



2015-16 ANNUAL REPORT



The Center for Excellence in Advocacy unites students, judges, law faculty, and practicing lawyers who share interests in a broad range of advocacy-related fields of law.

DIRECTOR'S LETTER



Jeffrey D. Jackson
Professor of Law
Interim Director,
Center for Excellence
in Advocacy

The Center for Excellence in Advocacy made its debut in 2002, the creation of dedicated alumni, a supportive administration, and especially of Professor Michael Kaye, who served as its first director until his retirement in June 2016.

As reported in the 2002-2003 Winter edition of the *Washburn Lawyer*, the idea behind the creation of the Center was to “promote skilled ethical advocacy by joining the study of law with the insights, knowledge and skills of the practicing bar.” Professor



*Professor
Michael Kaye*

Kaye described the early days of the Center as “fast and exciting.”

By the time I arrived back to teach at Washburn Law in 2004, the

Center was already a hub of activity. Its innovative programs such as the Intensive Trial Advocacy Program (ITAP), its National Institute of Trial Lawyers training programs, and other

WASHBURN LAW RANKED IN TOP 12 NATIONALLY FOR TRIAL ADVOCACY

Washburn Law was one of 12 law schools that were given an “A” in Trial Advocacy in *preLaw* magazine’s Spring 2016 edition.

The magazine recognized Washburn Law for the breadth and quality of its curricular offerings in Trial Advocacy, including the Center for Excellence in Advocacy, the Advocacy Certificate, and the wide range of available clinics and externships. We were one of only twelve law schools in the nation, and the only one in the Midwest, to achieve an A rating in this category.

Washburn Law has a long history of graduating outstanding trial lawyers and judges. Through an innovative combination of scholarship, advocacy, skills training, and advocacy-related research, our Advocacy program trains students to be persuasive, ethical, and skilled advocates in the community.

Our curriculum targets a large number of professional areas, including civil and commercial litigation, criminal law, appellate practice, trial advocacy, arbitration, and mediation.

ITAP TRADITION CONTINUES



2016 ITAP faculty (left) and student participants (right).

In May 2016, the Center for Excellence in Advocacy offered the annual Intensive Trial Advocacy Program (ITAP), a two-credit, week-long course for training law students to be trial lawyers. This innovative course immersed students in trial practice for seven full days, under the direction of an 11-person faculty.

In one intense week, students learned to try a civil or criminal case, an

opportunity available at few law schools across the country. Lawyers and judges worked with students each day in small group workshops focused on student performance of trial skills.

The instruction, practice, critique, and lecture culminated on the final trial day, as students conducted a jury trial to verdict in a simulated civil or criminal case they prepared during the week.

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events and symposiums set a high bar for student activity. I was amazed at not only the array of programs and the caliber of guests, but with the overall energy surrounding everything with which the Center was engaged. The sheer enthusiasm of the students and faculty made participating in Center activities a wonderful experience.

In the years since that time, the Center has continued to serve as a hub for advocacy activities, sponsoring an array of innovative ideas and programming. In addition to the more traditional competition team activities such as moot court, trial team, client counseling, and negotiations, a new 1L Opening and Closing Statement Competition and scholarship was established by competition alumni team of **Jay Hall, '07**, and **Danielle Hall, '09**, in order to give first-year law students an introduction to advocacy. New scholarships such as the Max Rowinsky Award were created to join the more established Raymond Spring Award, Lester M. Goodell Award, and John K. Kleinheksel Prize for Excellence in Oral Advocacy. Through all of these advancements, the Center continued to bring nationally renowned speakers to Washburn Law and to champion new courses and programs.

So, with the retirement of Professor Kaye, and as the Center for Excellence in Advocacy moves forward into its next era, what should you expect? Well, the important message is that the activities and programs that made the Center great will continue. ITAP will continue to unite Washburn Law students and prominent practitioners in the quest to become better advocates. The Center

will continue to host Lunch & Learn opportunities for students to learn from and interact with guest speakers from across not only Kansas, but the nation. Competition teams will continue to take the skills learned in their classes and demonstrate them across the nation. The Kansas Court of Appeals and other courts will continue to hear cases at Washburn Law, so that students can get a close look at the actual practice of advocacy skills. And, the nationally recognized Legal Analysis, Research, and Writing program will continue to ensure that Washburn Law students are prepared, from their first year, with all of the tools necessary for them to become effective advocates.

All of these programs were developed from the heavy labors of the professors, alumni, and administration of this Law School, and they are the legacy that the Center hands down to each new class of students every fall (or spring, for those like me, who were J-sectioners).

While preserving the great programs that the Center currently pursues is an important goal, it is just as vital to the long-term success of the Center to move forward. My ambition during the time I serve as director is to help make Washburn Law the advocacy hub of the Midwest. To this end, the Center will be rolling out new innovative programs to complement the existing ones. These new programs will be designed to provide benefits not only to current students, but also to alumni and friends of the Center.

As a part of this continued growth of the Center, this year will be an especially important one in terms of national visibility for Washburn Law's advocacy programs. In addition to the usual slate of advocacy teams

participating in national competitions in trial advocacy, moot court, client counseling, and negotiation, Washburn Law will play host to two important regional advocacy competitions:

On November 18-19, 2016, Washburn Law will be hosting the Regional rounds of the 67th Annual National Moot Court Competition, sponsored by the New York City Bar Association and the American College of Trial Lawyers. This is the first time in nine years that Washburn Law gets the chance to play host for the rounds. Then, on February 17-19, 2017, trial court skills take preeminence as Washburn Law will host the Regional rounds of the 42nd Annual National Trial Competition, sponsored by the Texas Young Lawyers Association and the American College of Trial Lawyers. These competitions will give Washburn Law the opportunity to showcase not only the skills of our students, but our commitment to advocacy in all of its forms.

Of course, the growth and prosperity of the Center for Excellence in Advocacy will only be possible by the continued involvement and support of alumni and friends. This is your Center, and you are vital to its continued success. As the Center moves forward, I welcome your ideas and input. Together, we can help ensure that the Center not only continues to thrive, but grows even stronger in the mission that Professor Kaye articulated in 2002, to "be a magnet for energy, creativity, and collaboration between practitioners, students, faculty, and judges, all working to help students develop the art of the advocate."

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION WEEK



Retired Chief Judge Richard Walker



Dan Wassink



Dawn Rouse

Trial skills are not the only skills successful attorneys need to know. It is estimated that only about 3 percent of cases actually go to trial, which validates the need for attorneys to be educated on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). The Center for Excellence in Advocacy offers a week-long ADR program each year at Washburn Law.

ADR Week provides students, practitioners, and judges the opportunity to learn about current and developing ADR issues. In addition to ADR in general, this year's presentations focused on mediation. Attendees received broad exposure to various ADR and mediation issues, and how to apply mediation in a wide variety of cases and practice areas.

ADR Week 2015 consisted of the following presentations:

November 9, 2015 – ADR Week Lunch & Learn: “The 9th Judicial District (Harvey and McPherson County, Kan.) Dispute Resolution Triage Program” presented by retired Chief Judge Richard Walker and Dan Wassink, director of the Community Mediation Center, senior mediator, and trainer at the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution.

November 10, 2015 – ADR Week Lunch & Learn: “Current ADR Practice Under the Kansas Courts and Upcoming Changes” with Dawn Rouse, court improvement specialist, Office of Judicial Administration of the Supreme Court of Kansas.

November 11, 2015 – ADR Week Lunch & Learn: “Writing for Mediation” presented by Jerry Palmer with Palmer Mediation, L.L.C.; and Palmer, Leatherman, White and Girard, L.L.P.

November 11, 2015 – ADR Week Dinner: “Mediation Panel Discussion” with Washburn Law Adjunct Professors Linda Laird and Aline Barrett leading the panel discussion; and with **Emily A. Hartz, '01**, Sloan Law Firm; and Ronnie Beach, Ed.S., owner of Conflict Resolution Services, Inc.

November 13, 2015 – ADR Week Lunch & Learn: “Introduction to Restorative Justice” with Professor Joanne Katz, J.D., Professor of Legal Studies in the Department of Criminal Justice, Legal Studies and Social Work at Missouri Western State University.



Jerry Palmer



Emily Hartz, '01



Joanne Katz

2015-16 CENTER ACTIVITIES



Liz Billinger, '15

September 11, 2015 – Lunch & Learn on the Expungement Process, presented jointly with the Washburn Law Clinic

September 14, 2015 – Lunch & Learn: “Juvenile Waivers” presented by **Liz Billinger, '15**

September 24, 2015 – Lunch & Learn: “Social Media Use in the Profession” presented by **Kim Knoll, '99**, jointly sponsored with the Washburn Law Clinic

September 29, 2015 – Judge Jon Gray, Jurist in Residence, spoke about trial practice and advocacy

September 30, 2015 – Lunch & Learn: “Career Planning” presented by Judge Jon R. Gray

October 22, 2015 – “Decade of Discovery,” an E-discovery documentary, presented jointly with the Kansas Federal District Court

October 29, 2015 – Lunch & Learn: “Minorities in Private Practice” presented by **Mark Dupree, '07; Shanelle Dupree, '07; and Lisa Williams McCallum, '14**, presented jointly with the Black Law Student Association



Kim Knoll, '99

February 4, 2016 – Lunch & Learn: “Legislative Policy Analysis” presented by Reed Howlegner

March 22, 2016 – Lunch & Learn: “Professional Responsibility and the Internet” presented by **Penny Moylan, '95**

March 29, 2016 – ITAP Information Session

April 6, 2016 – Lunch & Learn: “Scalia’s Legacy—and Now What?” presented by professors David Rubenstein, Craig Martin, and Jeff Jackson

April 11, 2016 – Lunch & Learn: “Reckless Murder/Death by Dog Attack” presented by Chris Biggs

April 18, 2016 – Lunch & Learn: “Mindfully Navigating Law School and the Bar Exam” presented by Rebecca Martin, Michael Martin, Anne McDonald, and Andrea Van Becelaere



Lisa Williams McCallum, '14; Shanelle Dupree, '07; and Mark Dupree, '07



Penny Moylan, '95



Chris Biggs

JON R. GRAY: CEA'S JURIST IN RESIDENCE



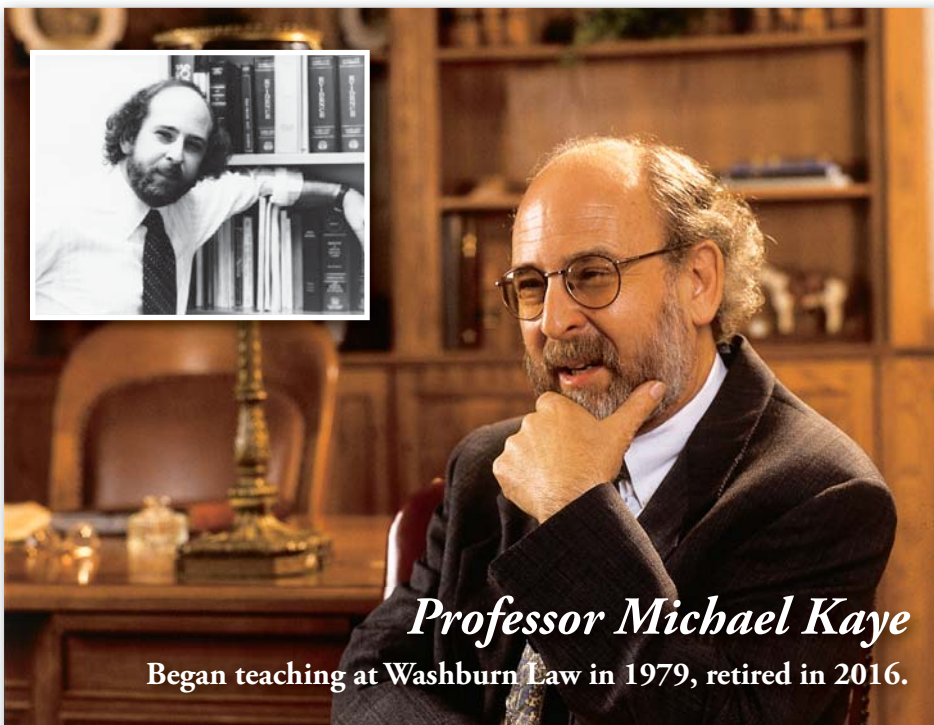
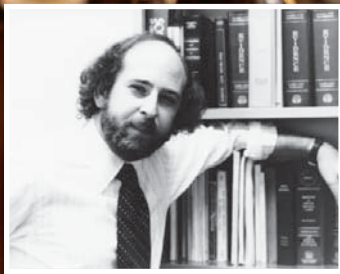
The Honorable Jon R. Gray, a partner with Shook, Hardy and Bacon, in Kansas City, was the CEA's Jurist In Residence September 29-30, 2016.

Students had the opportunity to meet with Gray individually and also engage with him in trial skills training (cross and direct examination exercises with critique and skills guidance).

Gray also presented a Lunch & Learn, and met with Washburn Law faculty.



WASHBURN LAW CELEBRATES THE CENTER'S FIRST DIRECTOR



Professor Michael Kaye

Began teaching at Washburn Law in 1979, retired in 2016.



NOVEMBER 18-19, 2016

Regional rounds of the
67th Annual National Moot
Court Competition,
sponsored by the New York
City Bar Association and
the American College
of Trial Lawyers

FEBRUARY 17-19, 2017

Regional rounds of the
42nd Annual National
Trial Competition,
sponsored by the Texas Young
Lawyers Association and the
American College of Trial Lawyers

APRIL 19, 2017

Annual Advocacy Awards
Ceremony and Banquet

2016 ADVOCACY AWARDS



Judge Melissa Taylor Standridge



*Professor Janet Thompson Jackson
and Janay Kent, '15*



*Judge C. William Ossmann, '77,
and Professor Michael Kaye*

On April 7, 2016, the Center for Excellence in Advocacy celebrated student achievements during the past year at the Advocacy Awards Ceremony and Banquet. The Honorable Melissa Taylor Standridge, Kansas Court of Appeals, delivered the keynote address.

Jay Hall, '07, and **Danielle Hall, '09**, presented the Awards for the Fourth Annual 1L Opening and Closing Ceremony, held on January 9, 2016. Chris Helt was the winner of the competition, with second place going to Colin Shaw. Other finalists were Matt Mantyla, Daniel Oste, and Matthew Palmer.

The Halls also presented the Trial Team Leadership and Excellence in Advocacy Award. This award recognizes the student from each trial advocacy competition who provides the best example of leadership and teamwork. **Seth Jones, '16**, earned the award for his performance on the Texas Young Lawyers Association Competition team, and **Amy Molina, '16**, earned the award for her performance on the ABA Labor and Employment Law Trial Advocacy Competition team.

Professor Michael Kaye presented

the Max Rowinsky Award for the outstanding student in the year's trial advocacy class. This year, the award had two recipients: **Geoff Aubrey, '16**, and **Hannah Norman, '16**.

Professor John Francis presented the Kansas Association of Justice Raymond Spring Award, which is given annually to the Washburn Law Clinic intern who has demonstrated the highest commitment to providing legal services to clients in need. This year's recipient was **Janay Kent, '15**, for her work in the Small Business & Nonprofit Transactional Law Clinic.

Francis also presented the Irvine E. Ungerman Award for Excellence in Clinical Practice. This award is given to legal interns who have distinguished themselves by providing highly competent representation to clients in a manner exemplifying the ideals of the profession and the spirit of public service. **Robert "Joe" Pilgrim, '16**, received the award for his work on Veterans' law issues.

Professor Jeffrey Jackson presented the Lester M. Goodell Awards. These awards are given to the best oralist and for the best brief in the annual intramural Lester M. Goodell Moot Court Tryout Competition. The

winner of the best oralist award was Becky Craig, and the winner of the best brief award was Zachariah Zallo. Jackson also presented the Faculty Brief Award, which is awarded to the Moot Court team that writes the best brief in an interscholastic competition. This year, the award was given to Sam Clopton and James Crux for their memorial in the Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition.

Professor Jackson also presented the John Kleinheksel Prize, which is awarded to the Moot Court team that achieves the highest ranking in an interscholastic competition. The award was presented to **Lauren Amrein, '16**, and **Kimberly Hurt, '16**, for their performance in the Billings, Exum & Fry National Moot Court Competition.

Finally, 10 students were inducted into the Order of Barristers, a national honorary organization dedicated to the encouragement of advocacy skills. The Order recognizes individuals who have excelled in advocacy and service to their respective schools. Professors Michael Kaye, Jeffrey Jackson, and Shawn Leisinger presented the inductees: **Candice Alcaraz, '16**; **Lauren Amrein, '16**;



The UMKC Show Me Challenge National Voir Dire Tournament team and coaches present their first place trophy to Dean Romig (center)

Samuel Blasi, '16; Destiny Bounds, '16; Jorge DeHoyos, '16; Brandon Katt, '16; Amy Molina, '16; Daniel Obermeier, '16; Andrea Plunkett, '16; and John Colin Reynolds, '16.

Kaye was also inducted as an Honorary Member of the Order of Barristers for his years of leadership, service, and support of advocacy.

In addition to the awards, the members of the different competition teams were recognized. These teams included the ABA Client Counseling Competition team; ABA Labor and Employment Law Trial Advocacy Competition team; ABA Negotiation Competition team; Billings, Exum & Frye National Moot Court Competition team; Evan A. Evans Constitutional Law Competition team; Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition team; John J. Gibbons National Criminal Procedure Competition team; New York Bar National Moot Court Competition team; Texas Young Lawyers Association Competition team; and UMKC Show Me Challenge National Voir Dire Tournament team.



The Jessup International Moot Court team with their coach, Professor Craig Martin (far right)



Moot Court Competition team with their coach, Professor Jeffrey Jackson (center)



Texas Young Lawyers Association Competition team



ABA Negotiation Competition team



ABA Labor and Employment Law Trial Advocacy Competition team



ABA Client Counseling Competition team



Order of Barristers inductees

FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP AND ACTIVITIES



Jeffrey D. Jackson

Professor of Law and Interim Director,
Center for Excellence in Advocacy

BOOKS AND MONOGRAPHS

Interactive Citation Workbook for the Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation, 2015 Edition (co-authored with Tracy McGaugh Norton, Christine Hurt) (LexisNexis, 2015).

Interactive Citation Workbook for ALWD Guide to Legal Citation, 2015 Edition (co-authored with Tracy McGaugh Norton, Christine Hurt) (LexisNexis, 2015).

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

Quoted, "Legal Experts: Supreme Court Assault-Rifle Decision Won't Mean Much to Kansas," *The Wichita Eagle*, December 7, 2015.

Quoted, "Kansas Experts Back Chanute Decision to Remove Jesus Picture from School," *The Wichita Eagle*, August 25, 2015.

PRESENTATIONS

"Recent Developments in United States Supreme Court Cases," 2016 Selected Topics and Miscellany CLE, Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, June 23, 2016.

"Classic Rational Basis and the Right to be Free of Arbitrary Legislation," Symposium on "Is the Rational Basis Test Unconstitutional?", Georgetown

University, Washington, D.C., February 12, 2016.



Andrea J. Boyack

Professor of Law

PRESENTATIONS

"Zombie Mortgages: Bankruptcy Alternatives and Strategies," Topeka Area Bankruptcy Council CLE, Topeka, March 23, 2016 (with **Robert D. Berger**, '86).



Linda Henry Elrod, '72

Richard S. Righter Distinguished
Professor of Law

PRESENTATIONS

"Family Law Arbitration: An Idea Whose Time Has Come," 2015 Kansas Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution CLE, Topeka, November 20, 2015.



Tonya Kowalski

Professor of Law

PRESENTATIONS

"Mentoring New Legal Writers," 2016 Selected Topics and Miscellany CLE,

Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, June 23, 2016.

"Real-World Practitioner Documents in Legal Skills Courses," Institute for Law Teaching and Learning Summer Conference, Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, June 10, 2016.



Shawn Leisinger

Executive Director, Centers for Excellence;
Externship Director; and CLE Director

PRESENTATIONS

Are you an Ethical Attorney Negotiator? A Live Exercise based on the "American Pickers" Show!," 2016 Selected Topics and Miscellany CLE, Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, June 23, 2016.



Frédéric G. Sourgens

Associate Professor of Law

PRESENTATIONS

"Internal Preparation of a Case in International Arbitration," 2016 Selected Topics and Miscellany CLE, Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, June 24, 2016.

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SCHOLARSHIP LISTING VISIT:
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ELEVEN GRADUATES RECEIVE CERTIFICATE IN ADVOCACY



*Candice
Alcaraz, '16*



*Lauren
Amrein, '16*



*Geoffrey
Aubrey, '16*



*Susan
Bandy, '16*



*Tori
Chundak, '16*



*Daniel
Obermeier, '16*



*Conor
O'Malley, '16*



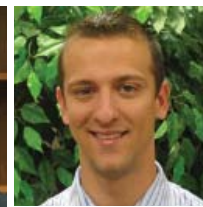
*Collin
Reynolds, '16*



*James
Weber, '16*



*Ryan
Williams, '16*



*Brian
Yearout, '16*

Eleven students in the 2016 graduating class received a Certificate in Advocacy: Candice Alcaraz, Lauren Amrein, Geoffrey Aubrey, Susan Bandy, Tori Chundak, Daniel Obermeier, Conor O'Malley, Collin Reynolds, James Weber, Ryan Williams, and Brian Yearout.

CERTIFICATE OF CONCENTRATION

The Certificate in Advocacy is available for students who have a serious interest in the art, science, and law of advocacy. The recipient of the Certificate in Advocacy has demonstrated a thorough understanding of the litigation process, the ability to produce appropriate legal pleadings and other litigation documents, and the ability to try a case proficiently to a judge or jury. The Certificate is an acknowledgment by the Faculty that the student has successfully completed a focused course of study in advocacy.

LAWYERING EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT

Students earning an Advocacy Certificate must complete a lawyering experience consisting of either Clinic Internship/Litigation, Criminal Appeal Advocacy, or an externship that involves a lawyering experience in an advocacy placement. The Advocacy Certificate administrator, working with the externship coordinator, will determine whether an externship meets the necessary criteria.

SERVICE REQUIREMENT

- Complete 10 hours of pre-approved pro bono activities that involve advocacy skills.
- Complete 18 hours of pre-approved Advocacy Center activities.
- Complete and submit the Advocacy Certificate Service Form within one month of completing any service hours.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Any student interested in pursuing a Certificate in Advocacy must first meet with a faculty member administering the program to declare their interest and plan their course of study. This must be done prior to completing 40 hours of study. Following the meeting, the faculty member and student will complete the "Meeting Summary". This faculty member will also serve as the student's Certificate advisor and will approve any waivers or alternative courses allowed or required by the program.

The student must complete 90 hours of total law school credit and achieve a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in courses used to satisfy their Certificate requirements. Students who obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5 for courses used to satisfy their Certificate requirements will be awarded the Advocacy Certificate (with distinction).

EXTERNSHIP BUSINESS PARTNERS

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 Internal Revenue Service
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 Kansas Association of School Boards
 Kansas Attorney General's Office
 Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and
 Domestic Violence
 Kansas Corporation Commission
 Oil and Gas Conservation Division
 Kansas Court of Tax Appeals
 Kansas Department for Children
 and Families

Kansas Department of Agriculture
 Kansas Department of Commerce
 Kansas Department of Health and
 Environment
 Kansas Department of Revenue
 Kansas Department of Revenue -
 Alcoholic Beverage Control
 Kansas Insurance Department
 Kansas League of Municipalities
 Kansas Legal Services
 Kansas Soybean Association
 Kansas State Bankers Association
 Local Corporations
 Midwest Innocence Project
 Non-profit Organizations
 Office of the Kansas Securities
 Commissioner
 Payless ShoeSource

Prairie Band Potawatomi Court System
 Regional Federal Agencies
 Shawnee County Sheriff's Office
 State and Federal Courts
 Statewide and Nationwide Courts and
 Prosecutors/Defenders Offices
 Statewide Board of Indigents' Defense
 Services
 Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority
 YWCA Center for Safety and
 Empowerment

*Placement opportunities vary annually.
 Non-exhaustive list.*

About Us



SCHOOL OF LAW

Center for Excellence in Advocacy

Center mentorships, court observation opportunities, seminars, lectures, skills training courses, live-client clinics, and externship placements provide diverse opportunities for students to acquire strong advocacy skills. Participation in the Center also offers law students a guided path to future careers in advocacy-centered law practice.

Washburn Law has years of experience in advocacy skills training. Many noted trial lawyers and judges received their legal training at Washburn and have returned to help train the newest generation of advocates. Talented practitioners teach a variety of specialized elective advocacy skills courses and spend time mentoring law students. Center mentorships, court observation opportunities, seminars, lectures, skills training courses, live-client clinics, and externship placements provide diverse opportunities for students to acquire strong advocacy skills.

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