

# ALUMNI NEWS & Events

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### *U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces October 21, 2008*

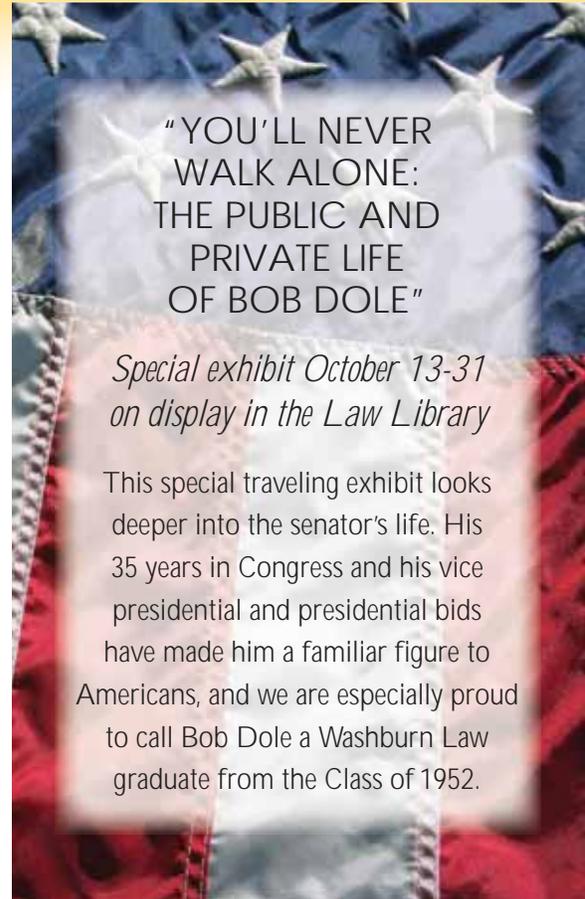
Washburn Law and the Center for Law and Government will host the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces on October 21, 2008. The Court will be on campus as part of its project outreach to hear arguments in case of *United States v. Edward S. Macomber*, a general courts martial conviction involving the receipt and possession of child pornography. The issue on appeal is whether the military judge erred in denying the Appellant's motion to suppress because the military magistrate had no probable cause to issue the search. The hearing will be held in the Robinson Courtroom, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Counsel for each side will be allowed 20 minutes to present oral argument.

### *Wanted: Lawyers to Volunteer as Judges November 8-9, 2008*

Washburn University School of Law and the Center for Excellence in Advocacy will host the Regional Competition for the American Bar Association Law Student Division's Negotiation Competition on November 8 and 9, 2008. Teams from Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Kansas will be on campus for the competition, which will focus on "Elder Law."

The Negotiation Competition provides a means for law students to practice and improve their negotiating skills. The competition simulates legal negotiations in which law students, acting as lawyers, negotiate a series of legal problems.

"This past year, we hosted a regional competition for Moot Court, and the year before we hosted the regional competition for the ABA Client Counseling Competition," said Mary Ramirez, associate professor of law.



### *Special exhibit October 13-31 on display in the Law Library*

This special traveling exhibit looks deeper into the senator's life. His 35 years in Congress and his vice presidential and presidential bids have made him a familiar figure to Americans, and we are especially proud to call Bob Dole a Washburn Law graduate from the Class of 1952.

"During both events, our success was due in large part to the volunteer efforts of local attorneys and alumni who agreed to act as judges." Alumni who would like to volunteer as judges should contact Ramirez at [www.washburnlaw.edu/centers/advocacy/negotiation/](http://www.washburnlaw.edu/centers/advocacy/negotiation/), [mary.ramirez@washburn.edu](mailto:mary.ramirez@washburn.edu), or (785) 670-1631.

## **3rd Annual Washburn Law Alumni Association Golf Tournament**

Friday, October 10, 2008  
Falcon Lakes Golf Course, Basehor, Kan.

9:30 am: Ethics CLE presented by Stan Hazlett

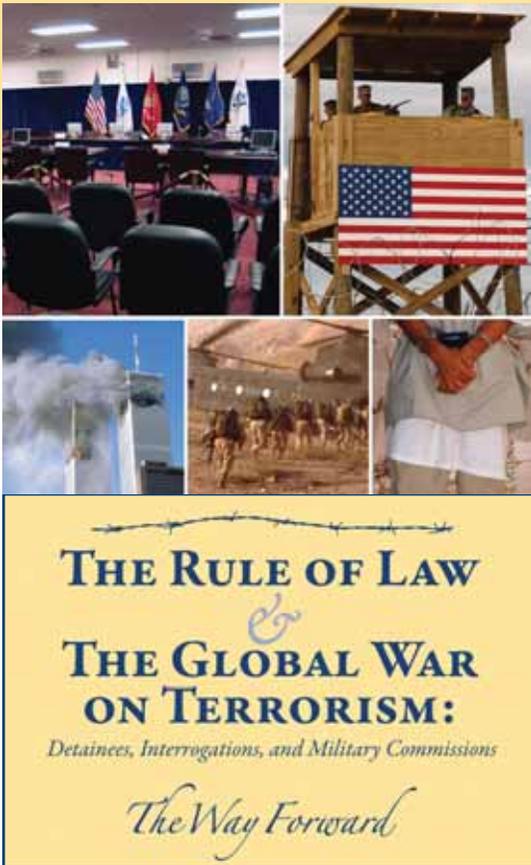
1:00 pm: Shotgun start - Four-person scramble  
\$100 per person includes:

green fees, cart, prizes, lunch, and 2 hour Ethics CLE  
- OR - \$50 for lunch and CLE only

*Register online at:*

[www.washburnlaw.edu/alumni/events/golf/](http://www.washburnlaw.edu/alumni/events/golf/)  
or contact the School of Law Alumni Office  
at (785) 670-1011 or [pat.dodds@washburn.edu](mailto:pat.dodds@washburn.edu)





*November 13-14, 2008*

*Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center, Washburn University*

The United States Constitution was founded on the Rule of Law. The Global War on Terrorism has tested the limits of our constitutional values and has posed unprecedented challenges for the U.S. legal system. Throughout these difficult times, the federal courts have been instrumental in upholding the Rule of Law.

The Rule of Law and the Global War on Terrorism Symposium will examine legal implications of governmental actions taken in response to the attacks of September 11, 2001. Our speakers and participants will reevaluate and reassess these complex issues to explore possible ways forward as our nation prepares for a new administration.

This symposium will feature numerous distinguished international experts, including The Honorable Alberto Mora, Ambassador Pierre-Richard Prosper, Pulitzer Prize winning author Charlie Savage, and many others.

Visit [www.washburnlaw.edu/ruleoflaw/](http://www.washburnlaw.edu/ruleoflaw/) for a schedule and a list of confirmed speakers. The symposium is hosted by the Center for Law and Government and the *Washburn Law Journal*.

## PAST EVENTS

*Humanizing Legal Education Conference/  
Symposium, October 19 - 21, 2007*

This symposium explored the causes of the law student distress problem and ideas for improving students' law school experiences. Leading experts in the field, including Larry Krieger, Barbara Glesner-Fines, Susan Daicoff, Gerry Hess, Bruce Winick, Paula Lustbader, and others, represented 40 law schools throughout the country. They presented their work and ideas in this field, which resulted in a symposium issue published by the *Washburn Law Journal*, available in the online archive at [www.washburnlaw.edu/wlj/](http://www.washburnlaw.edu/wlj/).

*Writing to Win: Plain Language  
Jury Instructions, April 7-8, 2008*

Most jurors have great difficulty understanding and applying the

law to the facts. This symposium brought together judges, scholars, and lawyers who are leading the reform movement to improve jury comprehension by drafting instructions in plain English, tailoring instructions to the unique facts of each case, and providing guidance for the jury in approaching deliberations.

*Transition - Mark Folmsbee*



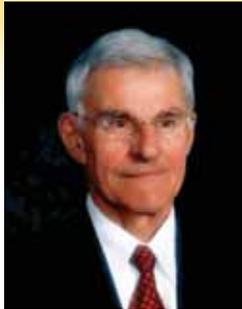
After 18 years of service, Mark Folmsbee, associate dean, computer services, left Washburn Law to pursue opportunities in medicine with the U.S. Army. Folmsbee joined Washburn as associate director of the Law Library in 1990. He later assumed additional duties as associate dean, Computer Services. This July at

the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) annual meeting in Portland, Oregon, he was awarded the Kenneth J. Hirsh Distinguished Service Award by the AALL Computing Services Special Interest Section. Folmsbee spearheaded the development of WashLaw Web, one of the leading legal research portals on the Internet. He built Washburn's reputation as a host for scores of electronic discussion groups and as a partner with professional groups (such as AALL) in assisting them in developing a web presence. He served as a member of the AALL Executive Board from 1997-2000. This summer, Folmsbee began work on a doctor of osteopathic medicine degree at a school in Mesa, Ariz., through a program with the U.S. Army. His principal interests are orthopedic surgery and emergency room medicine.

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## BOARD MEMBERS

The Alumni Association welcomes five new members to the Board of Governors leadership. These alumni were announced at the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Luncheon on June 21, 2008, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka.

Re-elected to the Board of Governors were **Dana Brewer, '76**, Concordia, Kan.; **Philip C. Pennington, '84**, Weatherby Lake, Mo.; **Shoko Kato Sevart, '73**, Wichita, Kan.; **James Slattery, '75**, Topeka; **Steven J. Torline, '97**, Kansas City, Kan.; and **M. Kathryn Webb, '83**, Wichita, Kan.

In addition, five new board members were elected:

**John R. Dietrick, ba '74**, and **jd '84**, Topeka, is the chief executive officer-general counsel and principal of Monarch Management Corporation, a Topeka-based insurance agency specializing in marketing student insurance products nationwide. Dietrick received a Master's of Public Administration degree from the University of Kansas. Dietrick is a member of the American, Kansas, Topeka, and Louisiana Bar Associations. He is a member of the

Dean's Circle and has endowed the John R. and Kristina D. Dietrick Law Scholarship.

**Frank C. Norton, '56**, Salina, Kan., graduated *cum laude* from the school of law at Washburn. Norton was the founding partner of Norton, Wasserman, Jones and Kelly. He previously served as president of the Saline-Ottawa County Bar Association, the Kansas Bar Foundation Board of Trustees, and as the organization's president. Norton has received the Robert K. Weary Award, which recognizes lawyers or law firms for their exemplary service and commitment to the goals of the Kansas Bar Foundation. Three years ago he received the Kansas Bar Association Professionalism Award. He is a member of the Dean's Circle.

**Cailin M. Ringelman, '02**, Southlake, Texas, is with Craddock, Davis, and Krause, LLP in Dallas. Her practice focuses on civil and commercial litigation with an emphasis on transportation litigation. Ringelman was previously with the Topeka firm of Woner, Glenn, Reeder, Girard, and Riordan, PA. She graduated from law school *cum laude* and was a supplemental instructor for civil procedure, a business administration tutor, and an articles

editor for the *Washburn Law Journal*. Her undergraduate degree in biology is from Marquette University.

**Keith L. Roberts, '80**, Woodridge, Va., has been the court executive, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces since June 2007. He is a native of Syracuse, Kan., and received his undergraduate degree *cum laude*. During his Air Force career he served in various assignments, including a tour as a circuit trial judge, and one as an appellate judge on the Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals. After retiring from the Air Force in 2002, Keith worked as deputy general counsel, White House Office of Administration, where he was instrumental in providing internships for Washburn Law students.

**Angel R. Zimmerman, '06**, Topeka, is managing attorney for Valentine and Zimmerman, P.A. Her bachelor of science degree in public administration is from Emporia State University. Zimmerman is the inaugural president for the Kansas Bar Association Law Practice Management (LPM) section. She has presented on collection law and LPM issues both statewide and nationally. She is a member of the American, Kansas, and Topeka bar associations. She also belongs to numerous



Bruce Carolan



Jalen Lowry, '87



Carolyn Barnes



Marsha Boswell

women attorney associations and the Sam A. Crow – Inns of Court. She is a member of the Dean's Circle and has endowed the Angel and Larry Zimmerman Law Practice Management Travel Fund.

The Alumni Association extends its appreciation to the departing board members for their service. The following alumni have completed their terms on the Alumni Association Board of Governors. They are **William D. Bunten, '56**; **David A. Fenley, '79**; **Carol G. Green, '81**; and **Ward E. Loyd, '68**.

After longtime service to the Board, two faculty members are also departing. They are **David E. Pierce, '77**, secretary treasurer, and **Linda D. Henry Elrod, ba '69**, and **jd '72**, executive secretary.

## NEW FACULTY

*Visiting Professor Bruce Carolan*  
Professor Carolan is on leave from his position as head of the Department of Law at the Dublin Institute of Technology in Ireland. He holds law degrees from the United States (J.D., Miami, '81) and Ireland (LL.M., University College, Dublin, '94). He has been a visiting professor at Stetson University

School of Law and the University of Florida, Warrington College of Business. Following law school, Professor Carolan clerked for U.S. District Court Judge Frederick B. Lacey, and practiced law in the United States before emigrating to Ireland in 1992.

His primary teaching and research interests include business law and international trade, particularly the Law of the European Union. At Washburn, he will be teaching Business Organizations, International Business Transactions, Antitrust Law, and European Union Law and Policy. He is a member of the California Bar.

*Visiting Professor Jalen Lowry*  
Professor **Jalen O'Neil Lowry, '87**, returns to Washburn Law from private practice in estate law. She previously taught at Washburn Law for 12 years, from 1989 to 2001. Her courses included Bioethics, Criminal Law, Civil Procedure, Legal Methods, and Legal Analysis, Research, and Writing.

## NEW STAFF

*Carolyn Barnes*  
*Director of Alumni Services*

Barnes began her position in January 2008 after seven years at the Kansas University Alumni Association as director of the Kansas Honors Program. She is a 1991 graduate from Washburn's MBA program and a 1980 graduate of the University of Kansas, majoring in art history and U.S. history.

*Marsha Boswell*  
*Director of Marketing Communications*  
Prior to joining Washburn University School of Law in April 2008, Boswell worked for nine years as the public relations specialist for the Kansas Wheat Commission and the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers. She is a 2008 graduate of Kansas State University's Master of Agribusiness program and graduated *magna cum laude* from Fort Hays State University in business communications in 1998.