

My Sincerest Thanks

As I finish out my tenure as dean of the Washburn University School of Law, I'm thankful for the opportunities and memories I've been able to share with the Washburn Law family.

When I first arrived at Washburn for my interview, I wasn't sure what to expect, but it was the people and their kindness that convinced me to make this move in my career. The last 11 years here have reaffirmed that decision. While the average tenure for a law dean today is three to four years, I've stayed at Washburn because of each of you and what we have been able to accomplish over the years.

I would first like to thank the students. Their eagerness to use their education to make the world a better place is inspiring. They challenge each other, the faculty and staff, and our alumni to think differently about the role of lawyers in today's world. I've worked with many of them as they considered their future careers and how they want to build on the existing legal community, and I enjoy hearing of their later successes.

Faculty members have spent countless hours making this law school what it is today – a collegial environment that promotes respect for others and the value of teaching and developing practice-ready graduates. The diversity in their research interests and their excellent teaching skills have contributed to a rise in the national rankings for Washburn Law.

Our alumni and donors make this success possible. Many of our students would not be able to afford law school without your support, and our faculty and staff would not be able to provide our students so many opportunities outside of the classroom. Your mentorship of students and amount of time many of you spend serving the Alumni Association is invaluable to this Law School.

Thank you for all you have done for Washburn Law, and I look forward to continuing to work with many of you as a proud supporter of Washburn Law and faculty member.

Sincerely,



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