

# Washburn Law Faculty

## NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

### EMILY GRANT

*Visiting Associate Professor*

Emily Grant began teaching legal writing courses at her alma mater, the University of Illinois College of Law, where as a student she served as articles editor for the *Illinois Law Review*. She joined the University of Kansas School of Law faculty as a part-time lecturer in the Lawyering Program. Later Grant was named as a full-time lawyering professor while also working with students as part of the Academic Resources Program. Before transitioning to a teaching career, Professor Grant was senior court counsel for the Palau Supreme Court, which serves the small island nation located in the Pacific Ocean. She also clerked at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and for the U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois.

### WILL FOSTER

*Associate Professor*

Will Foster has been hired as an associate professor. He came to Washburn as a visiting professor in 2010 from private practice with Friday, Eldredge & Clark, LLP, in Fayetteville, Ark., where he focused on tax and corporate matters. His practice extended to private equity and financing matters for a variety of companies, as well as corporate acquisitions and reorganizations. Professor Foster received his juris doctor, *summa cum laude* and first in his class, from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, and his master of laws in taxation from New York University School of Law. He has been an adjunct instructor at the University of Arkansas School of Law, where he taught Nonprofit Organizations, and

Mergers & Acquisitions. Professor Foster is a member of the Bar of the State of Arkansas and the Federal District Courts for the Western and Eastern Districts of Arkansas.

### PATRICIA JUDD

*Associate Professor*

Patricia Judd joins Washburn Law after a two-year term as a visiting assistant professor at Brooklyn Law School, New York. She is an experienced international trade attorney with a master of laws in intellectual property law from The George Washington University Law School. She has advised U.S. and foreign governments regarding intellectual property protection and international trade policy, and has directed copyright enforcement initiatives worldwide. Professor Judd previously served as executive director of international copyright enforcement and trade policy for the Association of American Publishers in Washington, D.C. She also was a trademark attorney with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and an international consultant to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission in Sydney, Australia. She earned her bachelor's degree from Duke University and her law degree from Vanderbilt University School of Law.

### CRAIG MARTIN

*Associate Professor*

Professor Martin brings to Washburn Law expertise in international law, particularly the law of war. He has studied law in Canada, Japan, and the United States, and his comparative work is on Japanese and

Anglo-American law. Most recently, he was visiting assistant professor at the University of Baltimore School of Law. For several years he taught intensive courses on comparative constitutional law as a visiting lecturer at Osaka University, Graduate School of Law and Politics, Japan, and taught comparative law as an adjunct professor at Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto. Professor Martin graduated from the Royal Military College of Canada and served four years as a naval officer in the Canadian Armed Forces, during which time he was naval attaché in the Canadian Mission to the United Nations. He obtained a master of laws from Osaka University. After earning his juris doctor from the University of Toronto, he practiced civil litigation for several years at Stikeman Elliott LLP and Lenczner Slaght Royce Smith Griffin LLP in Toronto. He left practice in 2006 to pursue his doctor of juridical science at the University of Pennsylvania.



*Aida M. Alaka*



*Betty Fischer*



*Will Foster*



*Patricia Judd*



*Jalen O'Neil Lowry*



*Craig Martin*

**JOE MASTROSIMONE**

*Associate Professor*

Professor Mastrosimone has served as chief legal counsel for the Kansas Human Rights Commission since October 2009. For more than a decade he has dedicated his career to labor and employment law working for government agencies and law firms, including Stinson Morrison Hecker, where as an associate he represented employers before the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, National Labor Relations Board, and state and local fair employment practices commissions. He also served as senior counsel to the five-member National Labor Relations Board with respect to the adjudication of representation cases arising from union organizing campaigns in the Office of Representation Appeals. He previously was an adjunct professor at The George Washington University Law School, his law school alma mater, where he served as notes editor of the *George Washington Law Review* and was a member of Order of the Coif. Professor Mastrosimone has been an adjunct professor since January 2010 at the University of Kansas School of Law teaching lawyering skills to first-year law students.

**NEW ASSIGNMENTS**

**AIDA M. ALAKA**

*Associate Dean for Academic Affairs*

Aida Alaka was promoted to professor of law and named associate dean for academic affairs effective summer 2011. Before joining Washburn Law in 2005, Professor 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 that, she was a partner at the Chicago law firm of Winston & Strawn, focusing on employment law counseling and litigation. Professor Alaka was also a member of the litigation practice group at Holleb & Coff and was seconded to Sears, Roebuck and Company's corporate law department, where she counseled management on employment law issues and managed litigation. Professor Alaka received her law degree from Loyola University Chicago School of Law, where she was editor-in-chief of the *Loyola University Law Journal* and a staff writer for the *Loyola University Consumer Law Reporter*.

**JALEN O'NEIL LOWRY**

*Associate Dean for Student Affairs*

**Jalen O'Neil Lowry, '87**, was hired as associate dean for students affairs. She returned to the law school from her private practice in estate law in 2008. She previously taught at Washburn Law from 1989 to 2001. She earned her bachelor's degree from Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kan. After graduating from law school, she clerked for Justice Harold S. Herd and Chief Justice Robert H. Miller of the Kansas Supreme Court. Professor Lowry is licensed to practice in Kansas state courts, the U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

**MOVING ON**

**J. LYN ENTRIKIN GOERING**

**Professor Lyn Goering, '87**, has accepted a full-time faculty position at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, William H. Bowen School of Law. She joined Washburn Law as a visiting assistant professor in 2003 and became associate professor of law in 2004.

**RONALD C. GRIFFIN**

Professor Ron Griffin has accepted a full-time faculty position at Florida A&M University College of Law, Tallahassee, Fla., beginning fall 2011. He joined Washburn Law in 1978.

**WILLIAM G. MERKEL**

Professor William Merkel has accepted a faculty position at the University of South Carolina School of Law, Columbia, S.C. He joined Washburn Law as an associate professor in fall 2005.

**RETIREMENTS**

**ELIZABETH 'BETTY' FISCHER**

Betty Fischer, director of administration, retired after 24 years of service to the law school.

**CAROL RHODES**

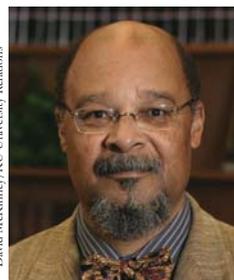
Carol Rhodes, secretary, Washburn Law Clinic, retired after 14 years of service.



J. Lyn Entrikin Goering



Emily Grant



Ronald C. Griffin



Joe Mastrosimone



William G. Merkel



Carol Rhodes