love Washburn and it is an honor to teach the up and coming attorneys of our state and country. It provides a good break from the normal stresses of an active legal practice," said Post.

Post teaches Taxation of Estates and Gifts and Trusts, and has been teaching since the fall of 1998. His class has grown each year. "I believe it is important to teach students not only the textbook law and statutes, but the practical, real life application of the law to real clients I have dealt with," said Post. He believes the full time professors at Washburn are great, but adding real life problems and cases makes the learning process that much better.

Post is currently a solo practitioner in Overland Park, KS, in the areas of estate planning, probate and trust administration, probate and trust litigation, business formation and transactions and real estate. In addition he owns a small real estate title company. He hopes to continue to build the title business and eventually retire from the active practice of law so he can continue teaching and focus on taking a more active role as an adjunct professor at the law school.

"Working hard, being honest and never looking at a client as a paycheck is important; offer your client solutions you would offer a family member," says Post. "I have learned that what we do for our clients can make a difference in their lives. Too many lawyers don't take the time to get to know their clients in order to really be able to meet their needs and gain their trust. I try my best to focus on building good, caring relationships with clients to build good professional and trusting relationships with them. A client who truly trusts his/her lawyer is always a better client than one who is not sure," claims Post. ■



### Duston Slinkard '03

Duston Slinkard was impressed with the commitment of the adjunct faculty at Washburn Law while a student. When the opportunity presented itself for him to teach, he wanted to try and repay the commitment, assistance and attention he received as a student. Slinkard has been teaching in the Intensive Trial Advocacy Program (ITAP) and Trial Advocacy course since May 2004. "I enjoy the ITAP programs because they are so focused and time-compressed that you can see the students advancing so far so quickly over the course of a single week," said Slinkard. As an adjunct, Slinkard said it is important for him to remember that students learn things at their own pace and in their own way. "I think it is critical to remember my role is not to make them do things the way that worked for me, but to try and help them figure out what will work for them," said Slinkard.

Slinkard currently serves as a judicial law clerk to U.S. Magistrate Judge K. Gary Sebelius. During law school he participated in *Washburn Law Journal* and the Washburn Law Clinic. The law journal proved helpful in his writing skills and provided him with exposure to accomplished outside authors. "The law clinic provided a great opportunity for introductory exposure to the real world, and much of the knowledge I find useful in my present position came from my experiences working in the clinic," said Slinkard.

There are several words of encouragement Slinkard gives to current students, "Have confidence in your ability to handle anything as long as you stick to the basics. Often a challenge arises that seems insurmountable, but anything can be reduced to manageable, understandable pieces."

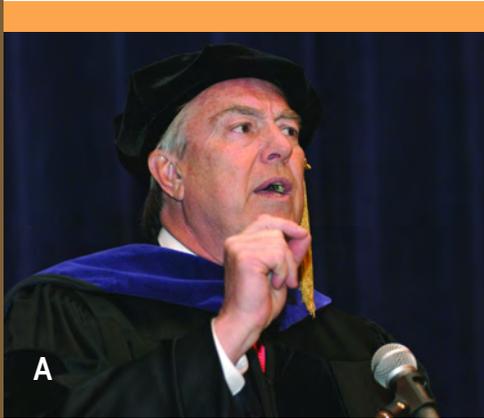
"I greatly enjoyed my law school experience and wanted to try and help others to have a similarly enjoyable and productive learning experience. I derive a great deal of satisfaction from seeing the 'light go on' in students' eyes when I have helped them to understand a new concept," said Slinkard. ■

# Graduation 2005



**L to R:** Carol Vizzier, Prof. Alex Glashausser, President Jerry Farley, Dean Dennis Honabach





On Saturday, May 14, 2005, Washburn University School of Law graduated 168 students as parents, families, spouses, significant others and friends attended and watched. The ceremony was held in Lee Arena on the Washburn University campus. During the graduation ceremony, Professor and Interim Associate Dean for Student Affairs Alex Glashausser presented a Posthumous degree to Todd William Lowe, who was killed in an automobile accident in November 2004, one week prior to his December graduation date. Accepting the degree on his behalf were his parents, Alfred and Margaret Lowe and his son Andrew Lowe. Carol Vizzier, previous Associate Dean for Student Affairs, presented a bouquet of flowers to his mother Margaret Lowe.

The commencement speaker was Bill Kurtis '66, President, Kurtis Productions, Inc. An acclaimed documentary host and producer, network and major market news anchor and multimedia production company president, Kurtis has spent the past 35 years creating a body of work that is virtually unparalleled in the field of broadcasting.

Kurtis began his television career at WIBW-TV (CBS) in Topeka, Kansas. In 1966, after being recognized for his 24-hour coverage of a devastating tornado, Kurtis was hired by WBBM-TV in Chicago where he was a field reporter and later anchor of *The Channel Two News*. Kurtis moved on to the network level at CBS where he anchored *The CBS Morning News* and contributed to *CBS Reports*.

Returning to Chicago and WBBM-TV as news anchor in 1985, Kurtis began his career as a documentarian, traveling to the far ends of the earth for the Peabody Award-winning series *The New Explorers*, which aired on PBS. In 1990, he founded Kurtis Productions and began producing programs for the A&E Television Network, including the long-running, award-winning *Investigative Reports*, *American Justice*, and *Cold Case Files*. Kurtis is also Executive Producer of a new weekly series, *Investigating History*, airing on The History Channel.

In his home state of Kansas, Kurtis is a rancher, radio station owner, art gallery owner, small businessman, supporter of small town America and an active conservationist.

Kurtis is the recipient of numerous humanitarian, journalism and broadcasting awards including Emmys, CableACE Awards, and the Thurgood Marshall Award for his *Investigative Reports* installment on the death penalty. He is a published author and a member of the board of directors of several distinguished organizations including The Nature Conservancy, The National Park Foundation, and The Field Museum of Chicago.

*The Death Penalty on Trial: Crisis in American Justice* (Public Affairs), Kurtis' most recent book, discusses issues surrounding capital punishment in America. Kurtis discussed his views at graduation.

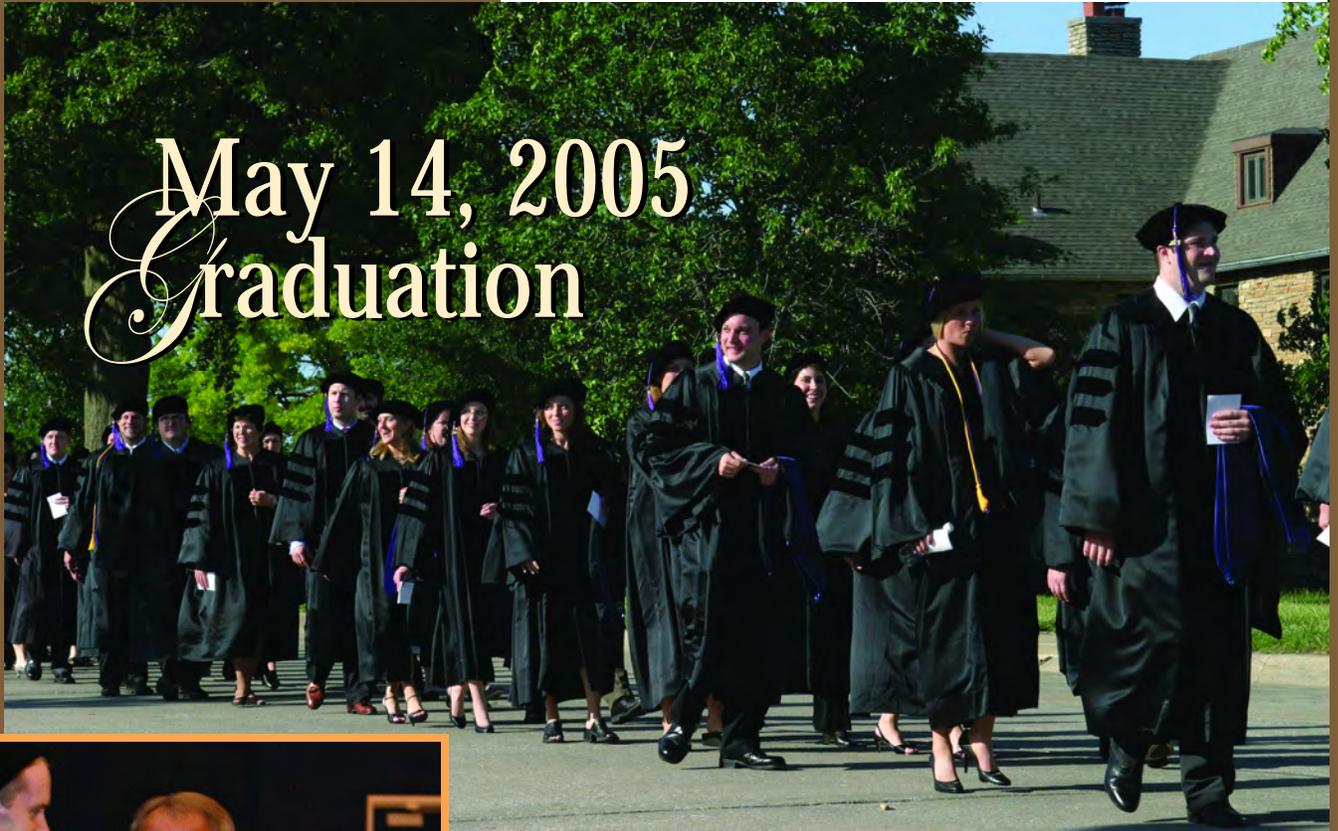
After the graduation ceremony, a reception for graduates and their guests was held at the Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center.



- A. Bill Kurtis '66
- B. Meaghan Dalton
- C. Dionna Mitchell and Tanya Bidwell
- D. Peter Bieri and Susan Richards
- E. Duke Dupre '73, President Washburn Law School Association
- F. Sarah Novascone, Lenora Nioce, Paul Mzembe, daughter Maya Mzembe and Trinity Muth



# May 14, 2005 Graduation



G. Professor Alex Glashauser, Alfred Lowe, Margaret Lowe and Andrew Lowe  
H. Patrick Foley, Dean Dennis Honabach and Tammie Mundil  
I. Ashley Polston, Tateasha Davis, Justin Mettlen and Jamie Parsons  
J. Bill Kurtis '66 and Professor David Ryan '65  
K. Graduation Procession  
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# *A Centennial Celebration Giving Back...*

Throughout the law school's Centennial, we will highlight alumni, faculty and friends who have stepped up to support the law school by endowing professorships, scholarships and other funds during our Centennial Celebration. These dedicated individuals help ensure the future success of Washburn Law.

## **Steven G. Cooper '73** *Business & Transactional Law Fund*



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“Washburn University School of Law provided me with an excellent legal education that created the opportunity for the professional career I’ve enjoyed over the last thirty-two years.”

“I feel it is time to recognize what the law school did for me and to give something back to it. Establishing an endowed fund is a great way to do that. Because my corporate practice focuses primarily on transactional legal matters, I am particularly interested in that area of the law. Janet and I are pleased to establish an endowed fund for the benefit of the law school’s Business and Transactional Law Center.”

“The Business and Transactional Law Center enhances the law school’s traditional legal education by preparing students to compete as transactional lawyers in today’s demanding business law environment. I’m excited about the program and the opportunities it affords students.”



# 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."

The Washburn Lawyer

# Planned Giving

*Ethelyn L. Oser was born April 2, 1906, in Burlingame, Kansas three years after Washburn University School of Law opened in Topeka.*

*Oser graduated from Burlingame High School in 1925. She married A. N. Oser that same year and they began farming southwest of Osage City, Kansas. They worked together on their farm for more than fifty years until they retired and moved to Osage City. Ethelyn and A.N. enjoyed more than 65 years of marriage until A. N.'s death February 22, 1990.*



*Frederick W. "Rick" Godderz '69, a well known and respected attorney knew Mr. and Mrs. Oser for many years. Ethelyn had been a client for almost twenty-five years prior to her death. Although she was involved with various community organizations including the local Methodist Church, she was still a very private individual. Godderz enjoyed his professional and personal friendship with Ethelyn.*

*Both the Oser and Godderz families have been in the same Osage City and Burlingame area for several generations dating back to the mid to late 1800's. So it was not surprising that when Rick and Ethelyn got together for their "attorney-client" meetings they often would involve larger discussions on other matters than the initial reason for their meeting.*

*Oser was always very appreciative of any gesture or assistance extended to her by her friends or neighbors and was a much respected person in Osage City. She and A.N. assisted in their community and through their efforts and astute management of their finances they accumulated a sizeable estate at the time of their deaths.*

*Though Ethelyn and A.N. had no children and neither of them had completed any formal schooling beyond high school, they both considered education vitally important.*

*Ethelyn Oser did not like to discuss her finances or the size of her estate. However, she was certain how her estate was to be distributed. From her personal and professional friendship with Godderz, and her belief in higher education, the Ethelyn Oser Law Scholarship Fund has been established and will help young students by providing educational opportunities at Washburn University School of Law.*

*If you are thinking about giving back to Washburn Law please contact:*

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## Centennial Wrap-Up

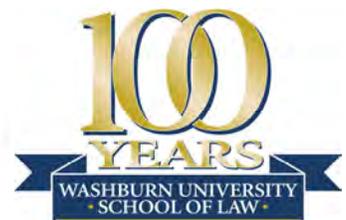
INTRODUCTION OF THE WASHBURN UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF LAW ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

May 6, 2006  
6p.m.

*Cocktails, Dinner & Dancing*  
*Topeka, Kansas*



*Centennial Celebration*





## The Honorable Eric Rosen '84

### Alumni

Judge Eric Rosen is living the dream. On July 22, 2005, Governor Kathleen Sebelius appointed Rosen to the Kansas Supreme Court, a culmination

of his professional career. Rosen began his career as a social worker in the Topeka Public School system after receiving his B.S. and M.S. from the University of Kansas in social work. Rosen quickly became frustrated with the limitations of social workers and with the law. He had always dreamed of attending law school, so with encouragement from his friend Professor Nancy Maxwell, he decided to follow his dream. Rosen entered law school in January 1981. After graduation, Rosen held positions as Public Defender from 1983 to 1985; Assistant District Attorney from 1985 to 1988; Associate General Counsel for the Kansas Securities Commissioner from 1988 to 1990; Attorney in private practice from 1990 to 1993; and District Court Judge from 1993 to his recent appointment to the Kansas Supreme Court.

Rosen admitted the whole process and appointment has been humbling. He said, "During the nomination process, the appointment and the time since, it has given me time to reflect on my professional career and my education. I am so grateful for the excellent education I received from Washburn Law and of the flexibility the law school provided me as a non-traditional student." Rosen entered law school with his wife Libby, two sons, Paul age six and Jacob age four, and another baby on the way. He is grateful for the encouragement, help and understanding he received from his professors during his time in law school. "They really understood those of us who had families and provided help and encouragement along the way, for that I am forever grateful," claims Rosen.

A varied background and a reputation for being fair and unbiased is what Rosen brings to his current position and is what he will take to the Kansas Supreme Court. Governor Sebelius stated, "Judge Rosen has shown a commitment to fairness and a true respect for the law. I'm impressed with his sincerity, his compassion and his strong belief that we are all equal before the law. All Kansans will be proud to have him serving on our state's highest court." Rosen believes, "Due process is the key to freedom, I am proud of our justice system and honored to be part of it. I hope to carry on the rich tradition of the Kansas Supreme Court while also being unique to myself upon this appointment."

For several years from 1989 to 1994, Rosen was an Adjunct Professor at Washburn Law. He enjoyed every minute of teaching students. While teaching Trial Advocacy at the law school, Rosen was appointed as a District Court Judge. Rosen felt that his position as a District Court Judge created a conflict of interest teaching Trial Advocacy. "I felt it wasn't right for me to be teaching lawyers tricks of the trade in litigation as a judge, so I stepped down from teaching," said Rosen. "I encourage current Washburn Law students to get as much experience in the area of law they are interested in while in school. But more importantly, follow your dreams. Never be afraid or intimidated to follow those dreams and make them a reality," encourages Rosen.

Following dreams is what Rosen has done throughout his career and now his biggest dream has become a reality. "Being a District Court Judge, you see and hear everything. And when you think you have heard and seen it all, something new comes along. But I am always amazed at the resiliency of the human spirit that I see in my courtroom. The court system is the people's resolution, where they can address their issues then move on in their life. It is their day to be heard and receive closure. The case they bring before me is the most important case in that person's life. Therefore every case before me in the courtroom is critical and important," said Rosen. He believes the most important part of being a judge is to be open, fair and impartial and to allow everyone to be heard. To apply the law with a clear open mind on the facts before the court is critical to Rosen, and in his opinion, critical for any judge.

Rosen's most significant case was one which involved the city, county and corruption at the sheriff's office and ultimately led to the ouster of the Sheriff. "I had a lot of public pressure from various different groups and received many public comments. I had to focus solely on the facts before the court and apply the law to the circumstances. Even though you do this in every case, the cases which appear in the public eye create more pressure from surrounding groups and individuals. It was a very difficult case because my decision ultimately overturned many sentences of convicted felons. However, it was the right decision and the right thing to do. I have no regrets," states Rosen.

Rosen is humbled and honored to be selected to serve on Kansas's highest court. He doesn't like to talk about his accomplishments, he prefers to let his work do the talking for him. However, he wants to say, "Thank you. Thank you to the professors who were so accommodating, helpful and gave me encouragement in law school. And thank you to Washburn Law for providing me with an excellent education to be successful in my chosen field." Rosen's family is also very proud of his accomplishments, his wife Libby and their four sons: Paul and his wife Kari and daughter Lilana; Jacob and his wife Jaime and children Brooke and Carson; Mark; and Tom. "They all attended Governor Sebelius' press conference announcing my appointment. It was great to have them there. Carson even ran around all over, it was great," Rosen said with pride and a smile.



# Professor Janet Thompson Jackson

## Faculty

Janet Thompson Jackson joined Washburn

University School of Law in August 2004. Jackson previously taught at the University of Baltimore School of Law as a Clinical Fellow in the Community Development Clinic and as an Adjunct at the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law teaching legal writing and civil rights law. She was also an attorney at the firm of Cole, Raywid and Braverman L.L.P. in the District of Columbia and an attorney with Buchanan Ingersoll P.C. in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In addition, Jackson is a mediator and conflict management consultant.

Jackson received her B.A. in Political Science from Wittenberg in 1984 and a J.D. from Howard University School of Law in 1988. "My mother has been the most influential person in my life. From a very young age she encouraged me to do and be whatever I set my mind to and she has been a big supporter throughout my career. My father was a state legislator and gave me early exposure to the law which ultimately influenced my direction in life," recalls Jackson.

At Washburn, Jackson teaches Property, Race and the Law and Real Estate Transactions. She also teaches in the Washburn Law Clinic with the Business and Transactional side of clinical practice.

Prior to teaching, Jackson was Executive Director of Families Forward in D.C., a non-profit organization that provides housing and employment services to homeless and low-income families. From this experience, Jackson has formed many opinions and values. "My experience running a non-profit peaked my interest in non-profit and business law, so that became a focus for me. That same experience directly led to my first teaching position as an adjunct professor for the course Race and the Law," said Jackson.

Jackson was prepared and thrilled to teach at Washburn Law in areas where she has built expertise and where her passion lies. "My non-profit and community development work prepared me to teach in the Business and Transactional Clinic and also prepared me to teach Race and the Law," she said. Jackson has

many memories from her past, but the ones that stick out the most, and are closest to her heart, are those that came from running an organization which helped people transition out of poverty into a self-sufficient lifestyle. Her devotion to providing legal assistance to those who are disadvantaged and to small business owners is a commitment she takes seriously.

"I hope to have a very positive impact on students by providing them with a solid foundation in their legal education. I also hope to encourage students to be agents for change in low-income communities," said Jackson. She plans to continue teaching, increasing her expertise in property law, business and non profit law and race in the law. She continues to pursue her scholarship interest of how property, business and non-profit issues impact low-income neighborhoods and communities of color.

Jackson said, "Connecting with students on a one-on-one basis is so satisfying. Preparing students to be future lawyers is an awesome responsibility that I take very seriously." She hopes her supervision of student interns in the Law Clinic helps them understand the value of helping to build and restore communities through assistance to community groups and small businesses. Now that there is a Business and Transactional Law Clinic, many more students will be able to benefit from her experience and expertise in that area. "Washburn Law is committed to providing students with the very best in legal education and the professors are committed to the success of the students. I am proud to be a part of that tradition," said Jackson.

Jackson has learned many things during her career. While she was in civil litigation practice she had to quickly get up to speed on many different areas of the law. As an Executive Director of a non-profit, she enjoyed helping people transition through difficult stages of their lives. As a law professor, she continues to learn the art of teaching and mentoring. With a diverse combination of experience and eagerness to pass that along to students, Jackson will provide a solid foundation on which to help students and enhance the classroom and clinical experience at Washburn Law.



# Paula Langworthy '06

## Student

Paula Langworthy is not a traditional student by any stretch of the imagination. She began law school with a husband and five children. She had worked for several years prior to attending law school and she is Native American. After receiving her undergraduate degree at Northeastern State University with a B.S. in Criminal Justice, she worked as a court services coordinator for municipal court in Salina then for a law firm in Salina for two years as a Paralegal. Langworthy always wanted to attend law school but thought it would be too hard with a family. Her step-father always told her she needed to quit waiting and just do it. When he died, Langworthy realized that life is too short and she decided to take the LSAT. She began law school in January 2003.

Langworthy thinks that working prior to attending law school has helped her and that having a life outside of school is also a benefit. "Outside life, my family, helps keep me balanced and grounded and gives me a different perspective than what others might have," said Langworthy. She eventually wants to work in a Wichita firm in civil litigation after graduating. Langworthy doesn't want to sit behind a desk all day; she longs to prove what she knows. Langworthy participated in the Intensive Trial Advocacy Program at law school, which she believes helped her become comfortable in the courtroom.

You could say Langworthy is pretty driven. She grew up with a father pushing her and her brother to do their best and to never be satisfied until they accomplished their goals. Langworthy is Native American, Cherokee to be exact. Her father knew she was capable of so much more than what was expected of, as he said, the "Indian kids." He grew up in a Cherokee home, speaking only Cherokee and struggled his whole life to succeed. He wanted more for his children. Langworthy states that her dad is her hero. He provides the drive and ambition for her to continue. Langworthy quickly became involved at the law school

in the Native American Law School Association. She believes that Native American history, culture and traditions needs to be shared with not only students but faculty as well. "Native Americans have a bad rap and have been looked down on. I feel like I need to get the word out on the positive things of our culture."

Langworthy feels like she has made progress and has noticed some attitudes have changed. She also wants to be a role model and prove to women, people with families and Native Americans that they can go to law school and succeed. Langworthy truly is a great role model, representing all three categories of people she wants to encourage with great esteem and dignity.

Langworthy remembers being told these bits of advice, "A good associate learns to talk less and listen more. It is better to keep your mouth shut and let people think you are ignorant than to open your mouth and confirm it beyond a reasonable doubt." Langworthy said, "I hope the phrase wasn't directed at me but it is very true." Her experience has taught her that you need to consider your priorities and keep in mind most of the pressure put on you is from yourself. She gives special thanks to her husband Kurt and to her children for being so supportive during law school. In fact she believes it has brought them closer. "You realize your time together is precious and you value the time you have together which helps put priorities in order," Langworthy stated.

No matter where Langworthy ends up after graduation, one thing is certain, she is positioned and ready to take on any challenges that life or her profession throws her way.

# Dallas Alumni Event



L to R: Carol Dumler, Dwight Dumler '93 and Martin Ahrens



# Center for Excellence in Advocacy

Recent studies lead some to believe that students enter law school motivated to learn, but lose enthusiasm over the course of their law school career. The Center for Excellence in Advocacy has found an antidote for “burn-out.” The treatment includes meeting with practitioners, learning from judges, and receiving hands-on training from adjunct instructors. While not a complete cure, the Center’s programs appear to reawaken the enthusiasm, energy and excitement that students displayed on admission to law school.

## LEARNING BY DOING

The best example of the Center’s programming is the Intensive Trial Advocacy Program (ITAP) class, offered during the spring and summer inter- sessions. Based on the model employed by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA), ITAP gives students an eight-day concentrated trial advocacy course designed to provide a thorough introduction to the skills and techniques of a competent trial advocate. “During the week, students hone their skills under the guidance of our adjunct faculty and put their new skills to the test before appellate, district and magistrate judges in simulated trials,” explains Center Director, Michael Kaye.

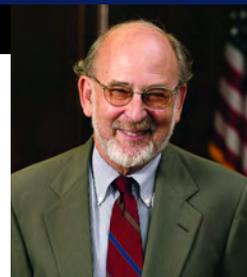
This summer, as an extension of ITAP, the center launched the first stage of the Summer Trial College. The first class, Cross-Examination Techniques, builds on the foundations laid by ITAP and gives students the opportunity to refine their skills. The second class, Taking and Defending Depositions, exposed students to an integral part of the litigation process that is not covered in ITAP. More specialized courses are being planned for next summer.

The Center isn’t limiting its training efforts to the Washburn Law student body. It partnered with NITA to present the Eastern Kansas Public Service Lawyers Outreach Program from June 3-6. This three-day, no-cost program was designed for district and county attorneys, public defenders, and government agency lawyers. A similar program will be held in Western Kansas in October 2005.

The common element in the success of all three programs was the participation of the practicing bar and bench. Adjunct faculty for ITAP included Mark Caldwell of NITA (January) and Professor Charles Rose of Stetson University (May). Judges



Professor Michael Kaye



like G. Joseph Pierron, Lee Johnson ’80, Thomas Marten ’76, Evelyn Wilson ’85, and others made the simulated trials an invaluable experience for students. Professor Kaye points out that “None of our programs would function without the help of several fantastic members of the Kansas Bar, like C. William Ossmann ’77, Byron Cerrillo ’84, Patrick Lewis, Chris Biggs, Ron Pope ’84 and many more (too many to mention!).” These lawyers form the backbone of the practical skills courses, as they give Washburn Law students insight into the real-world choices trial advocates make in the courtroom every day.

## ATTORNEYS IN RESIDENCE

This spring, the Center was fortunate to host three prominent attorneys. “By bringing nationally and internationally recognized attorneys to Washburn, we enrich the legal education of our students, faculty, and alumni, as well as increase the visibility of the school,” said Kaye. Each Attorney in Residence spent several days in the law school, lecturing in classes, leading lunchtime discussion groups, and giving public lectures. Each met with members of the appellate courts as well as student groups.

In March, Professor Paul J. Zwier II of Emory University was Washburn Law’s Scholar in Residence. He delivered a public lecture entitled “The Supreme Court’s Struggle to Control Civil Juries: the Place of Retribution in Awarding Civil Damages.”

Justice T. Modibo Ocran became the school’s first Jurist in Residence when he visited Washburn Law. As a current Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Ghana and former U.N. mediator in Bosnia, Justice Ocran provided valuable insight into

the issues of human and civil rights, the rule of law, and international economic development. He spoke at the *Brown v. Board* memorial site on education as a fundamental right and gave a lunchtime lecture at the International House on the Washburn campus.

Washburn Law's first Advocate in Residence was Sean O'Brien. O'Brien, Executive Director of the Public Interest Litigation Clinic in Kansas City, MO, is a nationally recognized expert on the death penalty. In addition to classroom and lecture duties, O'Brien gave Washburn students the unique opportunity to work on a pending death penalty case. The chance to contribute to a capital case in progress inspired so much enthusiasm that some students continued the work after O'Brien's week was over and he left the law school.

### LUNCH AND LITIGATION

The heart and soul of the Center's work is the lunchtime lecture program. Practicing alumni generously donate an afternoon to give a short presentation regarding skills they have used and experiences they have had in their careers as trial advocates. This year's lecturers and topics were: Jared Maag '95- *State v. Dixon*: Presenting Forensic Evidence in an Arson Case; Mark Schoenhofer '02 - Cross-Examination of Cops: The Rest of the Story; Eric Kraft '99 - Getting Involved: Education, Service and Networking After Law School; The Hon. Duane Benton - Ethics on Appeal; Scott Logan '80 - Effective Demonstrative Evidence; Craig Shultz '78- Picking a Jury: Using Voir Dire to Prepare the Jury in a Personal Injury Case; Richmond Enochs '63 - Using Expert Testimony: Accident Reconstruction in a Personal Injury Case; and Cheryl Pilate - Technological Marvels: Modern Methods to Get The Most Out of Physical Evidence in Criminal Defense.

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

"As a part of the Center's mission, we strive to give students the opportunity to gain valuable skills, with the goal of enriching our educational program," states Kaye. Tony Hunter '06 and Bill Burtis '06 traveled to Tempe, AZ for three days of advanced training on the litigation software Sanction II. In April, they presented a training session to fellow students on the use of the software. Brandi Studer '06 and Sabrina Sullivan '06 attended the National Legal Aid and Defender's Association's *Life in the Balance* conference in New Orleans,

LA. They learned about latest developments in medical and psychiatric defenses, as well as trial strategy and tactics for capital cases. This knowledge will prove valuable as the Center plans for its Third Annual "Building the Mitigation Case" conference, scheduled for November 10-12, 2005.



Justice Ocran

Thanks to efforts by the students, Washburn Law now offers an Advocacy Certificate. It was designed and proposed by students with the approval of Professor Kaye. The Curriculum Committee approved the plan and students graduating in May 2006 and beyond are eligible to earn the certificate. More information

about the certificate program can be found at <http://washburnlaw.edu/current/certificates/advocacy.php>.

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALUMNI

None of the Center's programs could succeed without the generous support of Washburn Law alumni. From adjunct faculty to lunchtime speakers, Washburn Law alums are helping students prepare to be better lawyers. The involvement of practicing alumni is essential in keeping future graduates enthusiastic, energized and excited about the practice of law.

Center Director Michael Kaye has been training trial lawyers at Washburn since 1979. This year, he has also trained at the Trial Advocacy Workshop at Harvard University and the NITA Midwest Regional Trial Advocacy Program at Loyola University.

Tony Hunter is a third year law student and the current Student Director of the Center. He has been a critical factor in the expansion of the Center's programs and scope over the past year.

If you would like to support the Center for Excellence in Advocacy's many programs in any capacity, please contact the Center Director, Professor Michael Kaye at 785-670-1370 or [michael.kaye@washburn.edu](mailto:michael.kaye@washburn.edu), or the Student Director, Tony Hunter at [anthony.hunter@washburn.edu](mailto:anthony.hunter@washburn.edu).

# Business & Transactional Law Center



Professor Steve Ramirez



The Washburn Business & Transactional Law Center announced the consummation of two major innovations this academic year, each builds upon successes over the last three years of the Center's existence.

First, the Center announced the availability of two certificates for students wishing to focus their studies on business or transactional law. The transactional certificate will give students the opportunity to obtain demonstrable facility in transactional skills such as drafting and negotiation. The corporate law certificate will do the same for students wishing to learn corporate counseling skills and principles of business law applicable to business organizations and their managers. "We intend each of these certificates to expose students to a rigorous course of study in business and transactional law that will signal to the job market that these elite Washburn law grads have developed a foundation of skills and knowledge essential for the practice of business and transactional law," stated Steve Ramirez, Director of the Business and Transactional Law Center.

In addition to requiring a set of courses designed to achieve this goal, each certificate recipient will have to satisfy specific GPA requirements. Moreover, each recipient is required to comply with specific advanced writing and hands-on skill building experiences such as an externship or clinical representation. Fall 2005 begins the inaugural year of the Washburn Transactional Law Clinic, under the direction of Professor Janet Thompson Jackson.

The certificate programs also require each recipient to master business fundamentals such as accounting and finance. This inaugural requirement reflects perhaps the most urgent need in the education of business and transactional lawyers today. Under recent case law interpretations under the federal securities laws, under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, under new proposed rules of professional responsibility, and under recent developments in attorney malpractice law, counsel for businesses and entrepreneurs now are obliged in certain circumstances to second-guess the business propriety of their client's decisions in order to assure they comply with fiduciary obligations and are not fraudulent. For better or for worse, the best practitioners of tomorrow must be equipped to understand the underlying business dynamics of their client's transactions. The Washburn Law Business and Transactional Center intends to give students access to this facility.

In sum, the new certificates are designed to give Washburn Law students the ability to set themselves apart from students at other institutions by permitting them to pursue a rigorous and thorough course of study in the full panoply of skills and expertise necessary to be the brightest business and transactional lawyers of tomorrow. "From our new transactional law clinic to our emphasis on business fundamentals we are convinced that our program in business and transactional law offers our students the ability to get the best business and transactional law education now available," said Ramirez. The certificates build directly on the Center's efforts over recent years to enrich the business curriculum at Washburn Law.

The second innovation for the Center this academic year is the finalization of its Board of Advisors. Three years in the making, the board gives the Center access to the experiences and expertise of a wide range of business leaders, seasoned and successful business counsel, and entrepreneurs. "We are truly privileged to have such outstanding business and transactional law leaders committed to the success and growth of the Center," Ramirez notes.

## BUSINESS & TRANSACTIONAL LAW BOARD OF ADVISORS



Bernard Bianchino '74 William Pitsenberger '77 William Bunten '56 D. Duke Dupre '73 David Fenley '79 Delano Lewis '63



Frank Caro '83 Frank Ross '78 James Haines Winton Hinkle '68 Norman Pozez '80 Sue Jean White '80



Michael Miller '91



Teri Wilford Wood '78



James Slattery '75

These leaders will serve to expose students to the most sophisticated and cutting-edge developments in business and transactional law. They will also help the Center continually refine its certificate and course offerings to reflect the most challenging problems facing business and transactional counsel.

Indeed, many of these seasoned experts have already visited with Washburn Law students to discuss a wide variety of issues related to business and transactional law. This academic year the Center brought experienced voices into the law school to discuss issues ranging from the value of an MBA or LLM degree to franchise law and recent developments in white collar crime.

The finalization of the board builds upon the continuing efforts to bring the best and brightest voices to the law school to share their insights and experiences with students. In the spring, the Center sponsored *The Third Annual Corporate Counsel Institute: Recent Developments in Kansas Financial Regulation*. The conference featured an overview of the new Kansas Blue Sky Act by Kansas Securities Commissioner Chris Biggs and his General Counsel Richard Fleming. A second panel addressed recent changes in Kansas Trust Law. Again, the goal was to expose students to the most authoritative voices available on the most current developments in business and transactional law.

Next year promises to bring even more exciting developments. Professor Jackson will be reporting on the successful initiation of the Washburn Transactional Law Clinic. Professor Brad Borden will serve as interim director of the Center, and he will certainly bring new energy and fresh perspectives on the direction of the Center. The Center is planning a symposium marking the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Delaware's landmark *Smith v. Van Gorkom* decision addressing the director's duty of care. It will be held on September 30, 2005. Ramirez who is coordinating the *Van Gorkom* symposium notes, "Once again we anticipate bringing the best authorities possible to Washburn Law to analyze the current meaning and the evolution of the duty of care over the last twenty years."

The underlying source of the Center's success has been the constant support of Washburn Law alumni. Virtually every program offered by the Center has benefited from the generous support of alums.

If any Washburn Law alum would like to get involved with the Center, please contact Steve Ramirez at 785-670-1668 or [steven.ramirez@washburn.edu](mailto:steven.ramirez@washburn.edu) or Brad Borden at 785-670-1857 or [brad.borden@washburn.edu](mailto:brad.borden@washburn.edu). We look forward to hearing from you, and thank you in advance for your continuing support.



Professor Linda Elrod



## Children & Family Law Center

The Washburn University School of Law Children and Family Law Center gives law students a variety of opportunities to learn about and become involved in family law activities throughout the year. In addition to several family law specialty courses and the Washburn Law Clinic, students are encouraged to be involved in watching court cases, attending continuing education programs, and meeting with alumni and family law practitioners.

The Family Law Student Society, under the leadership of Kelly Driscoll '05 and Emily Smith '05, hosted several lunch speakers this spring. In February, Dr. Bud Dale, a clinical psychologist, discussed the use of child custody evaluations in contested custody cases and Sarah Sargent and Shirlon Douglas-Harris from Kansas Children's Service League spoke about interracial adoption, focusing on the Multi-Ethnic Placement Act, amended in 1996 by the Interethnic Placement Act, and the Indian Child Welfare Act.

In March, Laura Shaneyfelt and Rachael Pirner spoke to students about the many issues that arise during a surrogacy relationship and contrasted the surrogacy process with adoption. Molly Wood, who teaches in the Elder Law Clinic at KU, spoke about elder law issues, including care, estate plan-

ning, long-term financing (Medicare, Medicaid, and division of assets), and guardianships and conservatorships. Adjunct Professor Bill Ebert, family law attorney and certified mediator, hosted Larry Rute '73, Lori Yockers '91, and judges Evelyn Wilson '85 and Jean Schmidt '82 who discussed the uses of mediation and family law practice.

Family law practitioners shared their "real" world experiences with students. Brad Short, Overland Park family lawyer, explained how to use the child support calculator he developed and provided students some practical tips on settling cases. Suzanne Dwyer '92, Wichita, informed students about the highs and lows of practicing family law and discussed fees and time commitments. Larry Rute '73, Associates in Dispute Resolution, spoke about ways to incorporate mediation in a family law practice, collaborative law and negotiating tough cases. He also gave an overview of arbitration, collaborative law and case management.

In April, Joanna Penn of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Shawnee County provided information for students who are interested in being trained as CASAs. Nearly 70,000 national CASA volunteers serve approximately 280,000 (of the 500,000) abused or neglected children. CASA



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and the Hon. Evelyn Wilson '85

gives children a voice in the court system. Several Washburn Law students currently serve as CASAs in Shawnee County. Dallas Bauer '06, co-director of the Family Law Student Center for 2005-2006, has been a CASA the last two years. She received the 2005 public interest externship and will be working with attorney Kevin Cook '99 assisting with child in need of care cases in Shawnee County.

Over twenty students entered the write-on competition for student staff positions on the *Family Law Quarterly*, a publication of the American Bar Association Family Law Section, which is edited at Washburn Law. The issues this year have included international law topics, parent alienation, domestic violence as well as the usual collection of the family law cases across the country in the "Law in 50 States" issue.

The Children and Family Law Center cosponsored several continuing legal education programs that students had the opportunity to attend. On March 4, 2005, the Center cosponsored a Juvenile Law Conference with the Kansas Association of Counsel for Children. On April 1, 2005, the Center sponsored a half day program on "Representing the Incapacitated Client." Professor Sheila Reynolds began with a discussion of the special ethical problems that can arise in representing persons without full capacity. Professor Aliza Organick spoke on capacity problems with child clients in the juvenile courts. Adjunct Professor Kirk Lowry '87 spoke about representing the disabled client. On April 15, family law students had the opportunity to participate in a Case Management Seminar in Lawrence.



Molly Wood

This spring the Washburn Law Clinic offered twenty students "hands on" experience with family law cases and live clients. Professors Aliza Organick, Lynette Petty and Sheila Reynolds each supervised several interns working on family law cases.

The Family Law Seminar class taught by Professor Nancy Maxwell included a session on "Marriage in Other Cultures" with Professors Robert Rhee and Alex Glashausser speaking about marriage in Korea and Japan, respectively. "Prohibited Marriages" included Law Library Director John Christensen and Professor Ali Khan providing information about polygamy in the Church of the Latter Day Saints and under Islamic law and Professors Ronald Griffin and Aliza Organick discussing the history of and their personal experiences with interracial marriage.

One of the major goals for next year will be to offer more child advocacy training to prepare lawyers to be effective advocates for children generally and to provide high quality legal representation of child clients. In addition, the Children and Family Law Center hopes to start a Child Advocacy Fellows Program to attract students interested in child and family advocacy.

To learn more about the Center or to volunteer to mentor students with a focus in the family law area of practice, please contact Director, Professor Linda Elrod, at [linda.elrod@washburn.edu](mailto:linda.elrod@washburn.edu).

# Washburn Law Clinic



Professor John Francis



The past year provided dynamic learning opportunities for over seventy students who enrolled in the Law Clinic between the summer of 2004 and the spring of 2005. The new clinical initiatives are off to a strong start and have added to an already strong program. Students working with Professor Nathan Webb in the Appellate Defender Clinic filed twenty appellate briefs on behalf of clients during the fall and spring semester. Among other new initiatives implemented by Professor Aliza Organick, students working under her supervision staffed a case-intake site at Haskell Indian Nations University. Through this ongoing program, qualifying Haskell students can receive representation or advice in a broad range of legal matters. While Washburn Clinic students gain valuable insight into issues that arise when representing Native American clients, the Haskell University students also get a glimpse into work done by law students. As part of the collaborative understanding between the law school and Haskell, Washburn Law admissions representatives talk to interested Haskell students about the admissions process, expanding the potential pool of applicants to the law school.

The Clinic's long standing practice areas have continued to provide Clinic interns with quality legal experience advocating on behalf of clients in and out of court. In addition to litigating in Shawnee County District Court and Topeka Municipal Court on a broad range of legal issues, students also engaged in lawyering work outside the courtroom. For example, students doing general civil law work with Professor Curt Waugh represented a neighborhood group during a proceeding before the Topeka Planning Commission. This work involved conducting and presenting insightful legal analysis of applicable housing regulations, which ultimately guided the Commission's decision. Professor Waugh's students also worked with an area non-profit cooperative, drafting a new set of by-laws for the group. Students working with Professor John Francis ventured into the legislative arena, providing written testimony to the Kansas State Legislature on a bill proposing that people convicted of drug offenses (under circumstances indicating no intent to traffic) receive substance-abuse treatment rather than protracted prison sentences. The written testimony provided overall support for the bill and made suggestions to amend specific language to clarify interpretation of certain provisions.



### **WASHBURN LAW CLINIC NAMED RECIPIENT OF THE LIBERTY BELL AWARD**

The Topeka Bar Association recognized the Washburn Law Clinic's commitment to the community and the quality work done by Clinic interns, naming the Law Clinic recipient of the 2005 Liberty Bell Award. The award is granted for promoting better understanding of the Constitution, encouraging respect within the legal system and providing valuable legal service to the Topeka community. At a luncheon held on May 6, 2005, Professor Francis accepted the award on behalf of the Washburn Law Clinic. During his acceptance, Francis credited the dedication of student interns and support staff as the primary ingredient in the high quality of legal work conducted by the Clinic.



### **THANKS TO CURT WAUGH**

The Clinic faculty and staff warmly thank Professor Curt Waugh for spending the past two years with us. Waugh joined our faculty as a Visiting Professor to help the Clinic serve as many students as possible during the years of increased law school enrollment. Waugh quickly became part of the Clinic's family, contributing his knowledge, talent and warmth to our law office. Students have consistently praised Professor Waugh's instruction, dedication and supervision. We wish him well in his next venture.

For more information on the Law Clinic, contact Director, Professor John Francis, at 785-670-1685 or [john.francis@washburn.edu](mailto:john.francis@washburn.edu).

## 1930's

**Rosendo T. Alonzo-Cendejas '36**, Mexico City, died April 25, 2005, at the age of 93. He was the first Hispanic to graduate from Washburn Law. Rosendo moved to Kansas with his parents during the Mexican Revolution (1910-1917). He attended Topeka schools and after his marriage in July 1936, he and his wife moved to Mexico City. Rosendo was an executive with E.I. DuPont de Nemours.

## 1940's

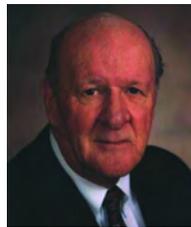
**Everett C. Fettis '46**, Wichita, KS, died Sunday, February 20, 2005, at the age of 85. Everett began practicing law in Wichita in 1946 after seeing active duty as a navy lieutenant. He was a former Sedgwick County Deputy Attorney practicing law in Wichita for over 50 years.

**Robert C. Allan '47**, Wichita, KS, died Tuesday, June 28, 2005, at the age of 85. Allan and law partner, Everett Fettis '46, practiced law together for over fifty years. Allan was a decorated officer in the U.S. Air Force and a member of the Kansas Bar Association.

**Floyd H. Coffman '47**, Lawrence, KS, died Wednesday, February 2, 2005, at the age of 86. Coffman graduated from Washburn Law and moved to Ottawa, KS where he entered the practice of law. He was elected District Judge of the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District in 1952 and was retained in that capacity until his retirement in 1983.

**James J. Mangan '47**, Kansas City, MO, died Sunday, April 3, 2005, at the age of 92. Mangan entered Washburn Law in 1941 but his education was interrupted by World War II. He served in the U.S. Army from 1942-1946 and after being honorably discharged with the rank of Major, he returned to Washburn to finish his law degree. Mangan moved to Dodge City, KS where he began a forty-three year career as a practicing attorney. He and Jack Dalton founded the Mangan and Dalton Law firm, now known as Foulston Siefkin. Mangan was elected County Attorney for Ford County, KS and later won election to the Kansas State House of Representatives for one term.

## 1950's



**Robert F. "Bob" Glassman '50**, Hays, KS, died Friday, January 21, 2005, at the age of 82. Glassman was a partner in the law firm of Glassman, Bird, Braun & Schwartz. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Glassman also served as former City Attorney, County Attorney and Probate Judge in Ellis County.

**Captain Charles "Chuck" D. McAtee '55**, Topeka, KS, died Friday, April 8, 2005, at the age of 76. Captain McAtee (USMCR) was a combat Marine rifle platoon commander in Korea in 1951. He was a Special Agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1955 to 1959, and an Administrative Assistant to Governor John Anderson from 1964 to 1968. McAtee was First Assistant U.S.



Attorney from 1969 to 1970 and a partner in the law firm of Edison, Lewis, Porter and Haynes from 1970 to 1989. Most recently, McAtee was Of Counsel with the law firm of Schroer, Rice from 1991 to 2003. He was nominated Honorary President of the Topeka Bar Association in 2005 and was listed in the Ninth edition of the Best Lawyers in America.

**Louis Frank Dougan, Jr. '56**, Topeka, KS, died Wednesday, April 13, 2005, at the age of 77. Dougan received his commission in the U.S. Air Force in Wyoming after which he returned to Topeka. He received his law degree and briefly practiced in Topeka. Dougan ultimately decided to work in various other fields, including real estate, investments and farming. Until his death he was an active participant in the management of the family farm in Silver Lake.

## 1960's



**Justice Robert L. "Bob" Gernon '69**, Lawrence, KS, died Wednesday, March 30, 2005, at the age of 61.

Gernon was raised in Hiawatha where he lived most of his life. He was the son of a district court judge. He received a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Kansas in 1966 and received his J.D. from Washburn University School of Law in 1969. Gernon received an LL.M., Masters in the Judicial Process degree from the University of Virginia School of Law in 2001.

Gernon was an Assistant Shawnee County Attorney and Probation and Pre-sentence Investigator for Shawnee County. He returned to Hiawatha and engaged in the private practice of

law, with his brother John, from 1970 to 1979. From 1971 to 1975 Gernon served as Brown County Attorney and County Counselor. He served as judge of the 22nd District beginning in 1979, including two terms as the district's Administrative Judge from 1981 until his appointment to the Court of Appeals. In 1988 Gernon was appointed to the Kansas Court of Appeals by Gov. Mike Hayden and then to the Kansas Supreme Court by Gov. Bill Graves in January 2003.

Gernon served on the KBA's Continuing Legal Education Committee and on the Kansas District Judges' Association Executive Council. He had been a member of the KBA's Committee on Professionalism and the KDJA's legislative committee. He served as the Chairman of the Annual Survey of Law Committee and as program coordinator for the annual program associated with that publication. He served on the Supreme Court's Task Force on Permanency Planning, a board relating to juveniles who come in contact with the courts or a social service agency. Gernon was a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, and a Fellow of the Kansas Bar Foundation.

Gernon received the KBA Outstanding Service Award in 1991 and the KBA Professionalism Award in 2001. Most recently Gernon was named recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Washburn Law School Association. The award will be presented to Gernon's family in October 2005.

Gernon was a frequent speaker at various professional programs, including speaking as a faculty advisor for the National Judicial College and completed the Harvard Negotiation Project. He was an avid supporter of Washburn Law and spoke highly of the law school. Gernon showed his support by attending many Washburn Law events; always spending time interacting with law students, faculty, staff and fellow alumni.

# IN Memoriam

## 1970's

**Homer S. "Steve Mosley" '72**, Wichita, KS, died on May 8, 2005, at the age of 63. Mosely was a Vietnam veteran stationed at Pearl Harbor and was a self employed juvenile court attorney.

**John E. Cook '76**, Edinburg, TX died on July 25, 2005, at the age of 52. Cook went to the Rio Grande Valley after graduation, as a VISTA, or Volunteer In Service To America worker, assigned to Weslaco's Legal Aid Office. Several years later, Cook transferred to the Edinburg location of the Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid, Inc. Cook became the Edinburg office's branch manager in 1990.



**Gerald L. Michaud, 76**, Wichita, KS, died Monday, July 18, 2005, at the age of 76. Michaud practiced law in Wichita for more than fifty years. He earned national acclaim for his pioneering efforts in products liability and medical negligence litigation.

In 1986, Michaud along with his firm of Michaud, Cordry, Michaud, Hutton & Hutton made a generous contribution of \$1,000,000 to the law school. The endowment funded the James R. Ahrens Professorial Chair in Tort Law.

Michaud was a noted presenter at the school on numerous occasions. He was a distinguished speaker at the Tort Symposium in 1996. He served on the Washburn Law School Association Board of Governors from 1986-1989 and again from 1991-1994. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the Washburn Law School Association in 1997 and received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Washburn in 1986. He also received the Washburn University President's Award in 1997 for recognition of his work on behalf of higher education. His accomplishments included past president of the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association and distinguished member of the prestigious Inner Circle of Advocates.

Michaud and his wife Shannon have been generous in other ways to the law school. In 1996 they gave Washburn Law the "Wings of Freedom" by Sandy Scott. The 4,000 pound bronze eagle sculpture is located on the north-west lawn of the law school. He donated a bronze sculpture of Benjamin Franklin by George Lundeen, which sits on the south side of the law school in 2000. Then in 2002, Jerry and Shannon donated another piece, Thomas Jefferson drafting the Declaration of Independence, also by Lundeen. This piece was given to commemorate the law school graduation of their daughter and son-in-law, Cameron and Greg Drumright.

Michaud spent his career working for the underdog and advocating for people in need. He was a true advocate and supporter of Washburn University and Washburn Law. His gifts were many and came from the heart. Memorial contributions may be made to the Gerald L. Michaud Memorial Fund at Washburn University School of Law, 1700 S.W. College Ave., Topeka, KS 66621.

## 1980's

**Barry L. Huffman '83**, Mission Hills, KS, died January 11, 2005, at the age of 47. Huffman was a member of the Kansas Bar Association and previously practiced law as in house counsel to La Petite Academy and Western Auto Corp. Since 2000, Huffman served as Associate General Counsel at the corporate offices of Applebee's International, Overland Park, KS, and was active in the Ronald McDonald House.

**David M. Gleason '85**, Kansas City, MO, died Monday, May 9, 2005, at the age of 53. As a young man, Gleason sang gospel music professionally with his father. After graduation from Washburn Law, he began a general practice in the Northland area and later founded Northland Legal Services in Kansas City.

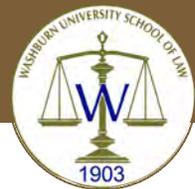
## 2000's

**Jack M. Moore, Jr. '00**, Brighton, NJ, died on March 3, 2005, at the age of 39. Moore maintained law offices in Salem and Brighton, NJ.

# Foulston Siefkin Lecture



**L to R:** Ryan Vincent, Andrea Walker, Court Kennedy, Dionna Mitchell, Scott Grosskreutz, Prof. Erwin Chemerinsky, Ed Robinson, Sara Shipman, Nick Brady, Prof. Alex Glausser and Alison Lee



# Meet the New Faculty...



## **Aida M. Alaka- Visiting Associate Professor**

Before joining Washburn Law, Alaka was a lecturer at the University of Kansas, where she taught courses in Legal Research and Writing, Race Discrimination Law and Higher Education Law. Prior to teaching, she was a partner at the Chicago law firm of Winston & Strawn, focusing on employment law, counseling and litigation. Before joining Winston & Strawn, Alaka was an associate in the litigation practice group of the Chicago firm of Holleb & Coff. She also worked in the corporate law department of Sears, Roebuck and Company, counseling management on employment-law issues and managing litigation. At Washburn Law Alaka will teach Legal Analysis Research and Writing.

Alaka received her B.A. with distinction in Comparative Literature and German from the University of Wisconsin – Madison in 1981 and her J.D. from Loyola University Chicago in 1993. During law school, she was Editor-in-Chief of the *Loyola University Law Journal* and a staff writer for the *Loyola University Consumer Law Reporter*.

Alaka is licensed to practice in Kansas and Illinois and has been admitted to the bar of the Northern and Central Districts of Illinois and the Eastern District of Wisconsin.



## **Kelly L. Anders- Associate Dean for Student Affairs**

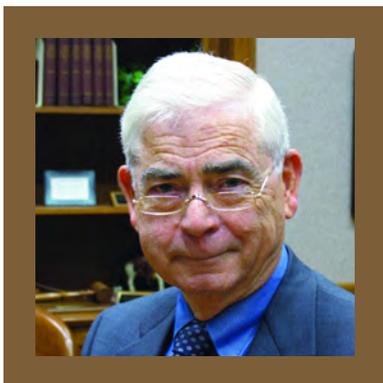
Since 1990, Anders has worked in a variety of capacities, including Administration, Teaching, Counseling, Research, and Public Affairs. These skills have been sharpened in a variety of sectors – academic, corporate, government, and nonprofit. She holds a B.A. in News-Editorial Journalism, with minors in Art, French, and History, from the University of Nebraska in 1989, as well as a J.D. and certification in Dispute Resolution from Pepperdine University School of Law in 1996. She is a member of the Urban League Guild, and served on the Board of Directors of Opera Colorado and Colorado Lawyers for the Arts.



## **Jeffrey Jackson- Associate Professor**

Jackson came to Washburn Law last year as a Visiting Professor. Prior to joining Washburn Law, Jackson was at the Kansas Supreme Court as a staff attorney for Death Penalty and Constitutional issues. Prior to that, he was law clerk to The Honorable Mary Beck Briscoe on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, law clerk to The Honorable Justice Robert E. Davis at the Kansas Supreme Court, an associate at Bennett & Dillon L.L.P. in Topeka and staff attorney for the Kansas Court of Appeals. He will teach Legal Analysis Research and Writing.

Jackson received his B.B.A. in Economics from Washburn University in 1989, his J.D. from Washburn Law in 1992 and his LL.M. in Constitutional Law at Georgetown University Law Center in 2003. At Washburn Law, Jackson was Assistant Editor for the *Washburn Law Journal*. Jackson is admitted to practice in Kansas, Missouri, U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. He is a member of the Kansas Judicial Council Death Penalty Advisory Committee.



**Joe McKinney**  
**Visiting Associate Professor**

McKinney recently retired from the Topeka law firm of Goodell, Stratton, Edmonds & Palmer, L.L.P. having practiced for eighteen years, chiefly in the areas of tax and estate planning. Prior to his graduation from Washburn Law in 1986, he worked as a Certified Public Accountant with both local and national public accounting firms from 1974 through 1985, primarily engaged in tax practice. McKinney will be teaching Law and Accounting, Law and Finance and Taxation of Corporations.

McKinney served in the United States Air Force from 1961 to 1965 as a medical corpsman. While in the Air Force he completed his undergraduate degree studies at Washburn University in 1965. He returned to Washburn in 1971 to secure a business and accounting education and was named the University's Kansas Certified Public Accountant Scholar in 1972.

Professor McKinney holds commercial pilot and flight instructor certificates. He flew professionally for several years and continues to actively teach primary and instrument flying.



**William Merkel**  
**Associate Professor**

For the past two years, Merkel taught an intensive introductory course designed to acclimatize foreign-trained lawyers to the advanced study of U.S. law. Merkel received a B.A. from Johns Hopkins in 1988, a J.D. from Columbia in 1996 and a PhD in History from Oxford in 2005.

After graduating from Johns Hopkins, Merkel worked as an analyst with the Department of Transportation in Washington before returning to graduate school. After law school, he worked in appellate litigation with the Washington D.C. firm of Wiley, Rein, and Fielding, and then took time out to write *The Militia and the Right to Arms, Or, How the Second Amendment Fell Silent* (Duke University Press, 2002) with the late Richard Uviller. Merkel then spent two years teaching American History at Oxford and two years teaching Comparative Introduction to American Law to foreign-trained LL.M.s at Columbia. Merkel will teach Constitutional Law at Washburn Law.

Merkel is licensed to practice in New York and Washington D.C.

# Meet the New Faculty...



**Jack Preis**  
**Visiting Associate Professor**

Preis joins the Washburn Law faculty teaching Federal Courts, Law and Economics, and Legal Analysis Research and Writing. He graduated from Cornell University in 1994, where he studied agricultural economics, and Vanderbilt University Law School with a J.D. in 2002. He served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Vanderbilt Law Review*. After law school, Preis clerked for United States District Judge Royce C. Lamberth in the District of Columbia and then spent approximately three years as an associate at Wilmer Cutler Pickering LLC, also in Washington, D.C. Prior to law school, Preis spent three years trading agricultural commodities for Archer Daniels Midland in Illinois.

Preis is licensed to practice in Virginia, Washington D.C. and Kansas.



**Peter Reilly**  
**Associate Professor**

For the past three years, Reilly has been the Hewlett Fellow in Conflict Resolution and Legal Problem-Solving, as well as Adjunct Law Professor, at Georgetown University Law Center. Prior to Georgetown, Reilly worked for seven years as Attorney-Advisor in the Office of General Counsel of the United States Commission on Civil Rights in Washington, D.C. He clerked for Judge Raya S. Drebien of the State Appeals Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Reilly recently published "Teaching Law Students How to Feel: Using Negotiations Training to Increase Emotional Intelligence," 21 (2) *Negotiation Journal* 301-314 (2005).

Reilly received a B.A. from Princeton University in 1988, a J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1993 and an LL.M. from Georgetown University Law Center in 2004. Reilly is admitted to the District of Columbia Bar; Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Bar. He will teach Contracts, Negotiations and Alternative Dispute Resolution at Washburn Law.

# Faculty Notes



**Professor Bradley T. Borden** is on the Executive Committee of the Tax Law Section of the Kansas Bar Association

#### Publications

*A History and Analysis of the Co-Ownership-Partnership Question*, 106

TAX NOTES 1175 (March 7, 2005) (co-author with Sandra Favelukes and Todd Molz)

*Rev. Proc. 2004-51: The IRS Strikes Back*, 83 TAXES 17 (February 2005) (co-author with Kelly E. Alton and Alan S. Lederman)

*Survey of State Tax Treatment of Section 1031 Exchanges*, 20 TAX MANAGEMENT REAL ESTATE JOURNAL 336 (December 2004) (contributor)

*Syndicated Tenancy-in-Common Arrangements: How Tax-Motivated Real Estate Transactions Raise Serious Non-Tax Issues*, 18 PROBATE AND PROPERTY 18, (September/October 2004) (co-author with W. Richey Wyatt)

*Unearthing Neglected and Emerging Issues of Section 1031 Real Property Transactions*, 20 TAX MANAGEMENT REAL ESTATE JOURNAL 199 (August 4, 2004)

*Don't Overlook Section 1031's Like-Kind Property Requirements in Real Estate Transactions*, BNA TAX MANAGEMENT INSIGHTS AND COMMENTARY (August 2004)

#### Presentations

American Bar Association Section of Taxation, Sales, Exchanges and Basis Committee Meeting, Moderator, "Sales and Exchanges: Current Developments," Washington, D.C., May 2005

51<sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Tax Institute of the University of Iowa College of Law and Iowa State Bar Association, "Advanced 1031 Topics," Iowa City, IA, May 2005

Ellis County Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Seminar, "1031 Exchanges," Hays, KS, May 2005

Washburn University School of Law Business and Transactional Law Center, Panelist, "Preventing the Perfect Storm: Managing the Intersection of Legal, Tax, and Ethical Issues when Advising Clients

Regarding the Formation of Legal Entities," Topeka, KS, January 2005

American Bar Association Section of Taxation, Partnerships and LLCs Committee Meeting, Panelist, "Co-investment or Partnership: Drawing the Line," San Diego, CA, January 2005

American Bar Association Section of Taxation, Partnerships and LLCs Committee Meeting, Panelist, "Exchanging 'Cats and Dogs' – Exchanges of Oil and Gas Interests, Exchanges of New and Used Aircraft and Syndicated Interests in Aircraft, Exchanges of Personal Property Under NAICS," San Diego, CA, January 2005

54<sup>th</sup> Annual Kansas Society of Certified Public Accounts Kansas Tax Conference, "10 Reasons Why we Don't Like S-Corporations," Overland Park, KS, November 2004

52<sup>nd</sup> Annual University of Texas School of Law Taxation Conference, "TICs & Build-to-Suit Techniques Under Section 1031," Houston, TX, November 2004

41<sup>st</sup> Annual Kansas Accountants Tax Conference, "1031 Exchanges: Build-to-Suit Transactions and Tenancy-in-Common Arrangements," Topeka, KS, October 2004

American Bar Association Section of Taxation and Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law, Panelist, "Maximizing Capital Gain in Sales of Real Estate," Boston, MA, October 2004

American Bar Association Section of Taxation and Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law, Sales, Exchanges and Basis Committee Meeting, Moderator, "Section 1031 Update," Boston, MA, October 2004

American Bar Association Section of Taxation and Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law, State and Local Taxes Committee Meeting, Panelist, "State Tax Issues in 1031 Exchanges," Boston, MA, October 2004

39<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Federal Tax Institute, "Like-Kind Exchanges: Exchanges of Partial Interests and Build-to-Suit Issues," Atlanta, GA, September 2004

# Faculty Notes

Texas Bar Association Advanced Tax Law Course, "Section 1031 Developments: Leasehold Improvements Exchanges, Tenancy-in-Common Arrangements, and Related-Party Exchanges," San Antonio, TX, September 2004

BNA Tax Management Advisory Board, "Unearthing Neglected and Emerging Issues of Section 1031 Real Estate Transactions," New York, NY, June 2004



**Professor John E. Christensen** Library Director and Professor of Law.

Presentations:

"Legal and Fact Research on the Web: Strategies and Selected Sources," Recent Developments CLE, Washburn University School of Law, June 24, 2005.

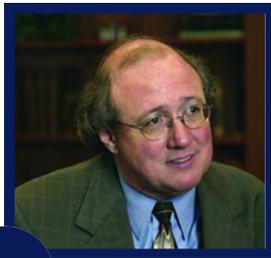
"Citizenship in the World," Merit Badge Challenge, Washburn University, Topeka, KS, February 5, 2005.

"Nature and Nurture: The client's family tree as a demonstration of the forces that shape our client's lives," Building the Mitigation Case CLE, Washburn University School of Law Center for Excellence in Advocacy, Topeka, KS, November 12, 2004.

"Videoconferencing in U.S. Law Schools," From Pedagogy to Practice: Maximizing Legal Education with Technology Conference, Technology Committee, American Bar Association Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, Newark, NJ, October 16, 2004.

"Technology: Effective Communication," J. Reuben Clark Law Society, Leadership Training Conference, Provo UT, September 30, 2004.

"Advanced Legal Research on the Internet: Selected Sources," Recent Developments CLE, Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, KS, June 25, 2004.



**Professor Jim Concannon** is Chair of the ABA accreditation site inspection, Chapman University School of Law in Orange, CA, and a member of the Study Committee for the Uniform Electronic Discovery Act of the National Conference

of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

Publications:

"Evidence," chapter in 2005 Annual Survey of Kansas Law, published by KBA (plus videotaped lecture for CLE)

Presentations:

Kansas Judicial Conference program on Evidence, Wichita, KS, October 18, 2004



**Distinguished Professor of Law Linda D. Elrod** is the Director of the Children and Family Law Center at Washburn Law. She is on the steering committee for the ABAon Unmet Legal Needs of

Children, is co-chair of the ABAPro Bono Child Custody and Adoption Project Advisory Board and on the grant sub-committee, Editor of the *Family Law Quarterly*, a section of the ABA Family Law Section; liaison to American Psychological Association; serves on the Kansas Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Child Support; is a Certified as Domestic Mediator by the Kansas Supreme Court; is a Task force participant in Wingspread Interdisciplinary Conference - AFCC and Hofstra Family Law Education Reform Project; and was appointed to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, as a Reporter for a new Uniform Child Abduction Prevention Act. She was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Washburn University Alumni Association in April 2005 and sworn in at the United States Supreme Court, November, 2004.

Publications

2004 Supplements for 17 chapters of CHILD CUSTODY PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE (Thomson-West 1993); 2004 Supplements for 16 chapters in KANSAS FAMILY LAW (Thomson-West 1999).

*A Review of the Year in Family Law: "Same-Sex" Marriage Issue Dominates Headlines*, 38 FAM. L. Q. 777 (ABA2005)

*Kansas Relocation Cases: In the Best Interest of the Child*, XXVIII (4) J. Ks. TRIAL LAWYERS 13 (March 2005).

*Washburn Law Celebrates a Century of Welcoming Women*, 42 WASHBURN L. J. 853 (2004).

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*A Review of the Year in Family Law: Children's Issues Remain the Focus*, 38 FAM. L. Q. 527 (ABA 2004).

Presentations:

*Current Issues in Child Support* - Child Support Enforcement Association Annual CLE Conference, Topeka, KS , May 27, 2005

*Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore - But Could She Take Her Child? Issues in Custody and Relocation*, Kansas Legal Professionals, Emporia, KS, February 5, 2005.

*Where do the Children Fit In? A Look at Washburn's Children and Family Law Center*, Topeka Rotary Club Luncheon Speaker, Topeka, KS , October 18, 2004

*Moderator - Show Me the Money: Financial Issues in Divorce*, 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Law Institute Program, Topeka, KS , October 15, 2004,

*Adoption and Safe Families Act: Where are We Now - Problems and Promise*, Council of Appellate Staff Attorneys," 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Park City, UT, July 24, 2004

*Marriage and Family in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, Council of Appellate Staff Attorneys," 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Park City, UT, July 23, 2004

*The Lawyer's Role in Preventing Parental Child Abduction: Looking at the Hague Convention*, Kansas Women Attorneys Association Annual CLE, Lindsborg, KS , July 19, 2004,

*Family Law Bar Review* for BARBRI, June 30, Lawrence, KS and Topeka, KS, July 1, 2004

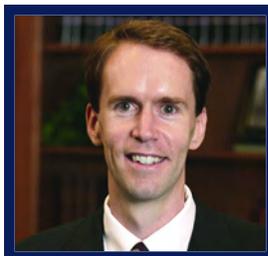


**Professor John Francis** received tenure and became Professor of Law

Publications:

*Peremptory Challenges, Grutter and Critical Mass: A Means of Reclaiming the*

*Promise of Batson*, 29 Vt. L. Rev. 297 (2005).



**Professor Alex Glashausser** was named to the panel of academic contributors for the ninth edition of Black's Law Dictionary.

Publications:

*Of Digests and Parties, in Teaching the Law School Curriculum* (Steven Friedland & Gerald F. Hess eds., 2004)

*What We Must Never Forget When It Is a Treaty We Are Expounding*, 73 University of Cincinnati Law Review (forthcoming 2005)

*Difference and Deference in Treaty Interpretation*, 50 Villanova Law Review 25 (2005)

Presentations:

*Controlling the Classroom, Remotely*: presentation at conference, *Pedagogy to Practice: Maximizing Legal Education with Technology*, Rutgers University - Newark School of Law (2004)



**Professor J. Lyn Entrikin Goering**

Publications:

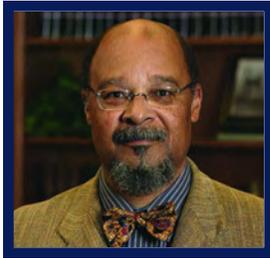
*"A Vision for the Future: Integrating Legal Research and Writing Across the Law School Curriculum,"* 18 The Second Draft 19 (No. 2, June 2004)

*"Legal Fiction of the 'Unpublished' Kind: The Surreal Paradox of No-Citation Rules and the Ethical Duty of Candor,"* 1 Seton Hall Cir. Rev. 27 (2005)

Presentations:

*"Designing Realistic Writing Assignments Using the Federal Case Management/ Electronic Case Files System (CM/ECF),"* Fifth Annual Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference, Arizona State University College of Law, March 11-12, 2005

# Faculty Notes



**Professor Ronald C. Griffin**

Publications:

"Nafta," Encyclopedia for the Great Plains, University of Nebraska Press (2004).  
Vernon's Kansas Statutes Annotated, Uniform Commercial Code, Volumes 7-9 (Supplement 2005).

Presentations:

"Tolerance on the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," Gordon Parks Centre for Diversity, Fort Scott Junior College, Fort Scott, KS, May 2005.

"On Farming," School of Law, Notre Dame University, April 2005.

"Diversity's Entanglements," Leadership Greater Topeka, Topeka Chamber of Commerce, April 2005

"Nature of Equality," Sunrise Optimist Club, Washburn University, April 2005.

"Brown at 50," School of Law, University of South Dakota, November 2004.

"Brown v Bd of Education," University Forum, University of Kansas, October, 2004

"Short History of the Midwest People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference," School of Law George Washington University, October 2004



**Professor Jeff Jackson**

Publications

"The Power to Suspend Habeas Corpus: An Answer from the Arguments Surrounding Ex Parte Merryman," 34 U. Balt. L. Rev. 11 (2004)

"The Daubert Trilogy in the States," 44 Jurimetrics J. 351 (2004) (with David E. Bernstein).



**Professor Ali Khan**

Publications:

"Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Poised to Fall Apart," Counterpunch (May 4, 2005). See also: Statesman (May 5, 2005); Jurist (May 5, 2005); Planeta Porto

Alegre.net (May 5, 2005) (English version and Portuguese translation).

"The Devil's Work: Bush's Minority Appointments," Counterpunch (November 26, 2004). See also: Statesman (November 27, 2004); Jurist (November 29, 2004); Daily Star (online edition) (November 30, 2004); La Prensa San Diego (online edition) (December 3, 2004); Baltimore Chronicle & Sentinel (online edition) (December 17, 2004).

"The Jihad of Alan Dershowitz," Counterpunch (September 30, 2004). See also: "La Yihad de Alan Dershowitz," Rebelión (October 3, 2004); Daily Star (online edition) (December 5, 2004). Professor Khan's article, "The Jihad of Alan Dershowitz," is based upon a July 27, 2004 telephone interview. Listen to Part 1 (43:47 minutes) and Part 2 (2:20 minutes) (requires Windows Media Player).

"The Murder They Wrote: US Plots to Assassinate Pakistani Ambassador," Axis of Logic (August 11, 2004). See also: Jurist (August 16, 2004); Daily Star (online edition) (August 16, 2004); Statesman (online edition) (August 22, 2004).

"US Veto Over the Wall Threatens the Rule of Law," Palestine Chronicle Weekly Journal (July 25, 2004). See also: Daily Star (online edition) (July 25, 2004); Baltimore Chronicle & Sentinel (online edition) (July 26, 2004); Taipei Times (online edition) (July 28, 2004); Gulf Daily News (online edition) (July 27, 2004); Axis of Logic (August 3, 2004).

"Alif for Allah, Baa for Bush," Baltimore Chronicle & Sentinel (online edition) (January 25, 2005). See also: Bitácora Internacional (April 14, 2005).

"Who is feeding the Bin Laden legend?," Statesman (online edition) (December 27, 2004). See also: Daily Star (December 28, 2004); Counterpunch (December 29, 2004); Taipei Times (January 2, 2005); The Hindu (online edition) (January 4, 2005); Bangladesh Observer (scroll down the page) (online edition) (January 19, 2005).

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"From William Franklin to Omar Hazim: An Islamic American Story," Daily Star (online edition) (September 5, 2004). See also: Statesman (online edition) (September 30, 2004).

## Presentations

Panel participant-Science & Creation : Views from the People of Fate, Kansas State University for the Understanding of Origins, April 4, 2005



**Professor Nancy G. Maxwell** was the Program Director of the Washburn University-Utrecht University Summer Law Program in Utrecht, the Netherlands, July 2-August 13, 2004, co-teaching Special Issues in Comparative U.S.-European Family Law with Ian Sumner of the Molengraaff Institute for Private Law,

University of Utrecht, the Netherlands. In addition, she has been the Program Administrator for the 2004-05 academic year. She is a member of the Family Law Advisory Committee of the Kansas Judicial Council, which studies and drafts family law legislation that is proposed to the Kansas Legislature.

## Publications:

"The Inadequacies in U.S. and Dutch Adoption Law to Establish Same-Sex Couples as Legal Parents: A Call for Recognizing Intentional Parenthood," 38 *Family Law Quarterly* 623 (2004) (Symposium on International Law Issue) with Caroline J. Forder, Professor of European Family Law, University of Masstricht, the Netherlands.



**Professor Aliza Organick**

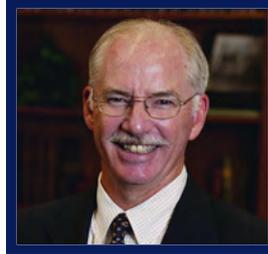
## Presentations:

Co-Presenter, *Taking Voting Rights Seriously: Is Race Undermining our Commitment to Democracy?*, Midwest People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Notre Dame Law School, April 7-10, 2005, South Bend, IN

Presenter, Practical & Ethical Considerations in Representing the Incapacitated Client-*Representing Juvenile Offenders & Children*, Children and Family Law Center CLE, April 1, 2005, Topeka, KS

Presenter, Juvenile Law Conference- *Kansas and the Indian Child Welfare Act: Are We Getting it Right?*, Kansas Association of Counsel for Children CLE, March 4, 2005, Topeka, KS

Presenter, New Clinicians Workshop- *Now that I've Gotten the Job, What Do I Do With It, and How Can I Be Certain I'm Getting Better at It?*, Rocky Mountain Regional Clinic Conference, 100 Years of Legal Education, October 22-24, 2004, Denver, CO



**Professor David Pierce** is Secretary, Executive Committee, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, Denver, CO and Counsel, CASA of the 31<sup>st</sup> Judicial District, Iola, KS.

## Publications

Hemingway Oil and Gas Law and Taxation (West 4<sup>th</sup> ed. 2004) (co-author with Professors Owen L. Anderson, John S. Dzienkowski, John S. Lowe, Robert J. Peroni, and Ernest E. Smith).

"Effective Top Leasing and Mysteries of the Habendum Clause," 26 Oklahoma Bar Ass'n Min. L. Newsletter 2 (2005).

"The Renaissance of Law in the Law of Oil and Gas: The Contract Dimension," 42 Washburn L. J. 909 (2004).

"Defining the Role of Industry Custom and Usage in Oil & Gas Litigation," 57 SMU Law Rev. 387 (2004).

"Exploring the Origins of Royalty Disputes," 23 Petroleum Accounting and Financial Management J. 72 (2004).

"Evaluating the Jurisprudential Bases for Ascertaining or Defining Coalbed Methane Ownership," 4 Wyoming L. Rev. 607 (2004).

"Solving the Mineral Conundrum," 24 J. of Land, Resources & Environmental Law 301 (2004).

## Presentations

"Common Contractual, Property, and Security Issues Associated with Production and Marketing Agreements," Oil and Gas Agreements: The Production & Marketing Phase, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, One-hour presentation. Santa Fe, NM, May 19, 2005

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"Effective Top Leasing and Mysteries of the Habendum Clause," The Eugene Kuntz Conference of Natural Resources Law & Policy, One-hour presentation. Oklahoma City, OK, November 12, 2004

"The Prudent Operator and the Oklahoma 'Marketable Product' Rule," Oklahoma Bar Association Annual Meeting, Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law Section, One-hour presentation. Oklahoma City, OK, November 11, 2004

"Basic Contract Principles Impacting Exploration Projects," Special Institute on Oil and Gas Agreements: The Exploration Phase," Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, Fifty-minute presentation. Santa Fe, NM, May 20, 2004

"Technical Aspects of Oil & Gas Exploration, Production, and Marketing," "Environmental Regulation of the Oil & Gas Industry," "Common Interests Created in Oil & Gas," "Drafting Oil and Gas Instruments: Conveying Mineral Interests and Assigning Leasehold Interests," Oil & Gas Short Course, Center for American and International Law and the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, Five-hours of presentation. Houston, TX, October 26, 2004

"Representing Farmers in Oil & Gas Transactions," 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Agricultural Law Conference II, Kansas Bar Association, Fifty-minute presentation. Topeka, KS, September 10, 2004

"Recent Developments in Oil & Gas Law," 29<sup>th</sup> Annual KIOGA Oil and Gas Conference, Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association & Kansas Bar Association, Fifty-minute presentation. Wichita, KS, August 6, 2004

"Royalty Calculation Developments," Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA), 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute. Luncheon speaker. Vail, CO, July 23, 2004



**Professor Mary Kreiner Ramirez**

Publications:

Winter/December 2005:  
*The Science-Fiction of Corporate Criminal Liability: Containing the Machine Through the Corporate Death Penalty*

*Author*, Article accepted for publication and to be published in the *Arizona Law Review*, Vol. 47, in Winter/December 2005.

Presentations:

*Recent Reforms Aimed at Achieving Transparency, Improved Ethics and Deterrence in Corporations*. Presenter, Washburn Law School CLE seminar, "Enron Three Years Later: A White Collar Crime Scoreboard." October 21, 2004, Kansas City, MO

*Red Hot Issues in White Collar Crime*. Moderator, Washburn Law School CLE seminar, "Enron Three Years Later: A White Collar Crime Scoreboard." October 22, 2004, Topeka, KS

*The Science-Fiction of Corporate Criminal Liability: Containing the Machine Through the Corporate Death Penalty*. Presenter, Washburn Law School, Faculty Scholarship Seminar. November 12, 2004, Topeka KS

*Recent Developments in Whistle-Blower Protection*. Presenter, Washburn Law School CLE seminar, "Recent Developments in the Law." June 23, 2005, Topeka, KS



**Professor Steve Ramirez** is Director of the Business and Transactional Law Center at Washburn Law.

Publications:

What We Teach  
About When We Teach

About Race: The Problem of Law and Pseudo-Economics, 54 *J. Leg. Edu.* 365 (2004).

Games CEOs Play: Why Diversity Lags in America's Boardrooms and What to do About it, 61 *Wash. & Lee*

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*Brown and the Myth of the Equality/Efficiency Tradeoff: Bearing the Costs of Economic Inequality*, 44 Washburn L. J. 87 (2004).

## Presentations:

Choice of Business Entity and the Perfect Legal Storm, Washburn Business & Transactional Law Center, January 2005

Third Annual Corporate Counsel Institute: Recent Developments in Kansas Financial Regulation, Washburn Business & Transactional Law Center, April 2005

The End of Corporate Governance Law: Optimizing Regulatory Structures for a Race to the Top, Loyola University Scholarship Workshop, October 2004

The Limits of Non-Racial Racial Reform: Lessons From Corporate Diversity, George Washington University, National People of Color Conference, October 2004

Durable Economic Inequality and the Election of 2004: Is Race Central to the Destruction of Middle America?, William Mitchell faculty colloquium and Notre Dame Law School, Spring of 2005

The Modern Corporation and Problems of Governance, Externalization, and Internalization, St. John's University Symposium, March 2005

Taking Voting Rights Seriously: Is Race Undermining our Commitment to Democracy?, Washburn and Notre Dame Law School, Spring 2005



**Professor Sheila Reynolds** serves on the Kansas Judicial Council, Advisory Committee on Forms; KBA Ethics 2000 Task Force and the KBA Ethics Advisory Committee.

## Publications:

Obtaining Valid Waivers of Conflicts of Interest, 74 J. Kan. Bar Asso. (June 2005).

## Presentations

"Preventing Legal Malpractice: How Much Financial Discovery is Enough?" Washburn Law School Family & Children Law Center, Topeka, KS, Oct. 15, 2004

"Recognizing and Dealing with Client Fraud," Wichita Bar Ass'n, Wichita, KS, Nov. 19, 2004

"Five Problems: Representation of Incapacitated Clients," Kansas Legal Services, Topeka, KS, Dec. 15, 2004

"Ethical Considerations in Representing Elderly Clients," Washburn Law School Family & Children Law Center, Topeka, KS, April 1, 2005

"Ethics in Negotiations," Kansas Dept. of Administration, Legal Section, Topeka, KS, April 15, 2005

"Lawyers Faced with Client Fraud: Avoiding Liability," Washburn Law School, Topeka, KS, June 24, 2005

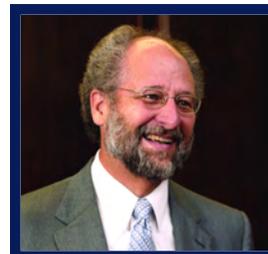


## **Professor Rob Rhee**

### Publications:

Terrorism Risk in a Post-9/11 Economy: The Convergence of Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Action, 37

Arizona State Law Journal 435 (2005)



## **Associate Dean Bill Rich**

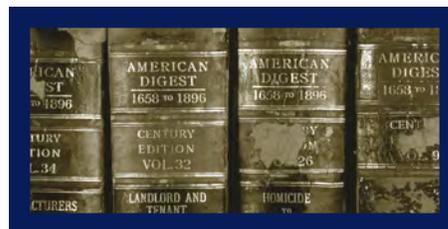
was appointed to Chair the Behavioral Health Subcommittee of the Kansas Criminal Justice RRR Committee which is engaged in a comprehensive review of problems involving mental

illness within the criminal justice system.

### Publications:

Modern Constitutional Law, Volumes 1, 2 and 3, 2004 Supplement.

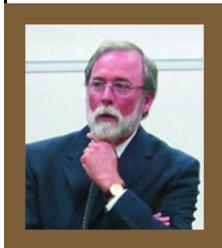
"Betrayal of the Children with Dolls: The Broken Promise of Constitutional Protection for Victims of Race Discrimination," 90 Cornell Law Review 419 (2005).





Tom Trunnell '05, Tad Layton '03, Brette Hakt '05, William Burris '06 and Nicholas Purify '05

## First Advocate in Residence



Sean O'Brien was the first Advocate in Residence at Washburn Law, April 18-22, 2005. O'Brien spoke on the following topics which were open to the public: The Advocate as Storyteller; The Need for Pro Bono Work and Faces of the Death Penalty. He also gave a demonstration on Closing Argument from the

*White Case*. Students were able to work with O'Brien on an upcoming capital case where he will be an expert witness. Students were so enthused that some continued to work with O'Brien even after his time was up at the law school.

O'Brien has been defending people in death penalty trial, appeal and postconviction cases since 1983. He served as the Chief Public Defender in Kansas City, Missouri, from 1985 through 1989. He was appointed Executive Director of the Missouri Capital Punishment Resource Center (now the Public Interest Litigation Clinic) in 1989 and represents clients in capital trial, appeal and postconviction cases.

O'Brien's Supreme Court cases include *Schlup v. Delo*, 115 S. Ct. 861 (1995), which preserves the right of habeas corpus review for innocent prisoners, and *Stewart v. Martinez-Villareal*, 118 S. Ct. 1618 (1998), which preserves Eighth Amendment protection for death row prisoners who become insane while awaiting execution. He was honored as Missouri Lawyers Weekly 2003 Lawyer of the Year for his work in the exoneration of death row inmate Joseph Amrine.

Summer 2005

## Trial Ad Team

The Washburn University School of Law Trial Advocacy Team of William Burris '06, Brette Hart '05, Nicholas Purify '05, and Thomas Trunnell '05 finished as a semi-finalist at the 2005 Association of Trial Lawyers of America National Student Trial Advocacy Finals Competition (ATLA STAC) held in West Palm Beach, Florida, from April 7-10, 2005. In finishing as one of the top four trial advocacy teams in the nation the Washburn Law team received great respect and praise from the tournament coordinators, local attorneys and judges, and other competitors and their coaches.

The ATLA STAC is the premier civil trial competition in the United States. Mock trials began in February in 14 cities where 223 teams from 138 schools faced each other in regional competition. The top team from each region advanced to the finals.

In the three preliminary rounds of trials, Washburn Law defeated Loyola University Chicago School of Law, 2000 National Champion Samford University Cumberland School of Law, and the University of Buffalo Law School, and emerged with Baylor Law School and the University of North Carolina School of Law as the only undefeated teams. Washburn faced Cumberland again in the quarter-finals, sweeping them 3-0 and advanced to the semi-finals as the number one seed (Baylor was seeded number two, Barry University School of Law number three, and St. Johns University School of Law number four). The Washburn Law team was defeated in the semi-final round by just one ballot (2 points out of 90) by St. Johns. Baylor defeated St. Johns to win the 2005 National Finals Competition.

Washburn's national finals team earned the right to compete in Florida only after defeating the other Washburn Law Trial Advocacy Team of John (Todd) Hiatt '05, Christina Waugh '05, Michael Burbach '05, and Brandi Studer '06 in the Denver Regional. These students continued practicing with the winning team and are a major factor in overall success of the Washburn Law program.

The Washburn Law Trial Advocacy teams participate under the direction of Professor Michael Kaye, Director of the Washburn Law Center for Excellence in Advocacy. The teams were coached by Washburn Law graduate Tad Layton '03 and Bill Ossmann '77.



## David Ryan – Topeka Metro Transit

### Foulston Siefkin Lecture

Professor Erwin Chemerinsky, Duke University School of Law, presented the 27th Annual Foulston Siefkin Lecture on Friday, March 4, 2005. Chemerinsky’s lecture “Civil Liberties and the War on Terror” will appear as the lead article in the first issue of volume 45 of the *Washburn Law Journal* in Fall 2005.

Chemerinsky argued in his lecture that the United States’ security policies since 9/11 are impairing constitutional freedoms, but are not making us any safer. He addressed how the Bush administration has used “enemy combatant” status to detain hundreds of suspected terrorists for several years while not charging them with a crime.

Chemerinsky asserted the war on terror has spawned an unprecedented level of secrecy, from the government’s refusal to reveal how many people it has detained, to holding secret criminal trials of suspected terrorists. He criticized the USA PATRIOT Act, which allows federal agents to subpoena personal information, conduct electronic eavesdropping, and issue roving wiretap warrants without probable cause.

In closing, Chemerinsky noted that no freedoms are absolute. If abridging individual freedoms is essential for national security and less-restrictive means are not available, then the government should be free to take appropriate measures to defend the nation. However, Chemerinsky noted that recent security policies are too restrictive and do not make the United States safer.

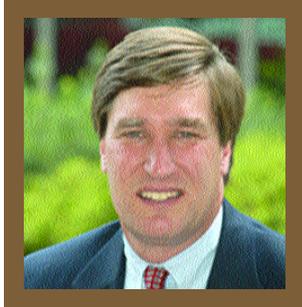
Chemerinsky is the Alston & Bird Professor of Law at Duke University School of Law. He graduated with honors from Northwestern University

Professor David Ryan was honored by Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority by naming its bus facility after him. Professor Ryan is one of the founders of the Transit. The naming was unveiled on February 4, 2005. Ryan was selected in the early ‘70s to study the feasibility of purchasing an existing transit provider. His committee convinced voters to approve a tax base for the public transit system which passed in 1973. Ryan has served as an integral part of the transit authority ever since. He was the first Chairman of the Transit’s Board of Directors and served five years on the board. He then became General Counsel for the Transit, a volunteer position which he held for twenty-six years.

A ceremony was held at the Transit Authority bus facility where current and previous board members along with other high ranking Topeka officials and a federal representative from the Transit Authority shared memories of Ryan and gave him special thanks for his many years of dedication and service.

with a B.S. in 1975, and Harvard Law School with a J.D. in 1978. He was a trial attorney at the United States Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. and an attorney at Dobrovir, Oakes, and Gebhardt, in Washington, D.C. He has taught at DePaul, Duke, Loyola of Los Angeles, and UCLA Law Schools.

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 the *Washburn Law Journal* readership. Articles derived from the Foulston Siefkin Lecture are published in the *Washburn Law Journal*.



## Advocacy Scholar in Residence

Professor Paul J. Zwier II from Emory Law School was the 2005 Washburn Advocacy Scholar in Residence, March 14-18, 2005. Zwier presented a public lecture titled "The Supreme Court's Struggle To Control Civil Juries: The Place of Retribution in Awarding Punitive Damages." Recently in a series of landmark decisions, the U.S. Supreme Court put nationwide limits on jurors who award punitive damages in civil cases. The Court decided that due process requires judges to review and sometimes recalculate the amounts of money awarded by jurors as punitive damages. Departing from 200 years of common law jurisprudence that juries' punitive damage awards should be overturned only if they are "grossly excessive" and unsupported by evidence, the Court now requires full review of these awards, thus often preventing juries in civil cases from meting out financial retribution when they find outrageously wrongful conduct.

Zwier contends the Court's current attitude toward punitive damages severely weakens the underlying purpose of these jury-awarded damages: to punish the wrongdoer. Zwier examined the Supreme Court's recent case law and discussed the important role punitive damages play in expressing community moral sentiment and in curbing the excesses of the markets.

Zwier is one of the nation's most distinguished professors of advocacy and skills training and is Emory Law School's Professor of Law and Director of the Advocacy Skills Program. He earned a bachelor's degree from Calvin College in 1976, a J.D. from Pepperdine University in 1979, and an L.L.M. from Temple University in 1981. He was Professor of Law at The University of Tennessee Law School and named Director of the Center for Advocacy and Dispute Resolution in

1999. Before that, he was at the University of Richmond's T.C. Williams School of Law, where he was a Professor of Law and former Director of the Lawyering Skills Program for eighteen years. Zwier is the Director of Education for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) and has taught in NITA's Harvard Teachers' Training Conference, an institute designed to assist trial advocacy teachers in becoming more accomplished.

### DALLAS



## Alumni Receptions

The Washburn Law School Alumni Association held alumni events recently in Wichita, Hays, Denver, Vail, Kansas City, Dallas and Houston. The event in Wichita was held at the new CityArts building and was a great location and to view local art. In Hays, the law firm of Glassman, Bird, Braun and Schwartz hosted the event at their stunning office, an old church building which they have renovated. The firm consists entirely of Washburn Law alumni. In Denver, alum David Byssee '75 was gracious enough to host a reception at his home. In Vail, a Washburn Law alumni reception was held at the Kansas Bar Association meeting. The Washburn Law alumni luncheon also took place in Vail. For the first time, a family picnic and barbeque was held at the Kansas City Zoo for area alums and their children. Children and parents alike had a great time. For the first time a reception was held in conjunction with the Kansas Women Attorneys Association Annual Meeting in Lindsborg. Over 80 alumnae attended the reception held at Lindsborg's landmark establishment — "Ol Stuga". In Dallas, alumni attended a Frisco RoughRiders baseball game and in Houston, Sue Jean White '80, graciously hosted a reception for alumni in her home.

Washburn Law continues to hold alumni events in Kansas and throughout the U.S. If you are interested in hosting an alumni event or would like us to hold an event in your area, please contact the law school alumni office at 785-670-1011.



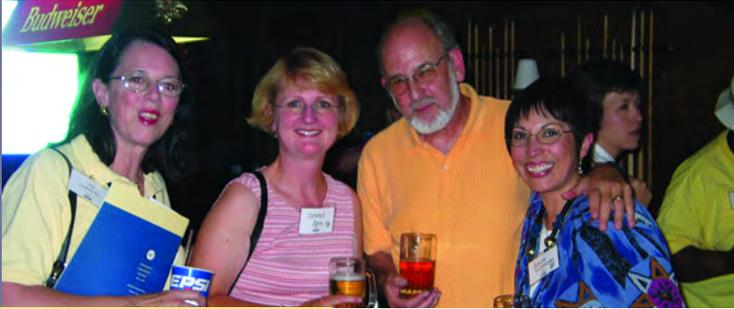
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## Career Services New Name

The Office of Career Services and Continuing Legal Education will now be known as the Professional Development Office. For many years, the office has provided career planning and continuing legal education services to both students and alumni. Those services will still be provided; however, the new name will encompass both functions and promote a more professional image. According to Director of Professional Development, Margann Bennett:

*"This isn't just about having a shorter name. I hope the new name suggests that our office is a place where both students and alumni are welcome to use available resources and services throughout their careers. We are here not only to help students chart a course for their careers, which continue to develop before and after graduation, but also to assist alumni when they make changes in their careers. In addition, I hope the new name will differentiate our goals and services from*

*whatever students may have experienced in undergraduate school. As Judge Bullock emphasizes when he greets incoming first-years, students enter the legal profession the day they start law school. The new name is just a small reminder that they've entered a serious profession."*

Along with the name change the Professional Development Office is planning a new programming series to address issues students will face in their day-to-day professional lives. Included in this series will be seminars discussing diversity, law-firm management, and professional conduct issues. The office is also busy coordinating the Fall On-Campus Interview Program and several student seminars focusing on career planning and options, resumes, interviews and networking.

Two major programs being planned are the Mock Interview Program and the Law School Mentor Program. Both programs rely on support from area alumni and friends of the school and have received very positive reviews from students and volunteers alike.

The Mock Interview Program provides second and third year students the opportunity to practice interviewing and receive feedback to improve their skills. Students are encouraged to prepare for their mock interviews in the same way they would prepare for a real interview by researching the interviewer, preparing questions and updating their resumes. They are also encouraged to dress "business formal" to most simulate an actual interview experience. The program was held September 6-9, 2005.

The Law School Mentor Program is a relatively new program that is run in conjunction with the Washburn Law Alumni Office. The program matches area alumni and friends of the school with first-year students giving the students a connection to the community and a resource for discussing issues related to their career. The program also provides an excellent opportunity for alumni/volunteers to connect with the School of Law and interact with students at a level they prefer. Mentors are assigned a student in August and the program officially kicks-off with a reception in mid-September. If you are interested in being a mentor, contact Professional Development, the law school Alumni Office, or complete the Mentor Registration form found at [www.washburnlaw.edu/career/mentor](http://www.washburnlaw.edu/career/mentor).

If you or your organization would like to partner with the Professional Development Office for any of these programs, please contact Margann Bennett at [margann.bennett@washburn.edu](mailto:margann.bennett@washburn.edu)



## New Board Members

The following alumni were nominated to the Washburn Law School Association Board of Governors. The election results were announced at the annual Kansas Bar Association Meeting during the Washburn Law luncheon. Board members will serve a two-year term which will run from June 2005 to June 2007.



**Mark Beshears** is a 1976 graduate of Washburn Law. He has an LL.M. in taxation from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. During law school he was on the *Washburn Law Journal* editorial staff. He is currently Assistant Vice President of State & Local Tax for Sprint Corporation. He is past president of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry and is a member of its Tax Committee and Board of Directors.



**Richmond M. Enochs** graduated *summa cum laude* in 1963 from Washburn Law and was Notes Editor for the *Washburn Law Journal*. He is a Shareholder and Director of Wallace Saunders Austin Brown Enochs Chartered, in Overland Park, Kansas, and has been with the firm since 1965. He is a member of the Kansas, Missouri and American Bar Associations.



**Terry Mann** graduated *cum laude* from Washburn Law in 1986, where she was Editor-in-Chief of the *Washburn Law Journal*. She is a partner in the Martin, Pringle, Oliver, Wallace & Bauer LLP firm in Wichita, Kansas. She has been with the firm since 1986. She is a member of the Kansas and Wichita Bar Associations and the Wichita Women Attorneys Association. She has been on the Kansas Board of Law Examiners since 1995. Mann recently endowed the Terry J. and Jay M. Mann Endowed Law Fund for the law school.



**Gary McCallister** graduated from Washburn Law in 1975 and was Business Editor of the *Washburn Law Journal*. He served as an Adjunct Professor at Washburn Law. McCallister is a partner at Gary McCallister & Associates in Chicago, Illinois, and is also a partner at Davis, Unrein, McCallister, Biggs & Head LLP in Topeka, Kansas. He is a member of the Chicago and Kansas Bar Associations and the Illinois, Kansas and Colorado Trial Lawyers Associations.



**Carol Duffy McDowell** graduated from Washburn Law in 1975. She is an independent political consultant and professional lobbyist, licensed to practice law in Kansas. She is a former member of the Washburn University Board of Regents and former Executive Director of the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association.

The following alumni were re-elected to serve another two-year term on the Board of Governors, they are: Rita J. Bicknell '95, Pittsburg, KS; The Honorable J. Patrick Brazil '62, Topeka, KS; The Honorable Nancy Landis Caplinger '85, Topeka, KS; Winton M. Hinkle '68, Wichita, KS; Paul Hoferer '75, Forth Worth, TX and The Honorable Gregory L. Waller '72, Wichita, KS.

## Retiring Faculty

### ELLEN BYERS

Professor Byers has left Washburn Law to help take care of her father's family business.

Byers joined the Washburn Law faculty in 1986 as an Assistant Visiting Professor. She taught Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and Legal Analysis, Research and Writing. She received a B.S. from Kansas State University in 1973, a M.F.A. from the University of Iowa in 1976 and a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 1981. Prior to joining Washburn Law Byers was a trial attorney, having practiced in the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., and as Assistant U.S. Attorney in San Antonio, Texas. Her civil litigation solo practice had an emphasis in wrongful death and commercial litigation. Professor Byers is licensed to practice in Kansas, the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Fifth and Eleventh Circuits and the District of Columbia.



### LORETTA MOORE

Professor Moore joined the Washburn Law faculty in 1991 after practicing in St. Louis. She received a B.A. from Park College in 1975 and a J.D. from Washington University School of Law (St. Louis) in 1978. She was a Civil Litigation Associate with Lashley & Baer in St. Louis prior to co-founding her own firm, Vickers, Moore and Wiest. She has served as a Municipal Court Judge in Pinelawn, Missouri. Moore taught Clinical Legal Education, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Mediation, Negotiation and Sports Law.

In 2000 the Kansas Supreme Court appointed her to a three-year term on the Kansas Alternative Dispute Resolution Advisory Council. She is completing her second three-year term on that council.

Professor Moore is licensed to practice in both the state and U.S. District Courts of Missouri and Kansas and is an approved Mediator and Mediation Trainer in Kansas.



### DAVID RYAN

Professor Ryan joined Washburn University School of Law in 1968 teaching Administrative, Antitrust and Constitutional Law. Ryan received a B.A. from Washburn University, in 1964, his J.D. from Washburn University School of Law in 1966 and an LL.M. from George Washington University School of Law in 1968.

In 1981 Ryan was recognized as Distinguished Professor of Law and held this distinction until his recent retirement. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Award in 2004 from the Washburn Law School Association and has served as Grand Marshall for the law school graduation ceremonies since 1971.

Ryan 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*.

Professor Ryan served as General Counsel to the Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority and Chair of the Kansas Criminal Ombudsman Board. His service also includes numerous appointments by the Kansas Supreme Court and more than thirty years with the Kansas Bar Journal Board of Editors.

Professor Ryan and his wife Rita Kay plan to retire to Phoenix, Arizona.



## 1950's

**Donald B. Clark '50**, Wichita, KS, recently closed the Law Office of Donald B. Clark and retired.

**The Hon. Adrian J. Allen '54**, Topeka, KS was recognized by the Kansas Bar Association for practicing law in Kansas for 50 years or more.

**Nicholas W. Klein '55**, Golden, CO, was recognized by the Kansas Bar Association for practicing law in Kansas for 50 years or more.

**Joe W. Peel '55**, Naperville, IL, was recognized by the Kansas Bar Association for practicing law in Kansas for 50 years or more.

**Robert J. Roth '55**, Wichita, KS, was recognized by the Kansas Bar Association for practicing law in Kansas for 50 years or more.

**Floyd D. Sorrick, Jr. '55**, Washington, KS, was recognized by the Kansas Bar Association for practicing law in Kansas for 50 years or more.

**Harold K. Wells '55**, Elmdale, KS, was recognized by the Kansas Bar Association for practicing law in Kansas for 50 years or more.

**Frank C. Norton '56**, Salina, KS, was recognized with a Distinguished Service Award from the Kansas Bar Association.

## 1960's

**Jack S. Ramirez '64**, North Miami Beach, FL, has come out of retirement to work with the Florida-based United Automobile Insurance Group as their President and Chief Operating Officer.

**John C. Tillotson '65**, Leavenworth, KS, was recognized with a Distinguished Service Award from the Kansas Bar Association.

**The Hon. David F. Brewster '68**, Baxter Springs, KS, retired from the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District after serving as district judge since 1982.

**Joel W. Meinecke '69**, Topeka, KS, retired after a thirty-six year career. His accomplishments include being a long-time Shawnee County Assistant District Attorney, a private practice lawyer and the county's first public defender.

## 1970's



**Lynn R. Johnson '70**, Kansas City, MO, was named "Best of the Bar" by the Kansas City Business Journal. Johnson is a partner in the law firm Shamberg, Johnson & Bergman Chtd.

**James N. Reardon '73**, Topeka, KS, was elected to a third year on the Financial Planning Association of Greater Kansas City's board of directors.

**Ronald E. Wurtz '73**, Topeka, KS, was recognized with a Distinguished Service Award from the Kansas Bar Association.

**Henry H. Blase '74**, Wichita, KS, recently closed his law office and retired in May.

**Warren C. Hummer '74**, Grapevine, TX, joined Haynes and Boone LLP, an international corporate law firm, in the Franchise and Distribution Practice Group in the Dallas office.

**James L. Bush '75**, Hiawatha, KS, was recognized with a Distinguished Service Award from the Kansas Bar Association.

**Roger C. Green '75** El Dorado, KS, re-opened his law practice in El Dorado, after spending the last three years in Colorado.

**Curtis A. Frasier '76**, Beloit, KS, was named 2004 Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District VI Volunteer of the Year in January 2005.

**Stanton A. Hazlett '77**, Lawrence, KS, was recognized with a Distinguished Service Award from the Kansas Bar Association.

**C. W. "Bill" Ossmann '77**, Topeka, KS, served on the faculty of the NITA Rocky Mountain Regional Trial Advocacy Program in Louisville, CO.



**Frank J. Ross, Jr. '78**, Kansas City, MO, was named "Best of the Bar" by the Kansas City Business Journal. Ross is chairman of the business law department of the law firm Polsinelli Shalton Welte Suelthaus PC.

**Steven R. Carr '79**, Raleigh, NC, joined the Raleigh office of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough.

# Class Actions

**David H. Moses '79**, Wichita, KS, of Case, Moses, Zimmerman and Wilson P.A. was recognized with an Outstanding Service Award from the Kansas Bar Association.

**Jeffrey W. Schemmel '79**, San Diego, CA, was named Director of Intercollegiate Athletics by San Diego State University.

**Jeffrey F. Whitham '79**, Garden City, KS, CEO of Western State Bank, was named part of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce Leadership Kansas Class 2005.



**Melinda S. Whitman '83**, Shawnee, KS, left her private practice to become a Trustee with the Johnson County District Court.

## 1980's

**Frederick J. Greenbaum '80**, Prairie Village, KS, was named "Best of the Bar" by the Kansas City Business Journal. Greenbaum is President of the law firm McAnany, Van Cleave & Phillips PA.

**Henry R. Cox '81**, Shawnee, KS, was named "Best of the Bar" by the Kansas City Business Journal. Cox is a senior attorney with Anderson Law Group.

**Jerome A. Gorman '81**, Kansas City, KS, was sworn in as the Wyandotte County District Attorney to replace Nick Tomasic.

**Kevin E. Regan '81**, Kansas City, MO, was named to the 2005-06 edition of The Best Lawyers in America and also named "Best of the Bar" by the Kansas City Business Journal. Regan is a Partner in The Regan Law Firm LLC.

**Timothy M. Aylward '82**, Kansas City, MO, was named "Best of the Bar" by the Kansas City Business Journal. Aylward is a partner with the law firm Horn, Aylward & Bandy LLC.

**Brian T. Meyers '82**, Kansas City, MO, was named "Best of the Bar" by the Kansas City Business Journal. He is in solo practice.

**Guy R. Steier '82**, Concordia, KS, was appointed as Magistrate Judge for the District Court of Cloud County, KS.

**Melinda Bozarth '83**, Austin, TX, has been named the agency's General Counsel by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

**Clarence D. Holeman '83**, Wichita, KS, was recently named Riley County Counselor.



**Byron M. Cerrillo '84**, Olathe, KS, served on the faculty of the NITA Rocky Mountain Regional Trial Advocacy Program in Louisville, CO.

**Richard C. Evans '84**, Frisco, CO, was named Division President of Stewart Title of Colorado.

**Laura L. Ice '84**, Wichita, KS, was elected President-Elect of the Wichita Bar Association.



**The Hon. Daniel W. Vokins '84**, Olathe, KS, was recently appointed as a Johnson County Magistrate Judge.

**Stephen P. Schuster '85**, Kansas City, MO, was named "Best of the Bar" by the Kansas City Business Journal. Schuster is a managing member of the law firm Constangy Brooks & Smith LLC.

**The Hon. Evelyn Wilson '85**, Topeka, KS, has been chosen to replace Shawnee County District Judge James M. Macnish, who retired after almost twenty-seven years on the bench.

**Kimberly S. New '88**, Elizabethton, TN, has been appointed as Corporate Integrity Services Officer of Life Care Centers of America.

**Charles R. Shirley '89**, Missouri City, TX, was named Executive Vice President, Corporate Secretary and Director of the New Morning Corporation.

## 1990's

**Nina M. Miley '90**, White City, KS, has become the owner of the old Jenkins Building, renovating it and turning it into a law office.

**The Hon. Christine H. Hutson '91**, Lebanon, MO, was appointed Associate Circuit Judge for Laclede County.

**Jeffrey A. Moots '91**, Saipan, was recently appointed as the Chief of the Criminal Division for the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Attorney General's Office.

**Karen T. Poulton, Ph.D. '91**, Evansville, IN, joined the law firm of Bamberger, Foreman, Oswald and Hahn LLP.

**Jeanette C. Stauffer '91**, Eudora, KS, was named Coordinator for Victims' Rights in Attorney General Phill Kline's office.

**Danielle D. Dempsey-Swopes '92**, Topeka, KS, was named part of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce Leadership Kansas Class of 2005. She is the Executive Director of Kansas African American Affairs Commission.

**Les J. Pico '92**, Paola, KS, was hired by the Minnesota Vikings as their Director of Player Development/Legal.

**Katherine L. Kirk '93**, Lawrence, KS, received the Outstanding Service Award from the Kansas Bar Association.



**Kyle J. Steadman '95**, Topeka, KS, has joined Foulston Siefkin, LLP in their Topeka office, as a special counsel and a governmental affairs consultant to the Public Policy Law and Government Relations Practice Group.

**William R Mott '95**, Wellington, KS, was named Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's office in Wichita, prosecuting federal drug crimes.

**Scott C. Palecki '96**, Wichita, KS, was named Partner at Foulston Siefkin in their Wichita office.

**Joseph S. Passanise '97**, Springfield, MO, was elected President of the Missouri Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (MACDL) at their



annual meeting. Passanise is a junior partner with Dee Wampler.

**Philip L. Weiser '97**, Wichita, KS joined the Crowley County Attorney's Office as a new deputy.



**Patricia A. Blankenship '98**, Wichita KS, has become a Partner with Foulston Siefkin LLP.

**Todd D. Powell '98**, Hays, KS, was named part of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce Leadership Kansas Class 2005. Powell is Executive Assistant to the President of Fort Hays State University.

**Jason L. Reed '98**, Salina, KS, became a Shareholder of Norton, Wasserman, Jones & Kelly.

**Jennifer N. Eshbaugh '99**, Overland Park, KS, joined North Dallas Bank's Trust & Financial Services Division as Vice President and Trust Officer.

**Lawrence E. Nordling '99**, Salina, KS, became a Shareholder of Norton, Wasserman, Jones & Kelly.

**Alexander J. Solorio '99**, Fairway, KS, opened Garcia Solorio LLP with his partner, Theodoro Garcia Jr.

## 2000's



**Thomas E. Beall '00**, Topeka, KS, joined the law firm of Wright, Henson, Clark, Hutton, Murdock & Gragson LLP.

**Jarrod W. Blecha '01**, Sheppard AFB, TX, was selected as a Medical Law Consultant assigned to Wilford Hall, Lackland AFB, San Antonio, TX.

**Marsha D. Jackson '01**, Battlefield, MO, opened Marsha D. Jackson L.L.C. in Springfield, handling personal injury law, family law and misdemeanor criminal law.

**Nathan D. Leadstrom '01**, Topeka, KS, became a Partner in the law offices of Goodell, Stratton, Edmonds & Palmer LLP.

**Timothy P. McConville '01**, Topeka, KS, joined Goodell, Stratton, Edmonds & Palmer LLP as an Associate Attorney.

**Robert C. Casad, Jr. '02**, Ann Arbor, MI, joined Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith P.C. as Of Counsel.

**Jason R. Coody '02**, Topeka, KS, was hired as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Topeka office prosecuting federal crimes involving firearms.

**Stephen L. Martino '02**, Topeka, KS, has been nominated by Gov. Kathleen Sebelius to serve as Executive Director of the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission.

**Augustin G. Simmons '02**, Fort Myers, FL, joined Thompson & Schreiber P.A. family lawyers.

**Robert L. Choromanski '03**, Lenexa, KS, has joined the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services in Leavenworth, KS as a child support enforcement attorney.

**Richard S. Schoenfeld '03**, St. Mary's KS, has joined Newbery, Ungerer & Hickert LLP in Topeka.

**Scott E. Taddiken '03**, Rossville, KS, has joined Newbery, Ungerer & Hickert LLP. Taddiken has a certificate in tax law and is an adjunct professor at the Washburn School of Business.

**Steven J. Crossland '04**, Leawood, KS, is the new Court Administrator for the 1st Judicial District, Kansas.

**Teresa L. Rhodd '04**, Circleville, KS, has joined Goodell, Stratton, Edmonds & Palmer LLP as an Associate.

**Edward D. Bunn '05**, El Paso, TX, has returned to El Paso to work as an attorney.

**Bradley Lane Hemsley '05**, Topeka, KS, joined the law firm of Frieden, Haynes & Forbes as an Associate.

**Randy J. Obert '05**, Topeka, KS, was hired by Preferred Physicians Medical as a Claims Attorney.

## What About You?

Please write and tell us about your career accomplishments and personal milestones. Send your news and a photo to:

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Alumni Office - The Washburn Lawyer  
1700 SW College Ave, Topeka, KS 66621  
or email [alumni@washburnlaw.edu](mailto:alumni@washburnlaw.edu)

## Do you know anyone in these two categories?

If so, please send us some information!

**1.** Have you or other Washburn Law Alumni served in the Iraq War? If so, please let us know. Tell us in what capacity you served, for how long and any other pertinent information you would like to share. We would like to recognize those individuals who have served our country.

**2.** Do you know any renowned Washburn Law trial attorneys? If so, send us information on them, where they practice and information on significant/newsworthy trials they have had.

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# Alumni Reception in Vail



L to R: Peggy Martin, Bud Cowan '74, Prof. Linda Elrod '72 and Jeff DeGraffenreid '92



# LAW SCHOOL EVENTS

## October 2005

- Oct 7-8** – Midwest Clinical Conference  
Capital Plaza Hotel and Washburn Law  
Topeka, KS
- Oct. 14** – Alumni Fellow Luncheon – 11:30 a.m.  
Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center  
Topeka, KS
- Oct. 22** – Board of Governors Meeting – 9 a.m.  
Fairmont Hotel  
Kansas City, MO
- Oct. 22** – Dean's Circle Dinner – 6 p.m.  
Fairmont Hotel  
Kansas City, MO
- Oct. 28 & 29** – Washburn Law Reunion Weekend  
Bradbury Thompson & Washburn Law  
Topeka, KS

## November 2005

- Nov. 10-13** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Building the Mitigation Case  
Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center  
Topeka, KS

## December 2005

- Dec. 7** – KC Alumni Reception – 5:30 to 8 p.m.  
Fairmont Hotel – Rooftop Ballroom  
Kansas City, MO

## January 2006

- Jan 28** – WU Basketball Game – Truman State  
1:30 and 3:30 p.m.  
McPherson Booster Room  
Topeka, KS

## February 2006

- Feb. 10** – Professionalism CLE  
Washburn Law  
Topeka, KS



## March 2006

- March 3** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scholarship  
Reception – 7 p.m.  
Washburn Room – Memorial Union  
Topeka, KS
- March 4** – Board of Governors  
Meeting – 9 a.m.  
Washburn University School of Law  
Topeka, KS

## April 2006

- April 8** – Kuether Golf Tournament  
Lake Shawnee Golf Course  
Topeka, KS

## May 2006

- May 6** – Centennial Wrap-Up  
Delano Lewis – Guest Speaker  
Capitol Plaza Hotel  
Topeka, KS
- May 14** – Law School Graduation – 2 p.m.  
Washburn University – Lee Arena  
Topeka, KS



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