

A Bright Future Ahead

Hello, everyone:

It is a great honor to continue to serve as interim dean at Washburn University School of Law. As I write this letter, I am still very excited about the news we received this spring: every single one of our December 2022 graduates who sat for the bar exam in February passed! I am proud of the work they put in to make this statement, especially as national pass rates continue to decline. As you may have read in the newsletter, we recently implemented a program that would provide BARBRI exam preparation for each student moving forward, and our December graduates were the first to benefit from this new partnership. I am grateful to the university administration who found a way to make this possible.

As we head into the summer months, we eagerly anticipate the opening of the new building. You, our alumni and friends, have been on this long journey with us, and we are delighted to see this project cross the finish line. In July, the new building will be our new home. I feel very privileged to be able to lead the Law School during this monumental transition.

As changes continue to take place on campus, one that directly impacts our Law School is the upcoming national search for a new, permanent dean. To best position the Law School for its future as a leader in legal education, a search for the most qualified candidate will take place the next academic year. Whether this role will be filled by an internal or external candidate will be determined by a selected committee. Work has already begun, and we expect a decision to be made during the next spring semester. In the meantime, I will continue to lead the Law School during this transition and keep you updated throughout the process.

Through all the change taking place on campus, one thing remains the same: the legacy of the Law School. Our graduates are now part of a family of Washburn Law alumni. Whether it's through multigenerational connections or relationships made at the Law School, numerous families have been a part of this respected tradition. It is our pleasure to highlight some of these stories throughout this edition of the magazine. We know there are more Washburn Law families out there. As always, we welcome you to reach out and share an update with us. The updates you share with us are shared within the Class Actions section of the magazine. These submissions are also where we begin looking for features for the next edition of the Lawyer magazine. We ask that you help us tell your stories with your fellow alumni. Submissions can be made by emailing alumni@washburnlaw.edu or visiting washburnlaw.edu/alumninews.

Our legacy families are not the only alumni highlighted in this edition. We also tell the story of the work our attorneys are doing in the field to advance justice within the courtrooms and help spread the word about a quality legal education at Washburn University School of Law. These accolades reflect a legal education with a reputation for creating expert attorneys. It is with this notion that I ask you to reach out to me. As I always say, this is your law school and I look forward to hearing from you.



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