



CLASS OF 2011

# 106th Commencement

The 106th Washburn University School of Law Commencement was held on the evening of Saturday, May 14, in Lee Arena, on the Washburn campus. The Kansas Territorial Pipes and Drums, Topeka, led the processional with Professor Myrl L. Duncan, J.S.D., as grand marshal. Speakers at commencement were: Dean Thomas J. Romig; Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Alex Glashauser; **Maryam Fakhradeen, '11**, president of the Washburn Student Bar Association; and **Winton Hinkle, '68**, president of the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association. Presentation of the Honorary Doctor of Law degree was made by Washburn University Board of Regents Chairwoman **The Honorable Christel E. Marquardt, '74**.

**Richard "Dick" Hite, '53**, was the 2011 recipient of the Honorary Degree. Hite also gave the commencement address to the Class of 2011. Conferring of degrees was led by Jerry B. Farley, Ph.D., president of Washburn University. A champagne reception at Memorial Union to congratulate the graduates followed commencement.



*Reginald Robinson  
Professor of the Year*

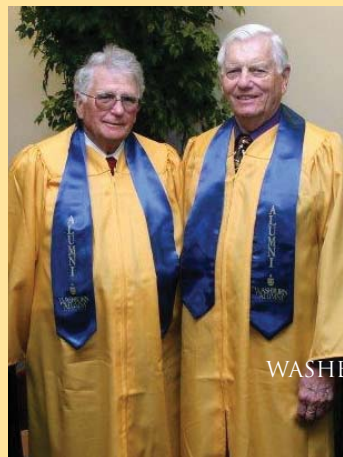


*C. William Ossmann, '77  
Adjunct Professor of the Year*

Each academic year, the graduating class votes to honor a member of the faculty as the William O. Douglas Outstanding Professor of the Year. Professor Reginald "Reggie" Robinson received this award. The Adjunct Professor of the Year was **C. William "Bill" Ossmann, '77**.

As special guests, two members from the law school class of 1951 participated in the ceremony.

During the May commencement, 143 students graduated, with 48 receiving Certificates of Concentration in one or more of the following areas: advocacy, business and transactional law, estate planning, family law, international and comparative law, law and government, natural resources law, and tax law.



CLASS OF 1951  
MEMBERS  
*Robert F. Stover (left) of  
Cleveland, Okla., and  
Ed Miner (right) of  
Concord, N.H.*

# Congratulations Class of 2011

*Certificates earned and Pro Bono Honors are indicated by italics. List includes December 2010 graduates.*

Brock R. Abbey  
Jeffery Scott Adam  
Eli Hunter Allen  
Whitney Blake Ambuter  
*Family Law*

Courtney J. Archdekin  
Paige Renee Asmann  
Riley Wilson Baber  
Aaron Royal Bailey  
Ashley Elizabeth Ballweg  
Sherri Lynn Becker  
Raymond Oliver Bergmeier  
Elizabeth Emma Bernhart  
Alex Bezu

*Distinguished Pro Bono Honors  
Tax Law*

Brian Laverne Bina  
*Business and Transactional Law*  
Alexandra Elizabeth-Marie Blasi  
J.D./M.B.A.  
*Business and Transactional Law*

Abigail C. Boudewyns  
*Natural Resources Law*  
DeeDrá Rochelle Branson  
*Advocacy*

Jordan Alan Brewer

James M. Bristow  
Skyler Eugene Burks  
Jill M. Carlson  
Brian Keith Carr  
*Advocacy*  
*Distinguished Pro Bono Honors*

James Clark  
Patrick J. Collins  
Caleb S. Cottam

*Business and Transactional Law*

Laura Nichole Kathryn Coughlin  
James Nathan Crutchley  
Jennifer Ann Danenberg  
Leon James Davis

*Advocacy*

Angela Christine DeBusk  
Sean D. Delpech  
Michael D. Ditch, Jr.  
*Business and Transactional Law*

Ashley Danielle Dopita  
*Law and Government*

Daryl René Dowdell

*Family Law*

Michael C. Duma  
Cody DeWayne Edwards  
Joel Walter Ensey  
Maryam S. Fakhraheen  
David Christopher Fall

*Estate Planning*

*Tax Law*

Kristie Ann Fall  
*Family Law*  
Tyler James Feeney  
Stephanie Anne Ferry  
Grant Michael Flynn  
Sam Foreman  
*Business and Transactional Law*

Stephen Nathanael Freeland

Lee Germundson

Clayton Reed Gibson

Valerie Danelle Glenn

Aaron J. Good

Vincent Granado

Amy Jean Greiner

*Tax Law*

Amanda Rose Haas  
Coleman Lee Hambleton

*Natural Resources Law*

Kurt Michael Helgesen

Justin David Hocking

*Business and Transactional Law*

Ashley Renee Holm

*International and Comparative Law*

Clay Michael Houser

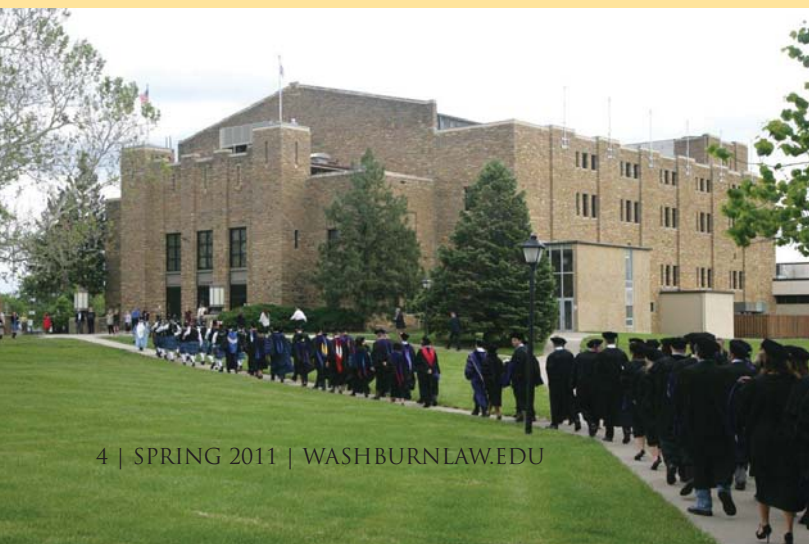
*Natural Resources Law*

Craig Allen Jackson

*Business and Transactional Law*

Kristen Marie Jarboe

Douglas Lee Johns



Mandy L. Johnson

*Advocacy*

*Family Law*

Casey L. Jones

Stephen Phillip Jones

*Pro Bono Honors*

Kevin Scott Keatley

Ryan S. Kilmer

Dustin Lee Kirk

Kristin L. Klementowski

Robert L. Krattley

*Pro Bono Honors*

Daniel Scott Krob

Michelle Christine Le

*Advocacy*

Jennifer Lynn Lemus

*Family Law*

Erilda Luz Livingston

*Advocacy*

*Family Law*

Joshua Loden

Benjamin Earl Long

*Advocacy*

*Natural Resources Law*

Bryna Marie Long

Carol Longenecker Schmidt

Craig Edward Lowe

*Business and Transactional Law*

Moses Mangae

*Business and Transactional Law*

Chantz Norbert Martin

Megan Elizabeth Massey

Monique Marie Chartier McElwee

*Pro Bono Honors*

Cheryl R. Meier

Rachel Lynn Malone Miller

*Family Law*

## December 2010 Graduates

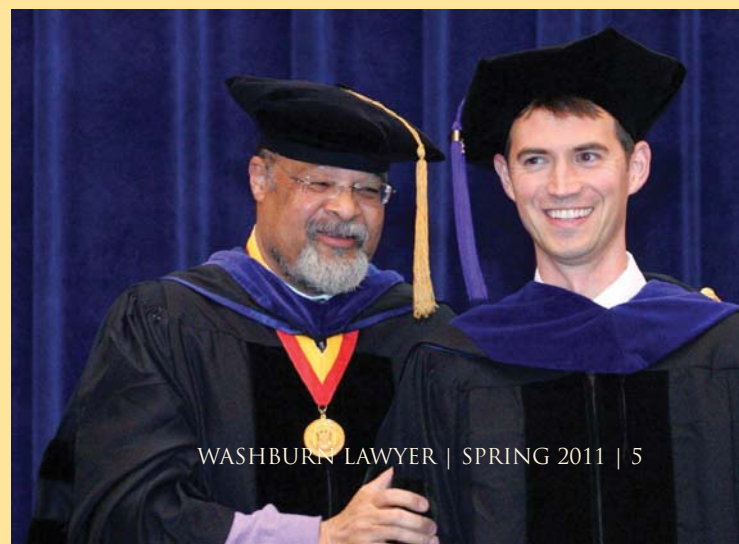


**Front row, left to right:** Angela Christine DeBusk, Hanh Hong Thi Vu, Carol Longenecker Schmidt, Cody DeWayne Edwards, Jeffery Scott Adam, Eli Hunter Allen, and Dustin Lee Kirk.

**Second row:** Ashley Renee Holm, Bryna Marie Long, Alexander Louis Wulff, Steven Craig Paschang, and Moses Mangae.

**Back row:** Caleb S. Cottam, Ashley Elizabeth Ballweg, Sandra M. Sigler, Morgan L. Richards, Rachel Erin Verhage, and Craig Allen Jackson.

**Not pictured:** Patrick J. Collins, Tyler James Feeney, Kurt Michael Helgesen, Nicholas D. Moore, Jacob Lynn Porter, Sara Elizabeth Priddy Rogness, John Wesley Smith, Jonathan M. Snyder, and Pamela Bishop Taylor.

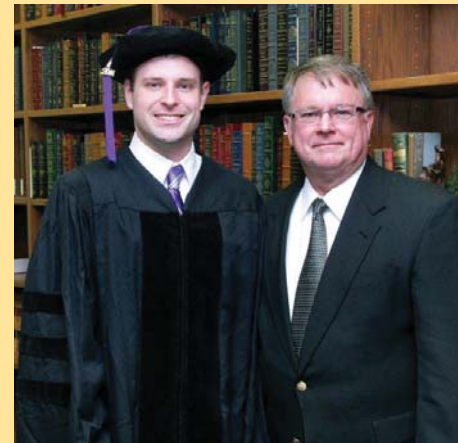




# LEGACIES



*Raymond Bergmeier, with aunt and uncle Kay, '80, and Larry, '73, Rute*



*Jordan Brewer and father, Jeff Brewer, '82*

Robert Patrick Mills  
*Business and Transactional Law*  
*International and Comparative Law*  
 Mehboobali W. Mohammed Pirali  
 Nicholas D. Moore  
 Levi Morris  
 Michael Robert Neeley  
 Joshua V.C. Nicolay  
 Terence A. Oben  
 Daniel Schwind Oberhelman  
 Nicholas Edward Page  
 Steven Craig Paschang  
 Michael Joshua Patton  
 John Edward Pearce  
 Jacob Lynn Porter  
*Natural Resources Law*  
 Stephanie Briana Poyer  
*International and Comparative Law*  
*Natural Resources Law*  
 Uriah J. Price  
*Natural Resources Law*

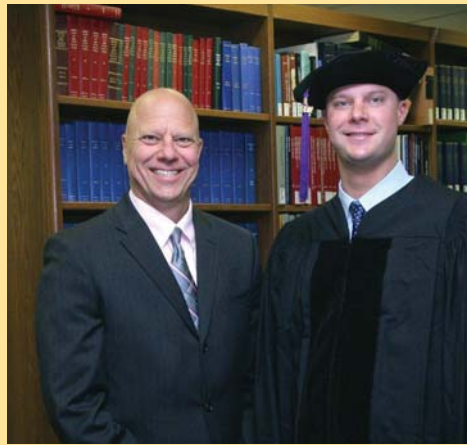
Michael David Quinn  
 Stephen Joseph Randtke  
 Elizabeth Faye Rauch  
 Andrew Joseph Rector  
 Adam Charles Renner  
 Timothy David Resner  
 Morgan L. Richards  
 Sara Elizabeth Priddy Rogness  
 C. David Rouner  
*Business and Transactional Law*  
 Ernesto A. Sánchez, Jr.  
 Rebecca Jean Sanders  
*Estate Planning*  
*Tax Law*  
 Krista Deann Turner Schultz  
 Samuel Devin Seward  
 Brock Patrick Shannon  
*Tax Law*  
 Robert Joseph Shelli  
 Stacey Lynn Sheon

Sandra M. Sigler  
*Business and Transactional Law*  
 Calli Jo Danielle Simnitt  
 Marie Christine Skogen  
*Advocacy*  
 John Wesley Smith  
 Jonathan M. Snyder  
*Business and Transactional Law*  
 Sydney Mieko Snyder  
*Advocacy*  
 Erin Heather Sommer  
 Samara LouAnn Stemple  
*Family Law*  
 Kimberly Renae Streit  
*Family Law*  
 Angela Gaye Tatro  
 Pamela Bishop Taylor  
 Vaibhav Trivedi  
 Kori Chyrone Trussell  
 Eric Von Turner





*Monique Marie Chartier McElwee and husband Jacob McElwee, '05*



*Michael C. Duma and father John M. Duma, '81*



*Michael Joshua Patton with parents Cindy, '79, and Joe, '77, Patton*

Charion Latrese Vaughn

*Advocacy*

Rachel Erin Verhage

Jonathan Edward Voegeli

Kel Michael Vrana

*Advocacy*

Hanh Hong Thi Vu

Christopher Russell Walker

*Business and Transactional Law*

Thomas Joseph Webb

*International and Comparative Law*

Heather Lynn Wheeler

Melinda B. Wicks

*Family Law*

Kathlyn Elizabeth Wilson

Amanda Marie Wilwert

Victoria Winterberg

Alexander Louis Wulff

Shawn Philip Yancy

*Advocacy*

Jonathan A. Zadina



# BIANCHINO AND HITE RECEIVE *Honorary Degrees*

May 14, 2011

*The honorary doctorate is the highest academic recognition Washburn University bestows.*

*Candidates for this degree generally have significant ties to the state of Kansas or to Washburn University through birth, residence, education, service, or notable achievement.*

## **BERNARD A. BIANCHINO, '74**

*Honorary Doctor of Public Service*

**B**ernie Bianchino graduated from Bishop Miege High School in Shawnee Mission, Kan. He received a bachelor's degree in political science from Washburn University in 1970 and a juris doctor from Washburn Law in 1974. He was a member of Kappa Sigma and the Sagamore men's honor society. He was a defensive lineman on the Washburn football team and was on the Dean's Honor Roll.

Bianchino has worked for the Atomic Energy Commission (which merged into the Department of Energy), Exxon Corporation, Sprint, US Sprint, Sprint PCS, Qwest Communications, Pegaso PCS, and OnFiber Communications. In 2000 he led negotiations for Sprint's \$200 million expansion in the Mexico City-based Pegaso PCS and was selected to serve as the company's chief executive officer. Pegaso PCS provided wireless and wireline telecommunications to four of the largest cities in Mexico. He was counsel to the Bryan Cave law firm, a position he left to form Jaguar Telecom LLC, where he serves as the president and CEO. He is also a director at Digital Ally Inc. of Overland Park, Kan., and is chairman of the compensation and strategic planning committees and a member of the audit committee.



Bianchino was an alumni fellow for Washburn University School of Law in 2000, and received the President's Award from Washburn in 2002, the Distinguished Service Award from the Washburn Alumni Association in 2004, and the Distinguished Service Award from Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association in 2007. He has served as a trustee of the Washburn University Foundation since 1992 and was chairman of the board from 2008 until 2010. He was on the Washburn University School of Law Board of Governors from 1993 to 2003 and served as vice president, president and past president. He was a member and president of the Washburn Law School Foundation and an advisor to the law school's Business and Transactional Law Center.

He has supported many important projects and initiatives at Washburn, including the Bianchino Technology Center at the School of Law, Theodore E. Dyck Employment Law Scholarship, and Anthony B. Bianchino Law Scholarship. Bianchino has been a loyal supporter of Washburn University since his graduation from law school.

## RICHARD C. 'DICK' HITE, '53

*Honorary Doctor of Law*



*Dr. Paul and Shirley Boatright, Robert Hite, "Dick" Hite, '53,  
Kathy Webb, '83, and Laura Ice, '84*

**R**ichard C. "Dick" Hite received a bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas in 1950 and a law degree from Washburn Law in 1953, where he was a member of Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity.

He joined the U.S. Air Force on an ROTC commission and served three years as a judge advocate. After leaving the military, Hite worked for USF&G Insurance before joining the Wichita law firm of Kahrs, Nelson, Fanning, Hite & Kellogg LLP in 1960. In 2000, he founded the firm of Hite, Fanning & Honeyman LLP, which focuses on product liability and general business defense litigation. During his professional career he has worked to bring uniformity to state laws and cooperation among state legislators as past president and executive committee chairman of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. He is past state chairman and a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and was chairman of the Kansas Supreme Court Nominating Commission.

Hite has been a member of the Wichita, Kansas, and American bar associations and remains active in the International Association of Defense Counsel, Kansas Association of Defense Counsel, and National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. He is a fellow of both the American College of Trial Lawyers and the American Bar Association.

His community service includes chairmanships on boards of directors of the United Way of the Plains, Via Christi Regional Medical Center, and the Via Christi Health System. Hite received the William Kahrs Lifetime Achievement Award from the Kansas Association of Defense Counsel, the Phil Lewis Medal of Distinction from the Kansas Bar Association, and the Howard C. Kline Distinguished Service Award from the Wichita Bar Association.

Hite has been a Washburn University Foundation trustee emeriti since 1986, served as the Law School Alumni Association president-elect, president, and past president from 1988 to 1994, and was a member of the Board of Governors from 1983 to 1994. He was instrumental in securing the Koch Scholarship gift and led the law school fundraising Campaign 2000. In 1995, he established an endowed fund and gives annually to the Richard C. Hite Endowment for Faculty Development and Support in the School of Law. He was an alumni fellow for Washburn University School of Law in 2008, and received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2007 from the School of Law Alumni Association, and the School of Law Distinguished Service Award in 1994.