

Building Momentum

This is an exciting time for Washburn Law School. Washburn graduates around the country have reason to be proud of their alma mater.

Thanks to Dean Romig and our outstanding faculty, Washburn Law has achieved its highest rankings in school history. Washburn is ranked No. 3 in the nation for Government Law, No. 7 in the nation for full time Government and Public Interest Employment, No. 9 in the nation for Business, Banking and Corporate Law, No. 16 for Legal Writing and Top 16 in the nation for Trial Advocacy. For the last seven years Washburn School of Law has been recognized by the Princeton Review and U.S. News & World Report as one of the Best Law Schools in the United States.

This is all great news and we should share it!

I am also pleased to report the fundraising effort for the new law school building to be constructed in the Southeast corner of campus, has gained momentum. More than 1,000 people have contributed \$8.5 million to the building campaign and nearly 450 of these contributions have been received in the last year alone. Great progress has been made thanks to the dedicated fundraising group at Washburn led by Marshall Meek, Patrick Mikesic, Karla Whitaker and their team. This enthusiastic support from our alumni will create a state-of-the-art facility in the heart of Washburn's campus that will meet the innovative needs of our students for years to come, and supports the interdisciplinary study and expertise that the field of law requires.

We remain grateful that the Washburn Board of Regents voted unanimously to build the new law school building on campus. The dream of a new Law School building will be realized!

This is a wonderful time to introduce the next dean of Washburn Law, Carla Pratt. Dean Pratt is an accomplished, visionary leader with a reputation for being creative and a passion for educating future lawyers. You will read much more about our new dean in the next edition of the Washburn Lawyer.

In the coming weeks as Dean Pratt takes the reins we encourage you to attend alumni events and meet our talented new leader. In particular, please mark your calendars for Thursday, Aug. 30, 5:30-7:30 p.m., as we host a Welcome Reception on Washburn Law's South Patio to introduce Dean Pratt to the Washburn Law family.

Finally, it has been my privilege to serve as Board Chair the past two years and I am excited for what lays ahead for our Alumni Association under the leadership of incoming Chair, Lucky Defries, '78. I look forward to the year ahead and encourage all alumni to stay connected to Washburn Law through membership, supported programs and events. Thank you for your generous support.

Sincerely,



Jim Slattery, '75
Chair, Washburn University School of Law
Alumni Association Board of Governors



The Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Board of Governors was first created in 1952. Our mission is to promote the interests of the Law School by engaging our alumni through service to the Law School and the Association, participating in alumni events and programs, remaining connected, and assisting to further scholarship funding. Appointments run July through June.

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