



Career Services



Gerry Hayden & Margann Bennett

Several staff changes occurred in the Career Services Department since January.

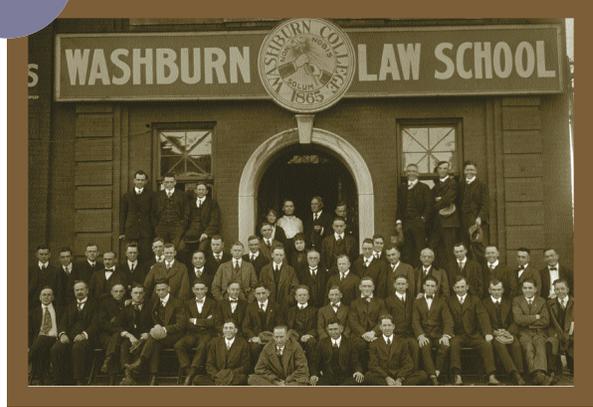
Margann Bennett is the new director of Career Services and Continuing Legal Education. She comes from Westlaw, where she was a corporate account manager for two years. Prior to Westlaw, she practiced at Hershberger, Patterson, Jones & Roth in Wichita and at Shook Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City as a litigation associate. Margann received her BA in 1991 and JD in 1996, both from the University of Kansas.

Gerry Hayden is the new Career Services assistant. She previously worked in the Washburn University Facilities Services Department. Prior to Washburn, Gerry worked at Sabetha High School, Sabetha, Kansas, as career coordinator for 24 years. She received her associate's degree from Mount San Antonio College in Walnut, California.

You can contact Margann at 785-231-1010 ext.1703 and Gerry at 785-231-1010 ext.1184.

Admissions

This has been a record year for admissions at the Washburn University School of Law. Applications increased by seventy-nine percent over last year. In comparison, law school applications were up fourteen percent nationwide. Because of the larger pool of applicants, the School of Law has had to turn away qualified applicants. The credentials of the members of the entering fall class have increased significantly.



Centennial Celebration

Washburn University School of Law will celebrate its Centennial beginning this fall. The Centennial is an opportunity for those who have made Washburn Law a great school--alumni, faculty, and friends--to celebrate the School's rich tradition and history and to give back to help create an even brighter future.

Centennial events will span three years, celebrating the incoming centennial class from their beginning semester through their graduation in May 2006. There will be something for everyone: CLEs, receptions, gala events, a U.S. Supreme Court swearing-in, dinners, lectures, symposia, and many other activities in Topeka and other major areas throughout the United States. You will soon receive information regarding the first year of Centennial activities in the mail.

Contributions to the Centennial Celebration will be used to enhance the school's signature programs, establish endowed professorships and chairs, and improve scholarship offerings. If you would like to learn more about how to create opportunities for the next generation of Washburn Law students please call Joel Lauer, Director of Development, at 785-231-1100 or e-mail him at joel.lauer@washburn.edu

If you have ideas for events or event locations, please contact Alumni Relations and share your thoughts. Share your stories, photos, and memorabilia with us. The Alumni Relations website (www.washburnlaw.edu/alumni) will have activities posted as the celebration continues. Check it often to keep apprised of upcoming events.

We hope you will attend as many events as possible to share in the history and celebration of Washburn Law's past and be part of the excitement and expectations for the future.



Russian Visitors

A delegation of Russian Federation judges visited Washburn University School of Law on November 19, 2002, as part of a five-day examination of their counterparts and other members of the Kansas legal community. Their tour included stops in Lawrence, Topeka and Kansas City, Kansas.

The visit was part of a high-level rule of law exchange sponsored by the Open World Program, which is under the auspices of the Library of Congress. The delegation included a Supreme Court justice of the Chuvash Republic in east central European Russia, the chair of the Chelyabinsk Regional Court in the southern Urals, a judge of the Altai Krai Court in southwestern Siberia, the deputy chair of the Pechorsky City Court in northeastern European Russia, and the deputy chair of the Leninsky District Court of Cheboksar City, Chuvash Republic. The group's facilitator was the assistant director of the American Informational and Educational Center in Nizhny Novgorod in western Russia.

Chief Justice Kay McFarland '64 and former Governor Bill Graves welcomed the delegation to Topeka during visits to the Kansas Supreme Court and the governor's office. The Russians toured the Kansas Judicial Center, heard an oral argument in the Court of Appeals, and visited the Supreme Court courtroom. They also met with several legislators before their visit to Washburn, where they toured the School of Law and participated in a roundtable discussion. Svetlana Driscoll '03, a student originally from Russia, also joined the roundtable discussion adding a student perspective to the discussion.

Reunion

Washburn Law alumni who graduated in a year that ends with either a 3 or an 8 will celebrate with a reunion on October 24 and 25.

On Friday, October 24, graduates will have an opportunity to attend a class taught by their favorite professor. A casual after-hours reception will be a time to catch up on the news of your friends.

Saturday, October 25, will have two morning CLE's, a morning golf tournament, an afternoon football game and an evening dinner. Detailed information from each class chairperson will be mailed soon. Plan to join your classmates and other alumni, faculty and staff for fun, conversation and a good time!

If you are interested in helping with the reunion, please contact Julie Elliott at 785-231-1010 ext. 2013.