

# Exciting Achievements

We approach the summer months with excitement and anticipation of the opening of our long-awaited new law school at Washburn University. Countless alumni and donors have been watching this project unfold and are eagerly waiting for this day to finally arrive.

I am honored to serve as chair of the board during this move and want to also recognize and thank my predecessors who served as chairs during this project: Lynn McCreary, '94; Lucky DeFries, '78; Jim Slattery, BA '70, JD '75; Sabrina Standifer, '99; Paul Hoferer, '75; and Steve Cavanaugh, BA '71, JD '80. I join these leaders and more than 60 different alumni who have served on the Board of Governors during this campaign in saying thank you to our loyal alumni and friends who chose to invest in our new home. It has taken hard work and persistence from our faculty and staff as well as the many alumni who have shown their commitment to complete this project. We hope each of you has the date, Friday, July 21, at 3 p.m. on your calendar for the ribbon cutting of this beautiful new building which will enhance the Washburn University campus.

We are grateful to Dean Jackson, our interim dean of the law school for his dedication and hard work while serving as dean and continuing to teach his classes during the construction of the new building.

As we move forward, a search for a permanent law school dean will occur. The decision has been made to conduct a nationwide search to find the best candidate for this role. We invite our own with connections to Washburn University School of Law to apply for the position as well. A committee of alumni, faculty, students, and university administration will be appointed to serve on the search committee. We anticipate announcing a permanent dean during the spring semester of 2024.

Another update that the Board of Governors was keenly focused on is the 100% pass rate of our December graduates on their bar exams in February. Many of our alumni and the entire Board expressed concern after a recent dip in scores and are very proud of this achievement; what a fantastic feat! Having been the first to benefit from the BARBRI partnership, I believe our December graduates saw an opportunity to take advantage of the new collaboration and excelled in their bar exams. If you know one of these December graduates, please join me in offering congratulations on this outstanding achievement.

We have much to be proud of at our law school, I look forward to witnessing what the future holds for our prestigious alma mater.

Respectfully,

Thomas A. Adrian, '69  
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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