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# Giving Back...

#### Robert A '47. & P.J. '74 Anderson Scholarship

"The education and degree I received from the law school in 1974 led directly to a successful career in the Colorado Springs area, including planning director and county manager, municipal attorney in several local cities and towns, and a private practice spe-

cializing in local government and land use. For the past ten years I have been involved in a number of land development projects in the region.

My wife, Lynette, and I have agreed that it is time to reciprocate and establish an endowed fund. My uncle, Robert A. Anderson, a 1947 graduate of Washburn Law, practiced law in Ottawa, Kan., was a member of the Kansas Legislature, serving three terms as chairman of the Kansas House Ways and Means Committee, and was Dr. Karl Menninger's personal attorney. Uncle Bob was instrumental in my attending law school and we felt it appropriate to endow the fund in his name.

Creating this fund will help provide financial assistance to any needy qualified students who have been accepted to Washburn Law, seeking financial assistance but who have not qualified for other merit based scholarships based on their undergraduate GPA. We are pleased to create this scholarship so these special case Washburn Law students will have an opportunity to receive financial assistance."



#### Anthony B. Bianchino Law Scholarship funded by Bernard A. '74 and Marilyn Bianchino

"I was honored to endow a fund in my father's name. As was customary for Italian-Americans in the early-20<sup>th</sup> Century, when he was of high school age, he attended a trade school. Then there was World War II, marriage and a family. There was no time or money to seek an education.

Yet, he cherished education and was very proud when I was the first in my family to earn a college degree.

During dad's final months, he expressed his pride in being an American; his feelings when he accompanied his grandfather, who came here late in life, to the courthouse for his naturalization exam; and, their joy when he finally passed with my dad at his side. Then, there was the ride home with the small American flag waving out the car window!

My father was not familiar with the Federalist Society, but I am sure that his disdain for the criminals who followed uneducated, honest immigrants to America in the  $19^{th}$  and early  $20^{th}$  Centuries then, protected by the silence of fear, manipulated and terrorized them while corrupting our political system, would surely have led him to agree with the Federalist touchstone—that the state exists to preserve freedom, individual liberty, traditional values, and the Rule of Law. There is no liberty when rampant illegality is allowed to fester.

So, I decided to endow a fund to match the travel expenses of law students attending Federalist Society functions. Perhaps, the students who benefit will become even more cognizant of just how lucky we are to be Americans."

#### Marck R. Cobb '89 Endowed Scholarship Fund

"This scholarship was established to motivate continued excellence in educational achievement and to recognize students who exemplify the character traits of integrity, perseverance, and leadership in the local community. As a former recipient of scholarship funds from Washburn Law, I share the opinion that others can benefit from such scholarships in pursuit of the legal education offered by Washburn. This scholarship is but a small contribution to encourage and motivate other students in the study of law.



I firmly believe that knowledge is power. It follows, that if power is used in a positive and constructive manner, then everyone benefits. I think that Washburn Law continues to succeed in grooming law students to meet the future challenges because of the forward thinking of this institution and because of the emphasis that is placed on knowledge, as well as on integrity, perseverance, and leadership.

It is my hope that recipients of these law scholarships will continue in their life endeavors to improve our society, to lead by example, and to make our community and world a better place in which to live. Sometimes, small contributions can have great impact."

# Leading

### by Example...

RECENT ENDOWMENTS



#### James M. Concannon Law Scholarship

"When one serves as Dean, one learns clearly how essential private giving is to our success in recruiting outstanding applicants who will be academic leaders for their classes. It also is vital so that students with great potential to become leaders of our profession can choose to attend Washburn Law, even when our tuition is higher than at other schools that are competing to recruit them.

Another thing one learns as Dean is that if you are going to ask alumni and friends of

the Law School to make major gifts, you had better do so yourself first.

I derive great satisfaction from the continuing contact I have in all phases of the profession with my former students. I want to do what I can to assure that Washburn Law has the resources to achieve its full potential in training future generations of outstanding lawyers."



#### Stewart L. Entz '65 Law Fund

"Reflecting back over the years since leaving the law school: to stresses of challenging complex litigation, to legal judgments made that critically affected the very wellbeing of my clients, to simple disputes between good people amicably resolved, to hundreds of meetings in court rooms, board rooms and conference rooms, to 50-page contracts that worked the way the parties intended, to 50-page briefs and spirited appellate arguments; indeed for all the excitement and moments of great personal satisfaction that became a part

of my career as a practicing lawyer, I owe to Washburn Law. The law school allowed me the honor of being a lawyer and prepared me for all that the profession demands.

Having served in recent years on the Board of Governors of the Law School and being apprised of the fantastic advances in legal training, practical experiences, stellar faculty and technology applications to the practice of law today, I also know that the law school is doing a great job in preparing others for their thirty or more years in the practice. It is with this perspective that I have a great sense of obligation to Washburn Law, to, in a small way, express my gratitude for what it gave me and support its continued contribution in preparing future lawyers to enter the profession."

#### Henry-Elrod Family Law Scholarship

"The Henry-Elrod Family Law Scholarship honors my great aunt Suzanne Henry who read for the law and became a lawyer in 1917, and my father, Lyndus A. Henry '48, who practiced law in Johnson County for almost five decades.



Creating a scholarship for stu-

dents interested in practicing family law is one way I can give back to Washburn for the excellent preparation I received for both the practice of law and for an academic career. Because tuition was about \$22 a credit hour and I worked, I had no debt when I graduated thirty-five years ago. Today's law students often start law school already burdened with undergraduate school debt. Tuition at all schools has outpaced inflation. Those who wish to practice family law, especially those who represent children, may not earn as much as those in large law firms.

My hope is that the Henry-Elrod Family Law Scholarship will enable a future family lawyer to start a career helping children and families with less debt. A scholarship is a gift that continues to give to others by providing support for the next generation of Washburn lawyers."



#### Hinkle Elkouri Law Firm Scholarship

"Hinkle Elkouri Law Firm L.L.C. began operations in 1987 with four or five attorneys. Today the firm has grown to 41 attorneys. During the last 20 years the firm has prospered by achieving an

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ever growing client list. Part of the firm's growth is due to the early realization of the need to recruit top students

from the State's two law schools. Although several of the firm's attorneys are graduates from other law schools, Washburn University School of Law and the University of Kansas Law School have provided the firm with many excellent young attorneys during its history, which in turn has contributed to the growth of the firm's business.

In 2005 the firm decided to support both Washburn University School of Law and the University of Kansas Law School by funding a \$50,000 endowment at each of the two law schools. The firm recognizes how important the two law schools are to the firm and its future growth and success."



#### Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch L.L.C. Law Scholarship

"For more than 120 years, a tradition of excellence and integrity has guided Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch's service to clients. The lawyers of Fleeson, Gooing recognize that qualities of integrity, professionalism, and superior legal competence account for the firm's success and longevity. We recognize also the

important role of our law schools in instilling those qualities in law students, the future of the profession.

Because of our long relationship with the law school, we know that Washburn excels in identifying and teaching qualities of integrity and professionalism to its students. We believe that attention to the attributes of ethical conduct and integrity serves to prepare Washburn Law students for practice in a manner that comports with the hallmarks of the Fleeson firm and in a manner which best serves the profession. It is with great pleasure that we establish a scholarship in the name of Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch to help the law school recruit and retain the best students and to allow law students to follow their dreams at Washburn University School of Law.

Although the Fleeson firm is older than Washburn Law, the two have shared a long history together. In addition to the many Washburn lawyers who have practiced successfully at the firm over the years, Fleeson has hired many Washburn Law students who have worked as summer law clerks. Most recently, Fleeson has hired at least one associate out of each of the last three graduating classes. We will continue to look to Washburn Law for bright and motivated young lawyers to join our firm as we look ahead to another 120 years of successful practice. We feel confident that our scholarship will assist many law students to become successful lawyers during that time as well."

#### C. Michael Lennen '74 Advocacy Fund

"The Washburn Law experience has been a most important influence in my life. As it has for so many others, the experience has shaped in fundamental and positive ways the course of my professional career – and has also been the source of lasting friendships.

Although many years have passed since my time at Washburn Law, I remember the law school as a dynamic, challenging, and supportive institution Today,

because of the visionary leadership from administration and faculty, as well as the extraordinary quality of students who now choose to attend Washburn Law, I believe the law school is stronger than it has ever been – and is continuing to progress. Today's students and alumni all benefit from this strength. Establishing a fund is intended to assist in a small way the school's advancement as well as to acknowledge my respect for, and gratitude to, the institution."



#### Delano '63 & Gayle Lewis Law Scholarship

"Our law school days at Washburn are memorable and very dear to both of us. We lived in married student housing on the Washburn campus. The friendships from Washburn Terrace, our home, and the friendships from the law school are with us today in our work and our social interactions.



While I, Delano, was studying at Washburn Law, 1960-1963, I was able to work, thanks to the support of the faculty and administration, making it possible for those of us who needed outside employment, to work and attend school full-time. The faculty was of the highest caliber and most impressive were the practicing lawyers who taught upper level courses. This legal education provided the foundation for success in government, business and pub-

We created the scholarship in our names to help deserving students study law in this environment of excellence and caring for students. We continue to enhance our scholarship fund each year to keep the tradition alive of educating deserving students in the law at Washburn University School of Law."

#### The Polsinelli Shalton Welte Suelthaus Diversity Scholarship

"Washburn Law has been and remains at the heart of our legal profession in the State of Kansas. The School's more than 100 year mission to educate attorneys for our state and our country who are of the highest quality with sound judgment and great common sense is a source of great pride. Another source of great pride is the Law School's long-time dedication to making our profession a diverse profession that mirrors our nation's diversity.

# Giving Back...

Twenty-five of our almost 300 attorneys are Washburn Law graduates and their leadership has been an integral part of the success and growth of Polsinelli Shalton Welte Suelthaus.

Because of Washburn Law's long history of high quality education and its commitment to a diverse legal profession, our law firm and our Washburn Law alumni are very proud to recently establish the Polsinelli Diversity Scholarships at Washburn Law."



#### **Bradley Post '54 Law Scholarship**

"It was a privilege to be invited to establish a law scholarship fund at Washburn Law and it has brought my wife Carolyn and I great pleasure. It is always a thrill to receive letters each year from the students who were helped by our scholarship funds. Imagine our surprise when we received one from a young lady from my hometown, Fowler, Kan.

Washburn Law has always been great and is obviously becoming even better. It has grown substantially since the 50s – due largely to a wonderful faculty, excellent administra-

tion, and the quality of lawyers it has graduated. Its endowment program should be supported."



#### Nanette Kemmerly Weber '79 Law Scholarship Fund

"Nanette "Nan" Kemmerly Weber was the embodiment of what it means to be an ethical lawyer. She threw her heart and soul into the practice of law and into upholding of the Rule of Law. Nan passed away in July 2006, after a courageous battle with cancer. Her family and friends quickly joined forces to establish a scholarship at the law school in her name. This scholarship will be known as the Nanette Kemmerly Weber scholarship. Because her friends and family wanted this scholarship to embody Nan, preference for this scholarship

will be a female, someone interested in public service, a student from a county with a population of 30,000 or less, and a child or relative of an individual who is an enlisted member of the armed services. This scholarship will forever keep Nan's memory alive at the law school." By Rebecca Sanders



#### JiYoung Yang Memorial Scholarship funded by Bill and Kathy Rich

"When JiYoung Yang arrived in Topeka in 1999, she faced all of the problems of a stranger in a new land. She had recently finished studies at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies in Seoul, South Korea, and faced the daunting task of acclimating to a new school, new language, new culture and new country. She came with a positive attitude, an adventuresome spirit, and a remarkable determination to succeed regardless of how hard or how long she needed to work to do so.

JiYoung soon became a vital part of the Washburn community. She was an officer in the Asian American Law Students Association, a recipient of the Rotary Club International Peace Scholarship, and she received "top paper" honors in several courses. She had become a gifted linguist and an expert in computer technology. JiYoung's joyful spirit touched the lives of many of us. She had the ability to light up a room with her smile, and to brighten our experiences as teachers and learners.

JiYoung brought a fresh international perspective to Washburn Law. She gave more to us than we could possibly give to her. We have established this memorial scholarship with the goal of giving future international students the same opportunities, knowing that the Washburn community will be enriched by their presence."

#### Angel '06 & Larry '00 Zimmerman Law Practice Management Travel Fund

"We are pleased to be able to start an endowment to help teach our children the importance of giving back to the school that was so much a part of their and our lives for the last ten years. We very much appreciate that Washburn Law professors allowed our children to come and watch some classes as we attended Washburn Law.



This endowment will allow the staff and students of Washburn Law to discover and explore law practice management issues and technologies. Traditional legal skills must be supplemented in practice with sound management practices and tools. We feel strongly that sound law practice management skills are critical to an ethical and rewarding practice. Mastery of management skills builds competence in an attorney and, as a result, promotes greater job satisfaction while improving an attorney's ability to protect clients' interests. Law practice management skills and technologies will only grow in importance for the preservation of legal professionalism and we are pleased to assist toward that aim."