

# Washburn University

## School of Law U.S. Supreme Court Swearing-In

April 1, 2013

Washburn Law's 5th special admission to the Bar of the U.S. Supreme Court

An enthusiastic group of attorneys was admitted to the bar of the United States Supreme Court in a Swearing-In ceremony on Monday, April 1, 2013, in Washington, D.C.

Hosting the alumni at the event were Dean Thomas Romig, Washburn University School of Law; President Jerry Farley, Washburn University; Judyanne Somers, director of Alumni Services for Washburn Law; Joel Lauer and Martin Ahrens, Washburn University Foundation; and **Paul Hoferer, '75**, Topeka, president of the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association.

After the ceremony, conducted by Chief Justice John G. Roberts, the group was honored to have Supreme Court Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Antonin Scalia,

and Anthony M. Kennedy join them for photos and congratulatory remarks.

New admittees and their families and guests were later joined by several alumni in the D.C. area for a luncheon at Charlie Palmer Steak with guest speaker William K. Suter, former clerk of the United States Supreme Court. Participants also toured the U.S. Capitol and attended an alumni reception at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill.

The next Supreme Court Swearing-In for Washburn Law alumni is scheduled for March 9, 2015. Please mark your calendars to join us for a very special event.

“The biggest highlight for me was meeting Justices Kennedy, Ginsburg, and Scalia. They were all very warm and engaging, and I appreciated the considerable amount of time they spent with us as a group and individually. The Swearing-In ceremony was also incredible. Sitting in the courtroom and having Chief Justice Roberts acknowledge me as my name was called is something I will never forget. I also enjoyed connecting with other Washburn alumni and faculty. The entire experience was first rate.”

**Jason Geier, '00**

“The honor of being sworn in before the United States Supreme Court will remain as one of the best moments of my legal career. The entire experience was magnified by Washburn Law's access that allowed us to meet and speak with the justices after the ceremony.”

**Jacqie Spradling, '91**

“The Swearing-In ceremony at the Supreme Court is one of the most memorable occasions of my legal career. Rarely am I overwhelmed with awe and emotion, and this was one of those few occasions. It was very special that three of the justices took the time to come to greet our group personally, making the occasion even more special. I would highly recommend to all Washburn Law alumni to take advantage of this opportunity the next time it becomes available.”

**Samantha Chechele, '88**



[1] Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. [2] Washburn University President Jerry Farley (far left) and Washburn Law Dean Thomas Romig (third from right) are pictured with, from left, Samantha Chechele, '88, Jason Geier, '00, Chad Taylor, and Jacqie Spradling, '91. [3] Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy answered questions from the new bar admittees. [4] General William Suter, retired clerk of the United States Supreme Court, enjoyed receiving Washburn Law gifts from longtime friend Dean Romig. [5] Samantha Chechele and Peter Mersch. [6] Jason Geier. [7] Jacqie Spradling. [8] Family, friends, and Washburn Law representatives celebrate the Swearing-In ceremony.

