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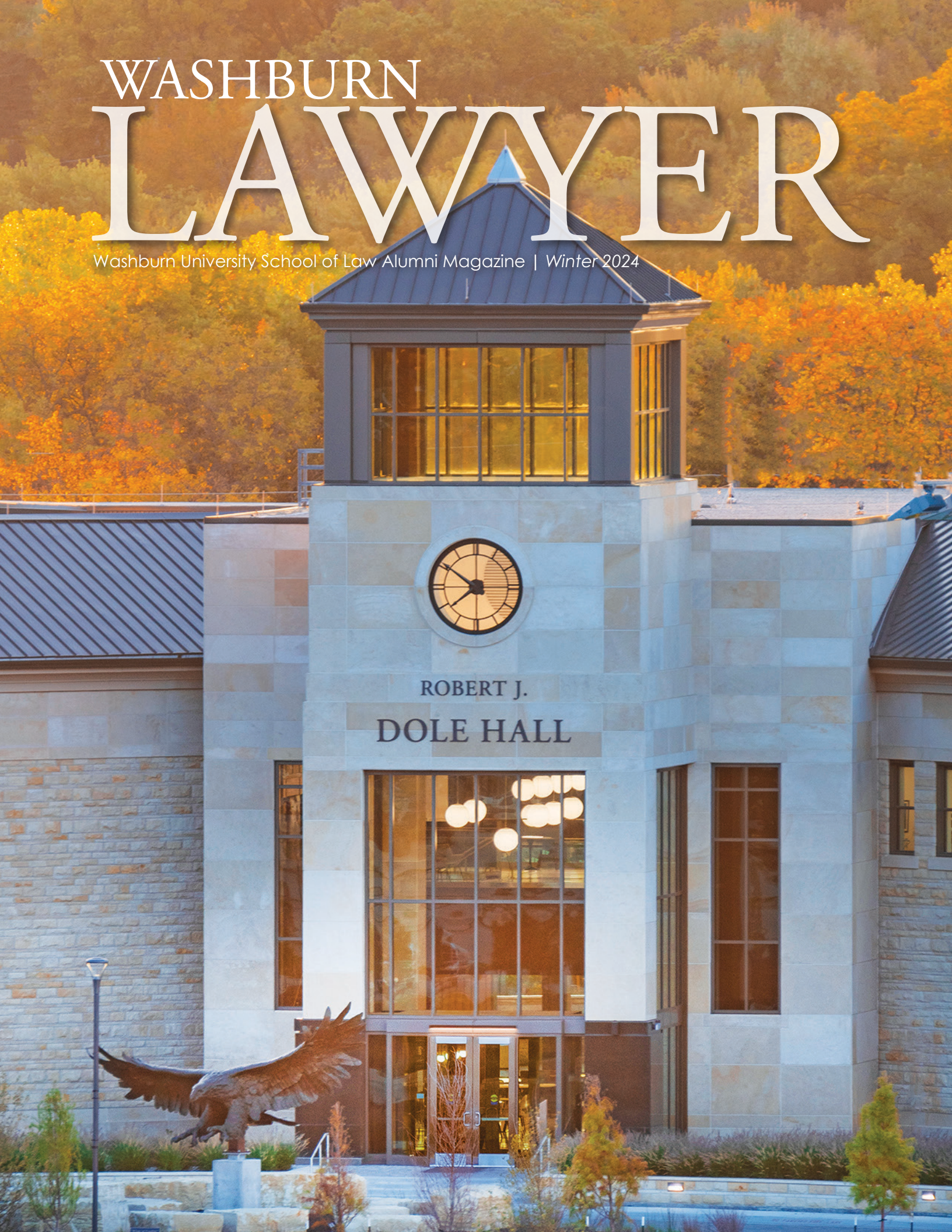


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After much anticipation, the new building for Washburn University School of Law opened over the summer. The historical event was marked by a ribbon cutting, and students have spent the fall semester learning in Robert J. Dole Hall.

7 Honoring a Legacy

Washburn Law honored one of its most decorated and celebrated alumni with the grand opening of its new home at the corner of 21st and Washburn Ave. **Sen. Robert Dole, BA '52, JD '52, H '69, H '85**, gave back generously to his community and to Washburn, and now that legacy will live on through the naming of the new law building.

10 Courtrooms for Real-World Learning

Featuring the latest technology, two new courtrooms provide students with the opportunity to gain real world experience. The contemporary design has also served as a meeting place for outside groups, including the Kansas Supreme Court and Kansas Court of Appeals.

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A group of dedicated alumni came together to provide the resources to memorialize the landmark case, Brown v. Board of Education. A new mural hangs prominently in the entryway staircase in the new building.

14 A Contemporary Library

A refreshed take on the traditional library has allowed students to learn with increased access to the latest technology. With collaborative spaces throughout, students can find a quiet corner to study together or do research on their own.

16 A Day in the Life of a Dean

When James Concannon, former dean and professor emeritus, passed away, he left a legacy as the longest serving professor at Washburn Law. His influence remains as he was honored by an anonymous donor who named the James M. Concannon Dean's Suite. Now, Interim Dean, **Jeff Jackson, BBA '89, JD '92**, leads the Law School in the suite with the influence of lessons he learned from Concannon.



19 **Advancing the Law Clinic**

With more than 50 years of serving the community, the Law Clinic has established itself as a resource to the residents of Topeka. Now, the new clinic space offers a welcoming and professional atmosphere for students to gain real-world experience.

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Thank you to each of the donors who annually make a gift to Washburn Law. Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of our students.

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Eight awards were presented during the Washburn University Law Alumni Awards. Friends and family gathered in the new Law School to honor the award recipients on Oct. 13, 2023.

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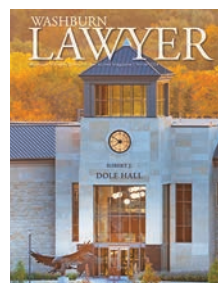
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On the cover:

An ariel view of the new School of Law building as the sun rises.

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