



PEOPLE, READING, AND WRITING

Making a Difference

Professor Bradley T. Borden, J.D., LL.M., M.B.A., C.P.A., recognizes the benefit of associating with excellent colleagues, students, and alumni at Washburn University School of Law. We've all heard the adage that the only difference between the person you are now and the person you were a few years ago is the people you have met and the books you have read.

As a passionate scholar, Borden would add to that list the things you have written. With those criteria, Borden acknowledges that he is truly a different person today than he was four years ago when he joined the Washburn Law faculty.

On the heels of two recently published books, *Tax-Free Like-Kind Exchanges* (Civic Research Institute) and *Tax-Free Swaps: Using Section 1031 Like-Kind Exchanges to Preserve Investment Net Worth* (DNA Press), he entered into a contract to write his third book: *Tax, Legal, and Financial Aspects of Real Estate Ventures* (Civic Research Institute). That new endeavor provides him the opportunity to draw upon his background as a tax lawyer as well as his business and accounting education.

Professor Borden has also developed a reputation as a partnership tax theorist with recent articles placed in journals such as *Georgia Law Review*, *Florida Law Review*, *University of Kansas Law Review*, and *Seton Hall*

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Law Review. He also continues to produce a steady stream of articles for national tax journals such as *Tax Notes* and *Tax Management Real Estate Journal*.

His expertise has not gone unrecognized by the bar. He was recently appointed to chair the Sales, Exchanges, and Basis Committee of the American Bar Association Section of Taxation. This two-year commitment requires him to plan substantive committee meetings three times a year, thereby putting him in contact with many of the eminent professionals in the national tax bar.

The competitiveness and demands of the legal profession are no secret. Often those who enjoy any degree of success in the profession can attribute that to good mentors. "That has been the case for me," Borden recognizes. "I have been fortunate as a student, practicing lawyer, and professor to learn from wonderful mentors. I probably fall far short of living up to all that can be expected of me after all that I have received from great mentors.

"As my formal Washburn mentor, Professor Ali Khan is an inspiration. After 25 years in the legal academy, a very

after discussing a legal issue with **Joline Wang, '07**, one day during her second year of law school, I recall thinking to myself, 'because of her work ethic, she is getting full value from her education.'" Wang has since gone on to complete an LL.M. in taxation at NYU and will be one of a select few, if not the first, Washburn Law alumni to clerk for a U.S. Tax Court judge.

"**Tim Hurley, '08**, and **Sara Landes, '07**, also come to mind," he continues. "As students, they demonstrated intellectual curiosity as evidenced by their desire to explore novel tax issues and publish their ideas in national tax journals. It has been a pleasure to witness such efforts and to see numerous other students work and bear fruits with their efforts."

Borden recognizes the significant role of our distinguished alumni. Over the past four years, he has seen many students graduate and fill the ranks of lawyers in Kansas and throughout the country. "Our alumni, young and old, infuse me with energy," Borden observes. "A simple 15 minutes on the telephone with the likes of **Jonathan Martin, '99**, **Scott MacBeth, '92**, **Kevin Chambers, '06**, **Steve Martino, '02**, **Kris Amos, '06**, or

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distinguished publication record, and having established himself as one of the world's top Islamic law scholars, Khan retains the intellectual curiosity and excitement of a first-year law professor. Despite his interest in learning and writing about new things, Professor Khan is a paragon of industry and consistency.

"I also hope to develop the passion for my work that Professor Michael Kaye has. He is indeed the advocate for advocacy. His infectious enthusiasm manifests itself in the work he does directing the advocacy center at the law school.

"I marvel at our students' work ethic," Borden expresses. "Several former students who have joined the ranks of our alumni are models I try to emulate. For example,

Gregg Goodwin, '98, brings a tremendous amount of energy into my day.

"Spending time with **Jason Stone, '00**, at an ABA Tax Section meeting motivates me to adapt as needed to help meet the demands of an ever-changing profession. These, and many unnamed graduates of Washburn Law, are examples of lawyers who make a difference both locally and nationally. They do important things in all facets of the law, and their friendship is a treasure."

It seems to be evident that some of the work ethic, excitement, intellectual curiosity, enthusiasm, and energy of those whom Professor Borden associates with at Washburn Law have rubbed off on him. People, reading, and writing—they all make a difference.