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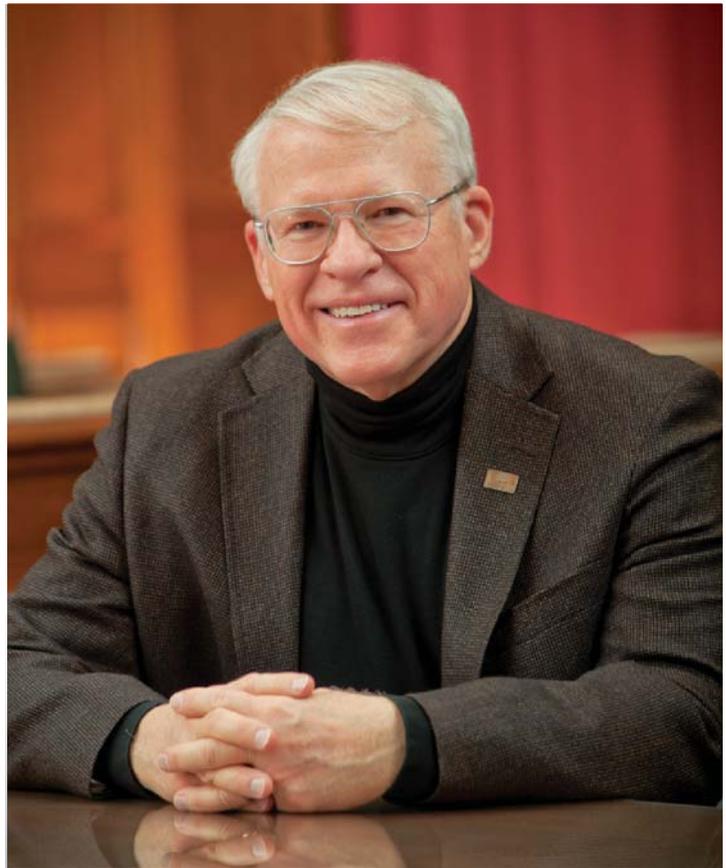
Dear Alumni, Friends, and Colleagues:

Washburn Law continued its pioneering achievements during the fall semester with the notable Breaching Borders Immigration Law Symposium held in October and sponsored by the Center for Law and Government and the *Washburn Law Journal*. The event attracted scholars from across the country, as well as prominent state lawmakers who explored the political and legal controversies converging at the intersection of federal and state immigration law. Please read more about the event beginning on page 30.

Another milestone for Washburn Law is its selection as a participant in the legal education component of the Judicial Independence and Legal Empowerment Project in the Republic of Georgia. The four-year, \$750,000 grant to the law school is part of a \$20 million initiative funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Our faculty will be guiding and mentoring law professors at the Free University of Tbilisi in the creation of a new center for learning in commercial law. Details about the initiative as well as faculty and student involvement are highlighted on pages 12 and 13.

Increasing diversity within the law school is one of our strategic goals and in the past few years faculty, staff, and students have explored new avenues to recruiting and retaining minority students. We are pleased to report that the fall entering class represents one of our most diverse incoming classes with 23 percent being members of a racial or ethnic minority group. The story on page 3 explains this goal further.

The busy fall has transitioned into an equally active winter, with holiday and New Year events competing for our time. In the hustle and bustle of it all, I hope you have a moment to read about the substantial accomplishments of our alumni, faculty, students, and staff and how their hard work and commitment are reaping rewards for current and future generations of Washburn Law students.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas J. Romig". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the start of the name.

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