

Honorary Life Membership

The Honorary Life Membership is awarded annually to a *non-graduate*. The recipient of this honor is someone who has provided an exemplary service to his or her profession, community, and Washburn University School of Law.

Elizabeth A. (Betty) Fischer has served in a variety of capacities since earning a bachelor's degree in psychology from Mount St. Scholastica College (now Benedictine College) in Atchison, Kan. From 1965 to 1967, she was a social worker for Catholic Social Services in Lincoln, Neb. From 1971 to 1974, Fischer served as assistant alumni director at Benedictine College until her family moved to southern Germany where her husband taught English in university preparatory schools. Upon returning to Atchison, she taught English as a Second Language and later was an activities director at a nursing home. She also was the office manager for Legal Services of Northeast Kansas.

Fischer's career at Washburn University School of Law began in 1986 when she became law clinic coordinator. She was appointed assistant to the dean for Dean James Concannon in 1995. In May 2006, the position was updated to director, administrative services. Fischer was responsible for personnel, student accommodations, budget, facilities, and finance for the law school and student organizations. To facilitate student accommodations, she encouraged faculty to adopt a computer software solution for exams that is now being used by most students. She has served on several law school committees, including commencement, strategic planning, and the strategic planning facilities subcommittee. Fischer was a member of several Washburn campus committees and served as the law school representative to staff council. She served on the board of the National Network of Law School Officers from 1999 to 2004 and in various other capacities until 2010. She retired from Washburn Law in June 2010 and subsequently received the "Eminentes Universitatis" designation from Washburn University.

B.A., Mount St. Scholastica College, 1965



Honorary Life Membership recipient Betty Fischer posed with her family for photos. Front row: Monika Fischer, daughter, Betty Fischer and her husband, Gunther. Back row: Anne Gomez, daughter, and her husband, Reuben; Albert Geritz, brother; Anton "Tony" Fischer, son; Dick Leeson, family friend; Susan Lo, daughter-in-law (Tony's wife); Nikolaus Fischer, son, and his wife, Rachel.

Alumni Association Awards



The Washburn University
School of Law
Alumni Association
Board of Governors
selects its annual awards
for presentation at the
Washburn Law
luncheon during the
Kansas Bar Association's
annual meeting.

Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is bestowed on graduates of the School of Law who have particularly distinguished themselves and brought recognition to the school through their service to Washburn University School of Law, the legal profession, their community, or public service.



Carol Gilliam Green shared the day with good friends Pam Alexander, left, and Jerre Powers, right.

Carol Gilliam Green, '81, earned a bachelor's degree in education from Southeast Missouri State University and a master's degree in English from the University of Missouri – Columbia. While in law school, she served as managing editor of the *Washburn Law Journal*, and also garnered faculty awards for outstanding comment and note.

Green began her legal career as a law clerk to Chief Justice Alfred G. Schroeder of the

Kansas Supreme Court and then served as director of the Central Research Staff for the Kansas Court of Appeals. She was named clerk of the Appellate Courts in 1991, the first woman appointed to this position, and serves in an administrative capacity on the Board of Law Examiners, Board of Examiners of Court Reporters, Client Protection Fund Commission, Commission on Judicial Qualifications, and the Supreme Court Nominating Commission.

Green has been active throughout her career in drafting and editing the *KANSAS APPELLATE PRACTICE HANDBOOK* and has served on numerous professional committees. She is currently chair of the Judicial Council Supreme Court Rules Advisory Committee.

Green served on the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Board of Governors from 2002 to 2008. She appears regularly on the Washburn Law campus with the Kansas bar admissions staff to provide orientation for entering students and practical guidance through the bar application process for graduating students.

**B.S. Ed., Southeast Missouri State University
M.A., University of Missouri - Columbia
J.D., Washburn University School of Law, 1981**

Photos from the Alumni Association Awards Luncheon taken by Mark Sbaiken, '81

David E. Pierce, '77, began his legal career as a solo general practitioner in Neodesha, Kan., and served as city attorney for Cherryvale, Kan. Subsequently, he worked in-house for Shell Oil Company in Houston, Texas, and served as of-counsel for the Gable & Gotwals law firm in Tulsa, Okla., and the Shughart Thomson & Kilroy law firm in Kansas City, Mo.

Pierce joined the faculty of Washburn University School of Law in 1989 after two previous stints

as a visiting professor (spring 1981 and from 1986 to 1987). A nationally recognized expert in oil and gas law, Pierce currently teaches Oil and Gas Law, Advanced Oil and Gas Law, Energy Regulation, and Drafting Contracts and Conveyances. He has also taught the core courses in Contracts, Business Associations, and Environmental Law. In 2006, Professor Pierce was named director of the Washburn University School of Law Business and Transactional Law Center, a position he held until fall 2009.

Pierce has taught at the Indiana University School of Law at Indianapolis, the University of Tulsa College of Law, the University of Houston Law Center, and the University of Texas School of Law. In addition, he has served as visiting chair of Natural Resources Law at the University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

A prolific writer, Pierce is the author of a number of books including co-author of *CASES AND MATERIALS ON OIL AND GAS LAW*, which is used as a textbook by law schools across the country.

Pierce was only the third law professor to serve as the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation president in its 54-year history, a position he held from July 2008 to July 2009.

**B.A., Pittsburg State University, 1974
J.D., Washburn University School of Law, 1977
LL.M., University of Utah College of Law, 1982**



David Pierce with his son, Cody, and wife, Martha, at the Alumni Awards Luncheon.

Lifetime Achievement Award



The Honorable
J. Patrick Brazil
B.S., Rockhurst College, 1957
J.D., Washburn University School
of Law, 1962



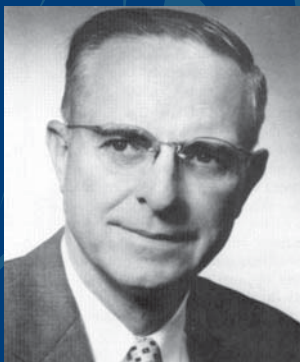
The Honorable
Dale E. Saffels
Born: August 13, 1921 - Topeka
Died: November 14, 2002 - Topeka
B.A., Emporia State Teachers
College, 1947
J.D., Washburn University School
of Law, 1949



The Honorable
Edward R. Sloan
Born: March 12, 1883 -
Seward County, Nebraska
Died: January 29, 1964 - Topeka
LL.B., Washburn University
School of Law, 1906



The Honorable
William A. Smith
Born: December 30, 1888 -
Valley Falls
Died: July 22, 1968 - Topeka
LL.B., Washburn University
School of Law, 1914



The Honorable
H. George Templar
Born: October 18, 1904 -
Arkansas City, Kansas
Died: August 5, 1988 -
Arkansas City, Kansas
LL.B., Washburn University
School of Law, 1927

The Honorable J. Patrick Brazil, 1962, grew up in Chanute, Kan., graduating from high school in 1953. He attended Chanute Junior College before entering Rockhurst College in Kansas City, Mo., where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1957. Upon graduation from Washburn Law in 1962, he practiced law in Pratt until 1968, when he moved to Eureka and entered practice with Carl Chase. He was later joined in practice by his law school classmate, **Ronald Myers, '62**, and they practiced together until his appointment to the district court in 1972. He served as a judge of the 13th Judicial District until 1985, when he was appointed to the Kansas Court of Appeals. He became chief judge of the Court in 1995 and served until his retirement in January 2001. He has since worked as a senior judge for the Kansas appellate courts and has been associated with **Larry Rute, '73**, as a mediator and arbitrator for Associates in Dispute Resolution, LLC.



The Honorable J. Patrick Brazil and his family gathered after the award luncheon. First row: Daughter-in-law Jenny Brazil and husband, Jody; Judge Brazil's wife Char; Judge Brazil; Michelle Brown, daughter, and her husband Jay Brown. Back row: The Honorable Tim Brazil, brother, and his wife, Wendy.

The Honorable Dale E. Saffels, 1949, was appointed judge of the U.S. District Court, District of Kansas, in 1979 and continued to hear cases as a senior judge until his death in November 2002. Speaking at his memorial service, Michael Hegarty, one of his former law clerks and a long-time friend, recalled four of Judge Saffels' finest traits: Christian faith, love of family, friendship, and fidelity to his oath.

Judge Saffels' career was one marked by public service. As a young man during World War II, he was a major

The Lifetime Achievement Award is bestowed on graduates whose careers have been highly distinguished, and whose achievements and contributions are widely recognized as significant and outstanding in their field of endeavor, whether it be in the practice of law, the judiciary, business, public service, education or otherwise. While all graduates of the law school will be eligible for consideration, in general those nominated should be persons whose professional careers have been substantially completed, and who clearly will represent the very best and most accomplished of the law school's many outstanding graduates.

in the U.S. Army Signal Corps before completing his education at Emporia State University and Washburn University School of Law. Upon graduation, he entered private practice in Garden City in 1949 and two years later was elected county attorney of Finney County, Kan., a position he held for four years. For the next eight years, he served in the Kansas House of Representatives, the last two years as minority leader before winning the Democrat Party's nomination for governor in 1962.

Judge Saffels served from 1974 to 1975 and from 1977 to 1982 on the Washburn Law School Association Board of Governors. He was awarded the inaugural alumnus of the year award by Washburn Law students in 1983 and received the Distinguished Service Award from the Washburn Law School Association in 1987.



The family of The Honorable Dale Saffels accepted his Lifetime Achievement Award. From left: Jim Saffels, son; Elaine Saffels, widow of Judge Saffels; Debbie Godowns, daughter; and Blake Saffels, grandson.

The Honorable Edward R. Sloan, 1906, was born in Seward County, Neb. He attended Kansas State Agricultural College of Manhattan (now Kansas State University) for one year. He then began law studies at Campbell College School of Law at Holton in 1902 and received an LL.B. there in 1904. However, Campbell's program lasted only two years and the Kansas Board of Law Examiners required a three-year course before taking the bar exam. Sloan thus entered Washburn with advanced standing in 1904 and graduated in 1905.

While still in law school, Edward, or "Ted" as he was known to many, ran for and was elected county attorney of Sheridan County in the fall of 1904. He named the opponent he defeated to act as his deputy until he was eligible to take the bar exam. He was re-elected county

attorney twice while maintaining a private practice in Hoxie, Kan.

In July 1911, Sloan established with Guy L. Hursh the Holton law firm of Hursh & Sloan. In April 1912, Sloan was appointed city attorney of Holton, a position he held for 19 years. He also served as president of the Holton Board of Education. In 1930, Sloan helped establish the Topeka firm of Sloan, Hamilton and Sloan, which included his younger brother Floyd and W. Glenn Hamilton. It was the predecessor of the firm of Sloan, Listrom, Eisenbarth, Sloan & Glassman.

In March 1931, he was appointed by Governor Guy Woodring to fill a vacancy on the Kansas Supreme Court. Justice Sloan served the remaining 21 months of the term but opted not to seek election for another term. Instead, he chose to practice law with the Sloan firm he had helped found with his brother.

Justice Sloan had extensive family ties to the law school, as two sons, a brother and a nephew all became Washburn Law graduates.



Members of the Sloan family display "Ted" Sloan's diploma from Campbell College. Front row from left: Carol Sloan (John Sloan's wife); Barbara Field, granddaughter; Mary Mozingo, granddaughter; and Paul Sloan, grandson; Sally Nelson, granddaughter, and Jim Sloan, son. Second row, John Field (Barbara's husband); Bill Sloan, grandson, and John Sloan, grandson.

The Honorable William A. Smith, 1914, grew up in Valley Falls, Kan., where his high school principal encouraged him to become active in the literary and debating societies. After graduating, he attended Washburn University School of Law and was admitted to the bar the same year he received his law degree. He began practicing law in Valley Falls, Kan. He enlisted on June 22, 1916, in Company B of the

Lifetime Achievement Award



The family of The Honorable William Smith accepted his Lifetime Achievement Award. From left: Josh Holden, great grandson, and grandchildren Merri Smith Holden, Don Smith, and Sarah Smith Barr.

Second Regiment Kansas Volunteer Infantry. As a citizen soldier, he served in Texas along the Mexican border. While serving his country, his friends actively campaigned for him and he was subsequently elected Jefferson County attorney. He served as county attorney briefly before he was summoned for military service again, this time in France in the fall of 1918.

Later, he was appointed assistant attorney for the Kansas Utilities Commission and served as assistant attorney general. In 1926, Smith ran for attorney general, the only one of seven candidates to denounce the Ku Klux Klan. He was elected and then re-elected in 1928. During his tenure as attorney general, Smith continued to oppose the Klan and worked to revoke its corporate charter.

He became a Kansas Supreme Court Justice in 1930, a position in which he served 26 years, and was chief justice for 10 months in 1956. At the time of his resignation from the court due to illness, Justice Smith had written more than 1,000 opinions. He was a part-time lecturer on Public Utilities at Washburn Law for two years shortly after joining the Court. For many years, he and his wife, Ada, lived across the street from Washburn where they often rented rooms to law students.

Justice Smith was the first of three generations of Washburn lawyers. Two sons and two grandchildren have also graduated from Washburn Law.

The Honorable H. George Templar, 1927, was born Oct. 18, 1904, on the Magnolia Ranch, which is located in southern Kansas near Arkansas City. He had not planned to attend college because he knew his parents could not afford it. But upon learning that a football scholarship was available at Washburn College, he decided to apply. He was overjoyed when he learned he had been awarded the scholarship. He supplemented his scholarship with income from a job as a motorcycle policeman for the City of Topeka, working nights as a patrolman.

He entered Washburn University School of Law in the spring of 1925 and graduated in 1927 with a LL.B. degree *cum laude*. He returned to Arkansas City in the summer of 1927 and established a law practice.

While continuing to practice law, he served in the Kansas House of Representatives (1933-41) and, later, in the Kansas Senate (1945-53). He served as U.S. Attorney for the District of Kansas from 1953 to 1954. In 1962, he was appointed Judge of the U.S. District Court, District of Kansas, by President John F. Kennedy. He took senior status in 1974, continuing to hear cases until 1985. He served in other districts needing judicial assistance and, by assignment, on the Court of Appeals in the Seventh, Ninth, and Tenth Circuits.

Among the many honors he received during his lifetime were the Award of Merit from the International Trial Lawyers Association—the highest honor it bestows on a nontrial lawyer—and the Honorary Doctor of Law degree from Washburn Law. He died on August 5, 1988, at the age of 83.



Kansas Supreme Court Justices The Honorable Marla Luckert, '80, The Honorable Nancy Moritz, '85, The Honorable Dan Biles, '78, The Honorable Eric S. Rosen, '84, and The Honorable Lee Johnson, '80, at the KBA Annual Meeting.