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Each semester, Washburn Law is fortunate to have numerous speakers at the law school. Most speak over the lunch hour to groups of students and faculty. Speakers are invited to the law school by various student groups, faculty members and other law school departments. Washburn Law appreciates all speakers who take time out of their busy schedule to provide a variety of expertise and insight in their respective field of practice or business.

The Washburn Business Law Society hosted **Kyle Steadman '95**, Foulston Siefkin, Jan. 25, 2007. Steadman discussed medical malpractice and litigation which included tips such as understanding the case better than your opponent, learning pattern instructions, practicing writing to tell a story, and not being afraid to fail.

The Business Law Society and the Business and Transactional Law Center hosted **Thomas A. Loftus '79**,



senior counsel with Chevron USA, Jan. 26-27, 2007. Loftus discussed "Drafting Principles for the Transactional Lawyer."

As part of the Capital Punishment Seminar taught by Rebecca Woodman '87, **Ray Krone** spoke on the death penalty, Jan. 29, 2007. Krone was sentenced to death and later exonerated. Krone

spent more than a decade in prison, some of it on death row, before DNA testing cleared his name. He is the 100th former death row inmate freed because of innocence since the reinstatement of capital punishment in the United States in 1976. He was the twelfth death row inmate whose innocence has been proven through post conviction DNA testing. Prior to his arrest, Krone had no previous criminal record, had been honorably discharged from the military, and had worked in the postal service for seven years.



The Asian American Law Student Association hosted **Ron Thornburgh**, Kansas Secretary of State, Feb. 1, 2007, who discussed leadership.

The Black Law Student Association and the Professional Development Office hosted **Deryl W. Winn '86**, a shareholder in McAnany, Van Cleave



& Phillips, P.A, and **Joyce McCray Pearson '89**, director of the law library and associate professor of law at the University of Kansas School of Law, Feb. 19, 2007. Their discussion titled "It's My Prerogative," focused on their experiences as minority practitioners in two contexts – large firm practice and a non-traditional legal career.



The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy hosted **Professor David Forte**, Feb. 19, 2007. Forte discussed the Ten Commandments and the Establishment Clause of the United States Constitution.



The Professional Development Office and PAD hosted **Jeff Goodman**, manager of legal recruiting for Spencer Reed Group (an executive search firm) in Overland Park, Kan., Feb. 22, 2007. Goodman discussed what law firms in Kansas City are looking for in new employees, expectations regarding a legal career, the process of applying for and finding legal occupations, and interviewing skills.



The Black Law Student Association hosted **Judge Ernest Johnson**, district court judge, Wyandotte County, Feb. 27, 2007. Johnson's discussion was titled "Sentencing Guidelines, Equal Treatment Under the Law?" He discussed his perspectives and answered

various questions about his experiences as a judge in a predominantly minority county.

The Christian Legal Society hosted **Kathy Ostrowski**, legislative and research director for Kansas for Life, March 7, 2007. Ostrowski discussed current legislation in Kansas affecting life issues regarding human cloning, embryonic stem-cell research, criminal sanctions for the murder of unborn children (not abortion), and end-of-life rights/euthanasia.



The Children and Family Law Center along with the Kansas Association of Counsel for Children, hosted **Prof. David Thronson**, associate professor of law, University of Nevada at Las Vegas, March 15, 2007. Thronson discussed "Immigration and Children: Searching for the Voice of the Child."



The Children and Family Law Center hosted **Gena Hofer**, solo practitioner in adoption law in Leavenworth, Kan., March 27, 2007. Hofer discussed issues in adoption law.



The Jewish Law Society hosted **Rabbi Michael Merdinger**, March 28, 2007. Rabbi Merdinger discussed "Law and Morality." He challenged students to be both stewards of morality and legal advocates, but explained that there is no simple solution to this everyday dilemma. Merdinger has practiced both as a lawyer and a rabbi.





The Business Law Society in conjunction with the Business and Transactional Law Center hosted **Stephen W. Cavanaugh '80**, president and shareholder, Cavanaugh, Smith & Lemon P.A., and **David Cavanaugh**, partner, Cavanaugh & Porter, P.A., April 2, 2007. Cavanaugh discussed "The Initial Client Interview, Selecting and Creating the Proper Business Entity, and Related Tax Considerations."



The Environmental Law Society hosted **Brad Loveless**, Westar Energy, April 2, 2007. Loveless discussed energy law and the environment.



The Center for Excellence in Advocacy hosted **Julie Green**, associate professor of Art, Oregon State University, April 2, 2007. Green is currently completing an essay on the ritual of the final meal for U.S. death row inmates. Her paintings, videos and installations have been included in over 50 group exhibitions. The Center for Excellence in Advocacy co-sponsored Green's exhibit at the Mulvane Art Museum on campus.



The International Law Society hosted **Dr. Bob Beatty**, April 4, 2007. Beatty discussed the international law tribunal that recently tried the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia.

The Federalist Society hosted **Chief Judge Danelle Reece Tacha**, Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, April 4, 2007. Tacha discussed her recent area of research: the differences in male and female judges'

jurisprudence. She also discussed how she became a judge and the confirmation process, as well as what she looks for in a law clerk.

The Intellectual Property Society hosted **Ken Kula '94**, of counsel at Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP, Kansas City, and adjunct professor at Washburn Law, April 5, 2007. Kula discussed his experience in litigation.



The Christian Legal Society hosted **Rep. Lance Kinzer**, partner in the Olathe law firm, Schlagel, Damore, Gordon & Kinzer, LLC, Olathe, Kan., April 5, 2007. Kinzer discussed the role of the christian attorney in Kansas politics.



The J. Reuben Clark Law Society hosted **Jill Marchant**, Applebee's associate general counsel, April 13, 2007. Marchant discussed her experience as in-house counsel for a large corporation.



The Children and Family Law Center hosted **Art Thompson**, dispute resolution coordinator with the Kansas Office of Judicial Administration; **Bill Ebert**, solo practitioner and Washburn Law adjunct; and **Sherri Keller**, court services officer, April 16, 2007. They discussed mediation and case management.

The Sports and Entertainment Law Society hosted **Michael Glazier**, a former NCAA staff member, April 17, 2007. Glazier discussed how he created a special niche in sports law by representing universities and athletic departments in disputes regarding compliance and various issues.

