

Gill and Peterson Earn Irvine E. Ungerman Award for Excellence in Clinical Practice for the Spring 2020 Semester



**Rick Gill,
JD Candidate, '21**



Miles Peterson, '20

At the conclusion of the spring 2020 semester, the Washburn Law Clinic proudly awarded the Irvine E. Ungerman Award for Excellence in Clinical Practice to **Rick Gill, JD Candidate, '21**, and **Miles Peterson, '20**. The Ungerman Award recognizes students who have excelled at lawyering skills, including problem solving, legal analysis and research, fact investigation, counseling, negotiation, trial skills, the ability to recognize and resolve ethical dilemmas and the ability to work with others. Further, the recipients treat other people with dignity and respect and work towards the public good. “Miles and Rick display both excellence in lawyering skills and compassion and respect for their clients,” stated Professor Michelle Ewert, who supervised the pair in the spring and nominated them for the award.

During their time in clinic, Gill and Peterson worked on a complicated subsidized housing issue that required sophisticated research and analysis of both state and federal law. They grappled with a novel administrative agency case made more difficult by involved parties being located in different countries. Finally, their work on

a guardianship case for an adult with an impairment earned them high praise from a court employee for their persistence during the Covid-19 shutdown. In addition to their high-quality work on cases, they raced the pandemic shutdown to identify resources for a client facing eviction and connected her with programs to help her and her family. They are truly deserving of this award for the way they promoted justice in Topeka. The clinic faculty and staff are proud of Gill and Peterson's accomplishments in clinic and are excited to see what they will accomplish as Washburn lawyers!