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— James Clark
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Class of 1906



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James P. Sloan, President

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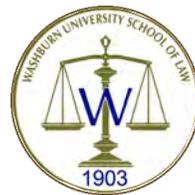
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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Anyone who has spent any time in legal education knows that buildings and classrooms – no matter how impressive – do not determine a law school's greatness. (Which is not to say they are irrelevant – more on that point later!) A law school's people do – its faculty, its leadership, and most importantly, its alumni and its students! On that score, our law school stands second to none. One of my great pleasures as the dean of our law school has been traveling all over Kansas and the rest of the country meeting with so many of you. It is obvious from your record of achievement that you, our alumni, are both extremely accomplished and loyal. As we celebrate our first century, we can all take great pride in what you and the generations of graduates who preceded you have accomplished!

In this issue of The Washburn Lawyer we want to introduce you to our current students. They are an impressive group – highly credentialed and immensely talented. Some continue a long family connection to our law school. Others are new to Washburn and, indeed, new to Kansas and the legal profession. What sets all of them apart from so many other law students is their commitment to serving our profession, their clients, and their communities. As you read their stories, I know you will feel the pride and the pleasure we have in welcoming them to the Washburn family.

I also want to share with you developments at the law school. Our campus indeed has been an active place this past year. In addition to centennial-related events, we held conferences on a range of important topics including the legacy of Brown v. Board of Education, genetically-modified foods, the death penalty, international law, high-conflict custody cases, and conflict-of-interests issues for transactional lawyers, just to name a few. We became one of the first law schools in the nation to provide NITA training for all of our Trial Advocacy professors. We hosted a number of important speakers, many of whom were our alumni participating in the activities of one of our new Centers. This spring semester will be an equally busy time. In particular, we will be holding our Centennial Gala on March 27th. We hope to see you there and at many of this spring's other events.

I began this letter by stating that great facilities do not necessarily make a great law school. On the other hand, they do not hurt! That is why I am pleased to tell you that we are continuing to update and improve the building. We opened our new Career Services Office this fall. Stop by to see it. I know you will be impressed. As I write this we are putting the final touches to the plans for the \$1.25 million dollar renovation of our classrooms. By next fall, the blue, green and orange plastic chairs, the cement floors, the block walls and the ancient black boards we all know so well will give way to new furnishings, carpets, power outlets for laptops, white boards and other niceties of the 21st Century! The improvements will be the most dramatic changes to our educational facilities since we left those infamous trailer buildings in 1969! For the first time in a long time, our classrooms will be as modern as our students are talented.

We look forward to seeing you, either here on campus or at one of the many receptions we will be holding this year throughout the country. In particular, I look forward to seeing you at the Centennial Gala. It promises to be a great event at which we celebrate our first hundred years and launch our aspirations for the next!

Sincerely,
Dennis

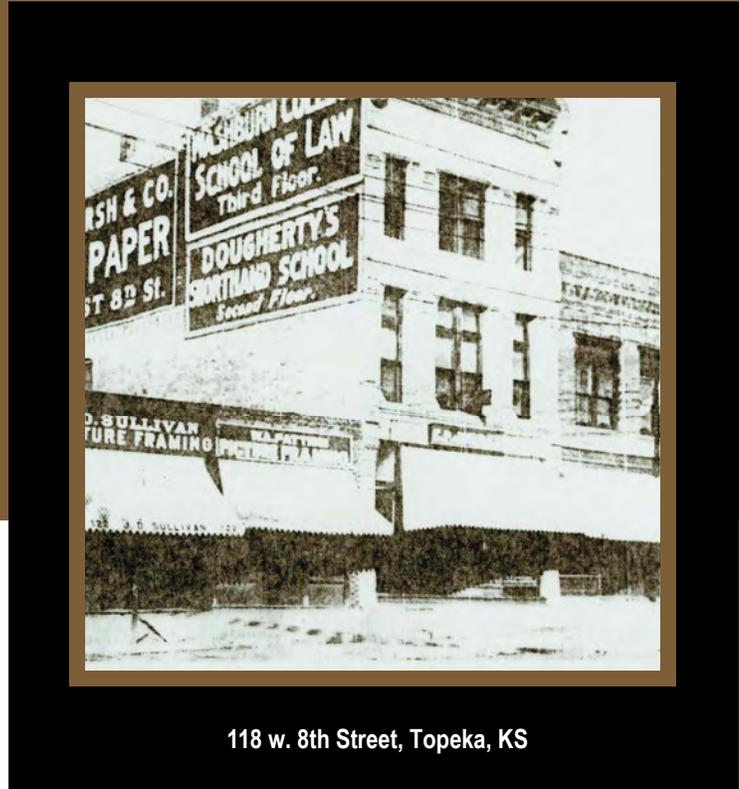


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Norman Plass

– Norman Plass, 1902

1903

THE FIRST CLASS AT WASHBURN LAW SCHOOL

In the fall of 1903, Washburn College opened its new law school in downtown Topeka on the third floor of the building at 118 W. 8th Street. The leased space consisted of three lecture rooms, a large reading room and library, coatrooms, bathrooms and offices—“more than could be desired for the purpose,” observed *The Washburn Review*.

Forty-one students took law classes that first year, including five women. Seven of the students were already lawyers. Tuition was \$50 per year, with expenses for books, room and board, and laundry costing another \$123 to \$254 per year.

Three years later, in 1906, seventeen students would graduate in the law school’s first commencement. They were the beginning of what would become a century of exceptional legal education at Washburn.

ESTABLISHING A GREAT LAW SCHOOL

100 YEARS of Washburn Law Students

In his first year as president of Washburn College, Norman Plass set about the business of establishing a law school. In his inaugural address of October 7, 1902, Plass declared Topeka “the ideal place for such a school,” and shortly thereafter appointed local lawyer Robert Stone to chair a committee to form the new school. The school’s mission would be “to furnish facilities for legal training and preparation for the practice of law as a profession, equal to those offered anywhere, and to encourage the systematic study of general jurisprudence, legal history, and the fundamental principals of government.”

It was a huge challenge, not the least of which was attracting law students. At the turn of the 20th century, attending law school was not required to practice law, nor was completion of law school sufficient for admission to the Kansas bar. Applicants for admission to the bar in Kansas were required to show only that they had “read law for two years, the last of which must be in the office of a regularly practicing attorney.” There was no statewide bar examination. Until 1903, an applicant who satisfied any district court that he possessed the requisite learning was admitted to practice in all district and inferior courts, and then could be admitted upon

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motion to practice in the Supreme Court. With such lax standards, why attend law school? Not surprisingly, as of 1900, more than half of America's lawyers had not attended law school or even one year of college.

Fortunately, in the spring of 1903, as Washburn prepared to open its law school, the Kansas Legislature transferred responsibility for admitting applicants to the bar from the district courts to the Supreme Court, which in turn created a Board of Law Examiners to administer written exams to qualified applicants. Applicants were required to have read the law for two years in the office of a regularly practicing attorney or to be a graduate of the University of Kansas Law School "or some other law school of equal requirements and reputation."

In addition to attracting students, the new school would have to attract qualified teachers. Stone's committee began recruiting local lawyers and judges willing to teach one or more courses without pay. The list of 25 volunteer instructors reads like a Who's Who of the Topeka Bar: four Kansas Supreme Court justices (William R. Smith, John C. Pollock, Rousseau A. Burch and Henry F. Mason); former Chief Justice Frank Doster; Kansas Court of Appeals Judge Theodore Garver; District Judge Lee

Monroe; Judge of the Court of Topeka and Washburn Trustee Arthur J. McCabe; and Judge of the Police Court Clad Hamilton.

By May 1903, the Law School had its first dean. Ernest Bancroft Conant had graduated from Harvard Law School five years earlier, in 1898. He practiced law in Boston through 1902 and taught classes in the evening law program of the Boston Y.M.C.A. In January 1903, Conant moved to Chicago, where he practiced law and taught Torts and Damages at the Illinois College of Law. When he began his appointment at Washburn, Conant, 33, was younger than many of his students.

In June 1903, Washburn published a 20-page catalog announcing the Law School would open for academic year 1903-04. It included a list of the faculty, admission requirements, courses and degree requirements. To be admitted to the Law School, a degree-seeking student was required to be eighteen years of age and a graduate of a four-year high school or to have completed the subjects required for admission to Washburn College. Applicants who lacked these credentials could be admitted conditionally or by passing an examination covering the required subjects. Special students, those who were at least nineteen years old but were not seeking a law

degree, including practicing lawyers, could be admitted without examination.

The College rented space on the third floor of 118 W. 8th, above the Daugherty Shorthand School. The downtown location not only offered students convenient access to the State Law Library, the courts and employment opportunities, it was also convenient for the part-time faculty who might not have been willing to travel to the campus to teach.

CLASSES BEGIN

Registration for the first semester was held September 15, 1903. Classes began two days later. Classes were scheduled to accommodate those students who worked. Initially, only the dean taught full-time, and Dean Conant taught three classes during the fall term: Contracts each day at 8 a.m., Evidence at 5 p.m. each day except Wednesday, and Torts on Tuesdays from 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Students in Torts also met on Friday evenings or on Thursday and Friday afternoons. Thereafter, Dean Conant taught three and sometimes four courses each semester, including Common Law Pleading, Quasi-Contracts, Suretyship and Guaranty, Trusts and Municipal Corporations. Occasionally he also assisted with courses in International Law and Private Corporations.

Other instructors included Harry G. Larimer, who taught Bills and Notes; A.W. Dana, who taught Real Property; and L.H. Greenwood, who taught Personal Property and Bailments.

The local lawyers and judges who taught part-time during the Law School's early years were indispensable to the School's



success. During the school's first twelve years, no fewer than twelve Kansas Supreme Court justices and one judge of the Kansas Court of Appeals taught courses, adding luster to the school while bringing "real world" experience to the classroom. However, one drawback of the heavy reliance on part-time faculty was the frequency with which they cancelled classes because of other commitments. "Competition is the life of trade; but irregularity of classes is death to the school," complained one student in the October 14, 1904, issue of *The Washburn Review*.

Students seeking a Bachelor of Laws degree had to complete the required course of instruction and pass the regular exams in all subjects; however, the content of the "required course of instruction" varied from year to year. Although no mention of the number of credit hours required appears in the earliest catalogs, the March 1913 catalog states that 72 credit hours are required. The normal semester load was 12 hours, the maximum 14 hours, and third-year law students were required to take at least 10 hours. Also explained in the 1913 catalog is the grading system. Noticeably absent is the grade of F. Instead, failing students received an E and were required to retake the course. D was also a failing grade, but the student was only required to retake the course examination. In this way, students had to demonstrate minimal competence in every subject to graduate.

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-1904 Student quote

THE FIRST STUDENTS

Forty-one students took classes during the Law School's inaugural year, eighteen regular first-year students and twenty-three special students. Of the twenty-three special students, three women, Maude Bates, Anna Marie Nellis and Ruth Welles, completed the first year. Two other women, Zeva Bradshaw Edworthy and Louise Mary Morrison, took at least one class. However, none of the women returned to the Law School the following year.

"[Some women] quit, of course, when they first realized the status of women at common law," said a classmate. "They did not tarry long enough to ascertain that all the rights a woman has, even now, depend upon the statutes and are liable to be repealed at any session of the legislature, or forever wrested from her by a constitutional convention in which she has no voice."

Seven students were already lawyers, and five of them would go on to complete the course of study and graduate in 1906. One of these



John S. Dawson '06

lawyer-graduates was John S. Dawson. At age 34, Dawson was older than Dean Conant. Dawson emigrated from Scotland to the U.S. in the 1880s and began farming with relatives in Illinois. He later moved to western Kansas, where he taught school and eventually became principal of the Hill City schools. The president of the Hill City schools was Henry J. Hawri, described as "one of the most brilliant of the many able lawyers in Kansas." After reading law in Harwi's law office, Dawson was admitted to the bar in 1898 in Wakeeney.

A year later, Dawson came to Topeka to serve as bond clerk in the state treasurer's office, and in 1903 was named chief clerk in the attorney general's office. He continued attending the Law School even after he was named special assistant attorney general in 1904, although he did not enroll in the fall of that election year due to his political responsibilities. He remained in that position after graduating in 1906, and later was elected attorney general for two terms. In 1914, Dawson was elected to the Kansas Supreme Court, where he served for 30 years, including as chief justice from 1937–1945.

The impressive accomplishments of Dawson and the other members of the Law School's first graduating class would enhance Washburn's reputation and serve as an inspiration to future law students. "They have set an excellent example, and there is no reason why other classes should not try to achieve as much," wrote James Clark in the May 1912 issue of *The Washburn Review*.

THE FIRST GRADUATING CLASS

There were seventeen graduates in the class of 1906, a number not matched until 1912 and not exceeded until 1914. Seven members had already been admitted to practice, and each graduate paid a \$5 diploma fee.

The class had adapted a motto from Shakespeare: "A fee! A fee! My advice for a fee!" Perhaps in response, William Rossington, the graduation speaker, gave the new graduates this advice:

“A fee! A fee!
My advice for a fee!”

-William Shakespeare

100 Years of Washburn Students

“I presume that you all intend to make the law the business and chief concern of your lives or you would not have gone to the trouble, labor and the expense of this course of preparation. I need not tell you that, like young bears, you have all your troubles ahead of you. To begin with, you will have to wait....It is one thing to express a willingness to practice law and to assert your fitness to undertake its responsibilities by hiring a small office and hanging out a sign; and another thing to bear with cheerful heart the seeming unwillingness of clients with case to mount your stairs and entrust you with business. If you are depending upon the law for your living from day to day, you may soon be discouraged. If you have certain versatility of talents, you may still adhere to your purpose and retain your connection with the law until you can tide over this period.”

In many ways, Rossington’s words of caution would be appropriate for today’s law school graduate. However, he need not have worried about the class of 1906. Not only did all members of the first graduating class pass the bar exam, most would go on to have successful careers. Only two of the 1906 graduates chose to leave law practice: George S. Badders, who opened a clothing store at 7th and Kansas in Topeka, and David S. Salley, who opted for “educational work” with the International



George S. Badders '06



Edward R. Sloan '06



Llewellyn J. Graham '06



George A. Kline '06

Correspondence Schools in Los Angeles, California.

Edward R. “Ted” Sloan served three terms in the Kansas House of Representatives from 1923–1929. In March 1931 he was appointed by Gov. Guy Woodring to fill a vacancy on the Kansas Supreme Court, where he served with his former classmate John Dawson. Sloan chose not to seek another term on the Court and later served for 14 years as referee in bankruptcy.

Llewellyn J. Graham became a Kansas Supreme Court reporter, and first published Kansas advance sheets. His untimely death in 1911 was noted in the Kansas Reports, an unusual honor for one who did not serve on the Court. George A. Kline served as district judge in Shawnee County from 1928–1948, and Hugh MacFarland was the county’s probate judge. Class President William H. Vernon was selected as law clerk to Justice Henry Mason, one of his instructors, and he and Ernest R. Simon were asked to be lecturers at the law school the year after their graduation. Vernon moved to Larned and served three terms as Pawnee County attorney. He would later be speaker of the Kansas House of Representatives.

100 Years of Washburn Students

Simon was elected judge of the Court of Topeka in 1907 and later was Shawnee County attorney. *The Washburn Review* of May 1912 proudly describes Attorney General Simon as “using the legal broom with which the Washburn Law School has provided him to sweep up the refuse of the county and deposit it where it can do the least harm to society.” Simon, who also served as president of the Law School Alumni Association, was largely responsible for its decision in 1909 to begin offering \$50 annual scholarships to the top students in first- and second-year classes.

Benjamin Wright Scandrett taught Evidence during the 1909–10 school year before joining the Union Pacific Railroad as general attorney. “He is doing well,” noted *The Washburn Review*, “and would be instructing a class in his alma mater if it were not that the railway company is inclined to keep him too busy with legal matters.”

The remaining class members would go on to practice law in Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma, sometimes in private practice, often in public service. In ensuing years, *The Washburn Review* would periodically report on the class of 1906, giving law students a glimpse of their predecessors’ rising careers and, no doubt, raising their own aspirations



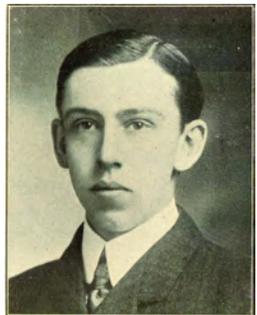
Hugh MacFarland '06



William H. Vernon '06



Ernest R. Simon '06



Benjamin W. Scandrett '06

and their pride in Washburn Law.

Early on it became evident that the Law School Plass and Stone set in motion was in many ways exceeding expectations. In fact, from the Law School’s inception in 1903 through at least 1915, no Washburn graduate failed the Kansas bar exam. Speaking at the Law School’s 10th anniversary banquet, Chief Justice William A. Johnston summed up the true measure of Washburn’s success: “The best test of the school is its product...Washburn College and the Law School are the proudest possession in Topeka.”



THE JOHN MARSHALL CLUB.



HUGH MC FARLAND.

R. A. MAXWELL.

W. H. VERNON.

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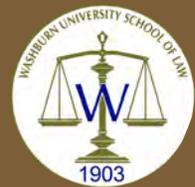
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B. W. SCANDRETT.

Photo from 1904



Class of 2006



Michael W. Brazington



Kristy L. Khan



Suneetra N. Mickle



Dara E. Montclare



Keith D. Pangburn



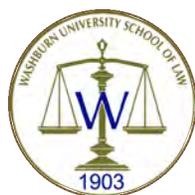
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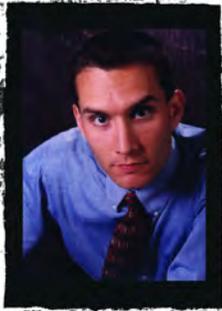


They bring to Washburn University School of Law a diversity of talents, interests and experiences but share a common desire to understand the law. And now, by happenstance, they also share a unique place in the history of Washburn Law: They are members of the Centennial class, the first class of the Law School's second century.

The *Centennial* Class

This Centennial class is already impressive having a top seventy-five percent LSAT average score of 155. The entering class is also diverse; seventeen percent are minorities and women make up forty-five percent of the class. This class has an average age of twenty-six with the oldest student being fifty-four and twenty being the youngest. Students represent twenty-five different states and nine students are not US citizens. Fifteen of the students have received graduate degrees and eighty-seven of the class received their undergraduate degrees within the last two years, while twenty-nine received it more than five years ago. Thirty-seven percent of the class are recipients of merit scholarships.

Meet eight students from the entering class of 2003. We meet these Centennial students as they begin their journey through law school. Our hats go off to them for having traveled so far already. Over the next three years, we will check in on them periodically as they make their way to graduation day in 2006.



Michael W. Brazington

For Michael Brazington, learning is exciting—"like space travel or being a billionaire or something." But he didn't always feel this way. While in high school in Nebraska, Brazington was often more interested in pulling pranks than in making grades. He dropped out of high school during his junior year and returned to school the following year only to drop out again. "Eventually I took my G.E.D., so I guess you can say I'm really non-traditional," Brazington said.

Despite these early missteps, Brazington eventually graduated from Union College in Lincoln,

NE, with a B.A. in religion. "It was an honor to graduate," said Brazington when asked if he graduated with honors. In fact, the college's religion department discouraged competition and therefore had no official honor. That said, Brazington was given the unofficial designation "most-favored ministerial graduate" by several church administrators.

Before coming to Washburn Law, Brazington had several jobs, including two successful positions in sales and marketing. He was also a professional clergy person in upstate New York, overseeing a four-church district in the country near Lake Ontario. "I was the only paid leader in the 300-member district, said Brazington, "So I had some significant responsibility."

But for Brazington the real significance of his work experiences is not so much what he did as what he learned. "Those were all great experiences, but they taught me something important about myself, which is that while I enjoy leading people and can be highly effective at it, my truest passion is to research and write. That's why I went to law school, and I haven't been disappointed."

Not surprisingly, Brazington did his research before deciding to pursue a law degree. He interviewed eighteen practicing attorneys "to find out what they actually did." When they told him they did a lot of research, he knew the legal profession was for him. "For me, spending time researching is a constant fascination," said Brazington. Next he had to decide which law school to attend. To a future legal researcher-writer, the quality of the library was key, and Brazington consulted the ABA guide, which named Washburn's law library number one based on certain criteria. Michael also researched Washburn's G.P.A. and LSAT standards, which he found were even higher than some of the top-50 schools. The school's proximity to his extended family and a scholarship "closed the deal," and Brazington entered law school last fall.

For someone like Brazington who loves the learning process, law school has been a treat. "I have absolutely loved all of my classes because each of them is teaching me how to think logically in such a detailed way." He also praises the professors, the myriad seminar opportunities and, of course, the library. "The library is on the cutting edge, techno speaking," observed Brazington. And he would know.

Kristy L. Khan

Kristy Khan is an avid hockey fan—not surprising since she hails from Edmonton, Canada,



home of the Edmonton Oilers and Wayne "The Great One" Gretzky. When she transferred to the University of New Orleans to complete her undergraduate degree, she took her love of hockey with her and became a big supporter of the former New Orleans Brass. During the 2001-2002 hockey season, Khan was the Brass' promotions intern, assisting with New Orleans-style promotions that included "Dance Like Britney Spears," turkey bowling, and what she describes as an "ill-advised wheelchair relay with pregnant ladies."

In addition to her love of hockey, Khan has always had an interest in the law. After graduating from the University of New Orleans with a B.S. in business administration and management, Khan decided to pursue a law degree. Her brother had attended law school at the University of Toledo, and he gave her some insight into what she might expect at law school. Still, the first year of law school is always an adjustment, and Khan marvels at "the amount of work needed just to keep up and do well."

Despite the workload, Khan has enjoyed her experience at Washburn. "The professors are such interesting people," said Khan. "They are very accomplished and have real world experience to share in class." She also praises the other students, who are always willing to help.

At this point in her legal studies, Khan is not sure what she will do with her law degree, but she knows she wants to use it to help others. She is considering family law because she likes the idea of "helping to keep some family harmony during a hard and trying time in peoples' lives."

When asked what she would tell prospective students about Washburn Law, the one-time promotions intern praises the school's professors, staff and fellow students. "Washburn is a great value. It isn't 'cut-throat competitive' at the school," said Khan. For this hockey fan at least, aggressive competition has only one place: on the ice.

The Centennial Class



Suneetra N. Mickle

By the time Suneetra Mickle graduated from Douglass College at Rutgers, she had already worked in the phar-

maceutical industry for several years. With her degree in public health and years of work experience, she was well prepared for success. But working in an industry that is so heavily regulated by the government, Mickle always felt somewhat hindered by her lack of legal knowledge, so she began to consider law school. Like others who are now part of the Centennial class at Washburn University School of Law, Mickle chose to leave behind a familiar and successful career to chart a new course.

Mickle started working for Johnson & Johnson while still a senior in high school and continued working there through college. As an undergraduate at Douglass, a women's college, she was recognized for her academic excellence as the James Dixon scholar and Merck Kerrigan scholar. She was also actively involved in promoting her alma mater to prospective students in her role as a Red Pine ambassador. After graduating from Douglass, Mickle stayed with Johnson & Johnson for one more year in her job as a contract analyst before taking a position with Merck Pharmaceuticals.

Mickle was employed with Merck for four years as a sales representative. Her outstanding sales record earned her the prestigious Vice President's Award, the company's highest sales award. Having reached the top, Mickle felt she had done all she could in sales. She was ready for a change and decided to leave Merck in order to pursue her law degree.

Washburn Law appealed to Mickle because, among other qualities, it encourages students to achieve success. "Other schools I talked to

didn't encourage succeeding," said Mickle. "The focus was more on failure, not success."

Mickle attributes much of her own success and determination to her father, who has always encouraged her. "He is my go-to person and has always told me that I could do anything I wanted," said Mickle. "He said don't be scared, take chances and push into the unknown."

Mickle wants to provide the same encouragement to other young minority women. By earning her law degree, she hopes to become a role model "to show them you can always go back to school and enter a field that hasn't been a traditional field for minorities or minority women."



Dara E. Montclare

To liken Dara Montclare's journey to Washburn University School of Law to the adventur-

ous journey Bilbo Baggins takes in J.R.R. Tolkien's novel *The Hobbit* would be quite a stretch. But she admits that reading *The Hobbit* as a young woman opened "a whole new world" for her, one that would include educational advancement.

Born in Chicago but raised in Tucson, Arizona, Montclare's early forays into education were less than stellar. "School was never fun for me," said Montclare. "I went to high school and just got by." Nonetheless, after graduating high school, she enrolled at the University of Arizona. Unfortunately, her English composition scores were so bad that she did not qualify for freshman English; instead she was forced to take "English X," a remedial course, which she also did not pass. Discouraged by her college

The Centennial Class

experiences, Montclare eventually dropped out of school and “went out on my own.”

Although Montclare had floundered in the classroom, she steadily advanced in the business world. She held a series of jobs and was regularly promoted. At around age twenty-five, a friend gave her a copy of *The Hobbit*. “During school, I hated reading,” said Montclare. “*Scarlet Letter* and *Great Expectations* weren’t my kind of reading, and I truly didn’t know there was anything else. So when my friend handed me *The Hobbit*, it was a whole new world. I started reading voraciously, couldn’t stop. Turns out, it gave me my education in English.”

Montclare would use her self-taught English skills in her work, but she soon found that she could not advance beyond a certain level without a college degree. Eventually she decided to start her own business. With \$20 in her pocket, she opened a cart business selling Thigh Master in the Tucson Mall during the Christmas season. In two months she made \$8,000. Her success would become the foundation of an impressive retail career, and in five years she owned multiple stores grossing \$500,000 annually.

After ten years in retail, Montclare sold the business. She had decided she wanted to go to law school, but first she would have to earn an undergraduate degree, a prospect she describes as “frightening because of my past experiences.” She enrolled as a full-time student at the University of Phoenix. Her first-year G.P.A. was 3.97. The next year she transferred to Arizona State University, where, after her first semester, a teacher pulled her aside and convinced her to become an English major. Three years later, Montclare, who once failed remedial English, graduated summa cum laude with a degree in English literature.

Now a first-year student at Washburn Law, Montclare loves the school. “I love learning, and I like growing,” she said. “And I’m so glad I took English!” Montclare has not settled on a particular area of law yet, but she is certain she will put her degree to good use. “A J.D. opens up so many doors, not just practicing law...doors that were never open [to me] before.”

Eunice C. Peters

As head coach of the Kansas Wheelhawks

wheelchair basketball team, Eunice Peters helped lead her team to victory on the basketball court. Today, the first-year student at Washburn University School of Law finds herself engrossed in court matters of an entirely different kind, but she is no less determined to succeed.

Peters grew up in Chicago and attended the University of Illinois, where she earned a B.S. in kinesiology with an emphasis in athletic training and an M.S. in exercise physiology. While in college, she worked with people with disabilities, including wheelchair athletes. The work was rewarding in many ways, but job opportunities for athletic trainers were limited. So Peters took a job as a legal clerk in Champaign, IL. Although unplanned, it would mark the beginning of her journey to law school.

Peters quickly moved up to the position of sen-



ior legal clerk at the Champaign County Circuit Clerk's office in Urbana, IL. A year later, she accepted the position of motions secretary for the Kansas Court of Appeals, and the following year she became judicial executive assistant to Judge Lee A. Johnson '80. With each successive job, her interest in the law had grown. She had discovered a profession she not only enjoyed but one that offered her many more career opportunities than were available to an athletic trainer.

Peters decision to go to Washburn Law was influenced not only by Washburn's generous scholarship offer but also by the many positive comments she heard from Washburn alumni she knew through work, including Judge Johnson. Now in her first year at Washburn, she understands why they spoke so highly of Washburn Law. "School has been amazing," Peters said. "The professors really care and use different strategies to help everyone learn. They all have open-door policies, which is a great sacrifice for the professors, but it's great for the students."

When she's not studying, Peters helps out with her husband's wheelchair Division 1 basketball team, the Florida Force. She also has a passion for domestic animals and likes to help with rescued dogs.

Although her work experience has given her an inside look at the legal profession, Peters still hasn't decided what area of law she wants to practice when she graduates. "I'm still keeping my options open," she said. "Possibly litigation." Whichever option Peters ultimately chooses, she wants to use her degree to help people. "In the end, it isn't all about money," she said.



Richard A. Samaniego

Richard Samaniego always planned to go to law school. But after graduating in 1999 from the

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University of Texas in Austin with a degree in government and business, he decided to get a job first so he could bring some “real world” work experience to the classroom.

As an undergraduate, Samaniego was able to give his political science studies the “real-world test” in the Texas Legislature. He began there as an intern and then was hired as a legislative aide to Texas Rep. Ron Clark. He served at the Texas capitol for three legislative sessions. Samaniego left after his boss, Rep. Clark, was nominated for a federal judgeship.

One of his early ventures into the business world was with Dell Computer Corporation, where he served as a sales consultant for a year. “It was a good experience,” said Samaniego, “but it wasn’t really what I was in to.” When the economy began to sour and Dell started to lay off employees, Samaniego decided it was a good time to move on. He worked with now-Judge Clark briefly before taking a management position with Enterprise Rent-a-Car.

After working for a couple years, Samaniego decided it was time to pursue his law degree. He applied to a number of law schools, but he chose Washburn. “Washburn impressed me the most. It seemed like they were really interested in me,” said Richard. He had also heard great things about Washburn from his father, whose friend, a lawyer in Richard’s hometown of El Paso, received his law degree from Washburn.

Now in his first year at the Law School, Richard understands why his father’s friend felt so strongly about Washburn Law. “The environment is totally different from other law schools,” said Samaniego, referring to the every-man-for-himself atmosphere he’s heard about from friends at other law schools. “This is an environment in which everyone assists each other, everyone seems to get involved. It feels like you have some ownership in the school.”

Samaniego has found his classes both challenging and enlightening—even, at times, shocking. “I had no idea there was so much leeway in a contractual obligation,” admitted Samaniego, who always thought of a contract

as more cut and dry. In addition to Contracts, he has also enjoyed Property and was surprised with what he learned in Criminal Law. “Now I feel like I understand a whole new part of the world a little better.”

As an undergraduate, Samaniego really liked his business classes, and he looks forward to practicing business law someday, probably in a large corporate setting. Just as his real world experiences helped prepare him for law school, he knows that what he’s learning now will be invaluable when he reenters the world of business.



Rand E. Simmons

Rand Simmons’ skill with foreign language and his appreciation for

other cultures allowed him to study abroad. But it is at home in southwest Kansas, where he has witnessed the barriers faced by non-English-speaking people in his own community, that Simmons believes he can put his skills to their best use. As a bilingual lawyer, Simmons hopes to help bridge the language and cultural divisions in his own backyard.

Simmons received his undergraduate degree in Spanish language and literature from the University of Kansas. While enrolled at K.U., he studied abroad in Guatemala. Following graduation, he quickly put his skills into practice, spending two years working with Cuban refugees in Kansas City. He then moved to Houston, Texas, where his wife was attending school. While there, he served as a Spanish-language translator for three years. Unlike interpreters, who deal with the spoken word, translators deal with written materials. As Simmons describes it, “Translating was sitting in front of a computer and re-typing words. Interpreting was talking with people and relaying what they said to others.” As a computer-bound translator,

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Simmons missed the interaction with people.

Upon returning to Dodge City, Simmons chose to work more closely with people, this time as a Spanish teacher to high school and college students. During his tenure, he also earned an MLS degree at Ft. Hays State. Although Simmons enjoyed teaching at first, he gradually became tired of teaching the same material over and over again. He began talking with his brother and sister, both lawyers, about pursuing a law degree. But before making his decision to invest in law school, Simmons spent six weeks interacting with the Dodge City office of Kansas Legal Services. It became readily apparent that with his Spanish-language skills and a law degree, he could really help people in his community.

Because Simmons wants to practice in Kansas, he applied to law schools in surrounding areas, but found Washburn's admissions office superior to the other schools'. "No other school came close," said Simmons. Now in his first year at Washburn Law, he is equally impressed with the other students, staff and professors. "All of the professors have a passion for teaching... and they go out of their way to make law school enjoyable and comprehensible to everyone," said Simmons.

In the future, Simmons sees himself practicing in the areas of family law and immigration law, probably in a small practice in Dodge City. He is eager to combine his Spanish-speaking skills and his interest in Hispanic culture with his law degree. "I want to help those who had the intestinal fortitude to get to this country and want to be a U.S. citizen and work," said Simmons.



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-Richard A. Samaniego

Students and alumni are two very important elements of a successful law school. Through their accomplishments, achievements and support, the law school continues to grow and be successful. As this issue of *The Washburn Lawyer* focuses on students, this section highlights current students whose family members are Washburn Law alumni. There are many current students with family members who graduated from Washburn Law, however, due to space constraints, we could not highlight everyone. In fact, twelve percent of the current study body has relatives who graduated from Washburn Law. Below are a few of those students along with their respective family members, who continue the tradition of attending Washburn Law.

Washburn Law Legacies...

Amie Bauer '04 and Calvin K. Williams '78

Amie Bauer '04 has always been fascinated by the law practiced by her father, Calvin Williams '78. As a young girl, she remembers people approaching him when they were out together and thanking him for what he had done to help them. Later, in high school, she began going to court with her father to watch and listen. These experiences instilled in Amie an early appreciation for the law and a desire to become a lawyer herself. In fact, her high school classmates voted her "most likely to become a lawyer."

Amie knew she wanted to attend Washburn University School of Law, so much so that she didn't bother applying to any other school. Now in her third year, she acknowledges that attending the same law school as her father has its advantages, particularly the real-world perspective her father brings to the classes she is taking. He has also been a huge source of encouragement and confidence-building—being able to talk about classes, papers and problems has helped her get through some trying times.

Amie has really enjoyed her time at the Law School. The school's "small-community feel" and the accessibility of the professors, who take a personal interest in the students, has contributed to her success and fueled her desire to practice law. Through her involvement with moot court, she has come to realize that she wants to do criminal defense work and spend her time in the courtroom. She believes strongly that everyone deserves representation, regardless of who they are or their circumstances. After graduation, Amie looks forward to doing criminal defense work in a small, private law firm or public defense work in the Salina, Wichita or McPherson area.



Calvin Williams '78 encouraged his daughter Amie to go to Washburn Law because he wanted her to attend an affordable school that would give her "a good, solid legal education." Besides, said Calvin, "most of the attorneys she knew growing up were Washburn graduates"—including her father.

At the time Calvin entered Washburn Law, he already had two children. During school, he worked two jobs, which did not leave much time for extra activities. However, he did participate in the law clinic, which he describes as "a good introduction to the system and its frustrations." His fondest memories of Washburn are of the friendships he made with his classmates and the professors.

Today, he is a criminal defense lawyer in private practice in Colby. Amie, he believes, will be a great lawyer, in part because she is organized and self-motivated. He talks with her regularly, and takes her out for dinner whenever he is in Topeka. He has also taken her to several KBA and CLE events.

Looking back on his own journey from law school to his current practice, one lesson Calvin has learned is that "the legal system and justice are not the same thing; however, with hard work, they can usually be reconciled." He encourages law students and young lawyers not to take themselves too seriously and to enjoy their successes and learn from their losses. He also urges prospective students to consider Washburn Law: "If a legal education is part of a bigger plan, Washburn is a good place; if you want to be a practicing lawyer (in the trenches), Washburn is a great place."

Family Legacies...

Kelly Garrity '06, Dan Garrity '72 and Stanley Garrity '27

Kelly Garrity '06

has always considered a career in law, since both her father, Dan Garrity '72, and grandfather, Stanley Garrity '27, were lawyers. Now a first-year law student, she appreciates more fully her family's tradition at Washburn University School of Law.

The fact that her father attended Washburn has been a big help, said Kelly. She has been able to talk to him about her experiences, and he helps her think through the new ideas and concepts she's learning. He also sends her books on special subjects of interest.

Overall, Kelly has really enjoyed law school so far. "Even though law school is competitive, the students really want to help each other out and the faculty encourages the community atmosphere," said Kelly.

Since her background is in history, Kelly is particularly interested in legal research and is considering a clerkship where she can apply her research skills. At this early stage of her law studies, however, Kelly is undecided on what type of law she wants to practice, but she is certain that it will be an area that will allow her to help others. Once she finds her niche, said Kelly, she wants to be the best at what she does.

Dan Garrity '72 always knew what he wanted to be when he grew up. "I cannot remember a time when I did not believe I would attend Washburn Law and become a lawyer," said Dan. He recalls as a young child listening to his father, Stanley Garrity '27, describe his current trials at the dinner table. Each story had a lesson on trial technique or a moral that was punctuated by his father's observance, "It should be unlawful to get paid for having so much fun!" And he meant it, said Dan.

In 1969, after graduating from Wichita State University with a degree in journalism, Dan enrolled at Washburn Law. He recalls his experience as "one of the happiest times of my life." Later, he would encourage his daughter, Kelly '06, to consider law school, especially at Washburn. "She has always seemed to have an aptitude for law," said Dan.



After law school, Dan joined the Wichita law firm Coombs and Brick (which later became Coombs, Lambdin, Kluge, Garrity & Moore), where he practiced

until 1975, when he was named district counsel of the U.S. Small Business Administration in Wichita. He would go on to serve as vice president and general counsel for First National Bank in Great Bend, and later practiced in the firm of Hylton, Garrity and Stevens, before forming Garrity, Fletcher & Haines. Today, Dan and his wife, Mary Carol, reside in Atchison, where Dan serves as mayor and continues to practice in the firm of Garrity and Kuckelman.

Stanley Garrity '27 (1904-1969) was raised on a homestead in western Kansas. His father was a farmer and his mother was a teacher, who instilled in him her zeal for education. According to his son, Dan Garrity '72, his father's lifelong love of the law began at around age 10 or 11. "He was walking by the Logan County courthouse," recounts Dan. "The courtroom windows were open and he heard the voice of a lawyer arguing his case to a jury. Intrigued by what he heard, he found his way into the...courtroom where the oratory of the country lawyer inspired him to be a part of the profession."

After graduating from high school, Stanley Garrity enrolled at Washburn because it offered him, among other things, an opportunity for legal education. In those days, undergraduate training and law school training were combined into a five-year course, and Stanley was able to begin taking law classes in his second or third year. "My father's years at Washburn were very formative," said Dan. "He always felt he learned not only an employment skill at Washburn but also a way of life."

Upon graduation in 1927, Stanley opened a small law practice in Kansas City. Shortly thereafter, he joined McVey, Randolph, Smithson & Garrity. In 1938, he joined the prestigious Kansas City law firm of McCune, Caldwell & Downing, where he eventually became a partner. In 1956, Stanley accepted the position of general counsel for Kansas Gas & Electric Co., where he remained until his death in 1969. Shortly before his death, Stanley received the Distinguished Service Award from the Washburn Law School Association. "It was one of his most cherished achievements," said Dan.

Family Legacies...

Richard Hickey '06, Allen Hickey '62 and Richard Hickey '38

Richard Hickey '06

shares more in common with his grandfather, Richard Hickey '38, than his name. Like his grandfather, Richard attended high school in Wichita and went on to earn his business degree from the University of Kansas. Today, Richard is attending Washburn Law, just as his grandfather did more than sixty years ago.

Even though Richard never knew his grandfather, Allen Hickey '62, Richard's father, believes Richard's grandfather is "cheering him on as he goes through law school"—just as he did for Allen when he attended Washburn Law. Allen attended Washburn because his father highly recommended the school and because the Law School's schedule allowed him to work and attend classes. Once Richard decided to become a lawyer, Allen encouraged him to consider Washburn University School of Law.

"My father didn't push me to go to Washburn Law; however, he really liked the decision I made," said Richard. His family's support has been very helpful, especially when Richard first entered law school. "It was pretty overwhelming coming straight from undergrad," admitted Richard. Richard has also benefited from the support of his professors, who have encouraged him to "keep forging ahead."

Now that Richard has adjusted to the rigors of law school, he is enjoying the challenge. He is also excited about "all the options you have with a law degree." For now, Richard is "keeping my options open," but he has a strong interest in business and transactional law as well as family law, and he is also considering becoming a prosecutor in the U.S. attorney's office.

Richard's father agrees "a law degree does broaden the job market," but he's quick to add, "Don't be in law for the money." **Allen Hickey '62** is in the legal profession to help those who need it, a work ethic instilled by his father, who did "lots of pro bono work." After law school, Allen worked for four years in his father's firm in



Liberal, Hickey, Harner, Newbauer and Wilcox. He then worked as an attorney for the Federal Trade

Commission (FTC) in Washington, DC. He never dreamed he would end up at the FTC, said Allen, "Washburn Law qualifies you to work anywhere." He returned to Kansas in 1987 to start his own bankruptcy law practice in Wichita. The layoffs in the airplane industry have hurt many Wichitans, and Allen strongly desires to help "a lot of people who really need financial relief."

Allen believes Richard will make a good lawyer in part because he has a sense of fairness and is willing to stand up for it. He recalled an incident that took place at school when Richard was in second grade in Andover. When the teacher reprimanded a classmate for something he hadn't done, Richard told the teacher, "You can't do that!" Richard also possesses good communication and writing skills, said Allen. "And he will debate you on almost anything."

Richard Hickey '38 (1908-1969),

Richard's grandfather, also had strong communication and writing skills, which he put to work as a sports reporter while a student at the University of Kansas. Once he entered Washburn Law, he worked for the state attorney general's office. After graduation, he joined the law firm of his uncle, Mills Ebright, who had been a judge in the 1930s. After a few years, Richard '37 moved to Liberal and established his own firm. But he never lost his love of sports writing, and continued his avocation writing articles for the local newspaper. Sadly, he died in 1969 at the age of 60, but not before inspiring two generations of lawyers. Ask either Hickey, Allen or Richard, who has been his greatest mentor and the answer you'll get is, "My father, of course."

Christopher Irby '04, Curtis M. Irby '71 and Vernon Williams '48

Law school seemed like a natural choice for **Chris Irby '04**. His father, uncle and great-uncle are lawyers. Though his father, Curtis M. Irby '71, had never pushed Chris to pursue a law career, once Chris set his sights on law school, his father and great-uncle, Vernon Williams '48, encouraged him to enroll at Washburn University School of Law.

Chris is grateful for his father's support throughout his time at Washburn Law. In the summer after Chris' first year, he helped Chris get an externship with Congressman Dennis Moore '70 in Washington, D.C.

While in D.C., Chris got an inside look at the legislative process by handling constituent responses, attending legislative meetings and researching veteran's affairs issues. Now in his third year of law school, Chris works for the Kansas Corporation Commission doing regulation work, the same area his father has focused on during his career.

Sadly, Vernon Williams, Chris' great-uncle, died before learning that Chris would be attending Washburn Law. "We know he would be very proud of that fact," said Margie Williams, Vernon's widow. Vernon, who loved computers, had purchased a new one before his death. Margie Williams gave it to Chris to use at school "because Vernon would have wanted it that way." For Chris, the gift serves as a tangible reminder of his great-uncle, who he feels is "still with me."

Looking ahead, Chris is excited about starting a career of his own, perhaps in corporate law or civil litigation—he's keeping his options open. After graduation, Chris plans to relocate to Colorado and take the Colorado bar exam. For now, however, he remains focused on his studies. "I don't want to cheat myself out of gaining valuable information," said Chris.

Curtis M. Irby '71 encouraged his son, Chris '04, to attend Washburn Law because his "experience with Washburn graduates, as attorneys, has always been excellent." More than 30 years earlier, Curtis' uncle, Vernon Williams '48, made a similar recommendation to him, and Curtis entered Washburn Law in 1968, two years after the tornado of 1966 had destroyed the old law school. "I attended law school classes in the trailers before the new law school was completed," recalled Curtis. "I

arrived in Topeka the day before classes were to commence...and was quite surprised and scared to learn that assignments for classes had been posted; the work started immediately."

Curtis fondly recalls his law school days, especially the friendships he made, many of which continue to this day. And he'll always be grateful to Jim Morrison's wife, Lois,

for the dinners she prepared when he and Jim Morrison '71 were law clerks. "It was great for a single student to get a warm meal and enjoy the friendship of the Morrisons," said Curtis.



After graduation, Curtis joined the firm of Warnick, Moore, Phares & Irby (later, Moore & Irby). In 1979, his friend and current partner, Jack Glaves '50, and the late Hon. Dale Saffels '49 advised him to accept the position of trial counsel for the Kansas Corporation Commission in Topeka because it would be "an excellent career opportunity." He would stay with KCC until 1984. "Their advice was, indeed, true," said Curtis. "I continue to practice law with Jack Glaves." Today, Curtis regularly practices before the KCC and is managing partner of Glaves, Irby & Rhoads in Wichita, which does oil and gas work, business law, probate, real estate and civil litigation.

Curtis' experiences at Washburn and his subsequent professional success would prove most helpful to his son, Chris, when he began law school. During Chris' first year, Curtis shared his experiences and expertise with Chris to help him learn how to "think like a lawyer." But, said Curtis, "I tried to keep my old law school 'war stories' to a minimum." Curtis sees in his son the makings of a great lawyer. "Chris possesses the ability and skill to analyze issues and to vigorously advocate any position which he is advancing or defending," observed Curtis.

When asked what advice would he give to law students or young lawyers, Curtis repeats the best advice he ever received from another lawyer, Patrick J. Warnick, who told him on the second day of his first job: "Curtis, never do anything involving another attorney, and particularly with a matter before the court, that makes you ashamed to smile, shake the judge's and the other lawyer's hand and be able to tell them that you enjoyed working with them." Said Curtis, "I have endeavored for 32 years to never violate Pat's instruction."

Christopher Irby '04, Curtis M. Irby '71 and Vernon Williams '48

Vernon Williams '48, (1920-2001), left a legacy of public service and professional and personal achievement. In 1946, Vernon and his wife, Margie, moved from Wichita to Topeka so Curtis could enroll at Washburn Law. "Vernon did not want to go anywhere else for law school," recalled Margie. When they arrived, married student housing was still under construction, so they ended up living in the girls' dormitory that first year. It would become the setting of some of Vernon's fondest memories of Washburn, said Margie.

Following graduation, Vernon accepted a position as labor relations attorney for the Coleman Company in Wichita. He would eventually rise to vice president of labor relations, and remained with the company until his retirement. Vernon was also very active in politics, and served in the Kansas House of Representatives from 1953 to 1957 and again from 1983 to 1991. His experiences as a lawyer and legislator taught Vernon the importance of being fair and impartial and a strong advocate for his clients, said Margie. Vernon, said Margie, "was very honored to be an attorney."

Timothy Larigan '03, John "Steve" Larigan '72 and John Larigan '00

Timothy Larigan '03 had many people around him which began his interest in law; uncles and cousins who were lawyers, but especially his father Steve Larigan



'72 and brother John Larigan '00. Tim's parents encouraged both he and John to take advantage of the many educational opportunities available to them in pursuing their degrees. All three Larigan's had an interest in business, with slightly different directions.

Tim is planning to join the firm of Polsinelli, Shalton & Welte PC, in Kansas City, working in business law. He will start that position after graduating this spring. He joins his brother John, who coincidentally also practices business and transactional law at Polsinelli.

Tim chose Washburn Law not only because his brother and father attended, but also because he liked the atmosphere there better than the University of Kansas. He also received a scholarship from Washburn Law. Tim admits his brother has been helpful in preparing him for classes and certain professors; however, Tim's biggest motivation is to get good grades. Tim states "I'm a pretty competitive person and want to do well, but my brother John received good grades and I want to live up to what he did as well."

Tim is on the Washburn Law Journal staff and enjoys that experience. He credits his high school's International Baccalaureate Program as being the one

thing that most prepared him for law school. "They were small intensive college prep courses with intense essay exams," which he feels has helped him during law school.

Steve Larigan '72 and his wife Sally are proud of both Tim and John for turning out to be "such smart, good men," they know both will be great lawyers. Steve, like his sons, has been interested in business. However, Steve took a slightly different path, he has spent 20 plus years in the banking industry working in corporate trust administration. About eight years ago while at INTRUST Bank, he assumed a Trust Counsel role in addition to managing the corporate trust department. Five years later, Steve became general counsel for SunGard Wealth Management Services. In addition to that role, Steve also is involved in the day-to-day involvement in transactional law drafting and negotiating contracts.

Along the way Steve has learned, "You are never as smart as you think you are," and "the essence of a good businessman and I think, a transactional lawyer, is to not only know what the impediments to completing a transaction are, but how to overcome those impediments and get the transaction done." Steve passes along these words of encouragement to up and coming lawyers "Some may know what they want to do while still in law school and others may be lucky to stumble on their chosen field in their first job. It took me 25 years to work my way into something that is very satisfying. I am having more fun now than I have had in my 30 years in business and law.

Family Legacies...

As long as it continues to be fun, I will keep working.”

John Larigan '00 also chose Washburn Law because of the atmosphere and the generous scholarship money it provided. John encouraged Tim to attend the law school of his choice, but thought Tim would enjoy the “mental gymnastics involved in law school,” just as much as he did. John has had many people shape his educational background, parents, professors and now partners and senior associates who, he says, help contribute to his success.

John is a general corporate associate, or a business transactional attorney at Polsinelli Shalton & Welte, PC in Kansas City. John held a summer associate position with Polsinelli after his second year in law school and was extended an offer after that summer. He has been with Polsinelli since August 2000. During law school, John also participated in Law Journal. “Participating in these types of activities not only helps your resume and gives you experience, but also shows potential employers a real interest in putting in the time and effort you’re going to have to show after graduation,” said John.

Ryan Mahoney '03, Kelly Elliott Mahoney '02 and Michael Mahoney '78

Ryan Mahoney

'03 has always had a head for business. At the age of 13, he started his own lawn-care business, and by the time he graduated from high school, he had 75 commercial accounts and six employees. Ryan continued his lawn-care business through college then sold the business

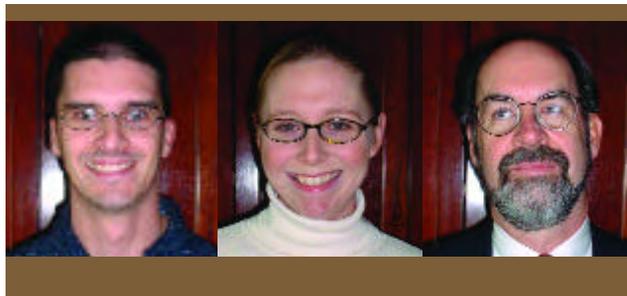
after graduation. He went on to work as an investment advisor for Edward Jones, but after several years with the company, he decided to go to law school. He chose Washburn Law not only because his father, Michael Mahoney '78, graduated from the school but also because of the law clinic. He knew Washburn Law would provide a great education at a good value.

That said, Ryan admits his father has been especially helpful to him during law school, serving as both a mentor and as a role model for a good lawyer. His father is successful and well-respected by his peers and clients, largely, Ryan believes, because his father has always been truthful with all who have sought his help and service. Ryan believes that is a big part of being a good lawyer.

Ryan's wife, Kelly Elliott Mahoney '02, has also been a great support to Ryan. Kelly believes Ryan will be a great lawyer because he enjoys people, is an incredibly hard worker and is very organized. “These attributes, together with the fact that he really enjoys the law, will make him a great lawyer,” said Kelly.

Ryan encourages prospective students to consider Washburn Law. “Washburn provides excellent professors who have excellent backgrounds and have been very successful,” said Ryan. “It is a very well-respected school—just look at the judges and practicing lawyers who have come from Washburn Law.” His advice to law students: “Study a lot, but relax. It is a process and you will get through it.”

Ryan graduated in December 2003 and has returned home to Iowa. He plans to pass the bar and begin practice in his father's law firm, Jordan, Mahoney, Jordan & Quinn, P.C., in Boone, Iowa.



Kelly Elliott Mahoney

'02 was in her third year of law school when she met her future husband, Ryan Mahoney '03.

“Obviously, for this reason, I am very

glad he decided to go to law school,” joked Kelly. While Ryan's interests tended toward business law, Kelly's tended toward criminal law. She interned at the District Attorney's Office in Wichita, during the summer after her second year at Washburn and was offered the position of assistant district attorney after graduation. Working in the traffic division, she handled cases from charging through post-trial motions.

“I believe the best part about being a prosecutor is helping people,” said Kelly. “You not only have the chance to help victims of crime but also, hopefully, to help those who have committed crimes change for the better.”

Kelly praises the education she received at Washburn Law. “It has not only provided me with the knowledge but also with the practical skills to feel comfortable making the transition to practicing law,” she said. She encourages prospective law students to consider Washburn Law because of the school's friendly atmosphere, outstanding professors and location in the state capital. “Washburn is an excellent choice for a law school,” said Kelly.

Kelly also recently returned to Iowa following Ryan's graduation, and she is presently looking for a new position.

Family Legacies...

Michael Mahoney '78 is a third-generation lawyer, but he did not urge his son, Ryan '03, to attend law school. "Our family has always encouraged the next generation to merely find a vocation they might enjoy," explained Michael. But once Ryan decided to pursue a law degree, Michael and his wife, Peggy, encouraged him to choose Washburn University School of Law.

Michael earned his undergraduate degree in business at Washburn and continued at Washburn because he felt the law school "was a good fit for me." Together, his business degree and law degree have "formed the basis of my entire career." He has been with the same firm, Jordan, Mahoney, Jordan & Quinn, P.C., since January 1979. But his law practice has evolved over time. "As a young lawyer, I was a part-time prosecutor, handled too many

dissolutions of marriage and was involved in litigation," said Michael. "Ultimately, I decided to become a transactional lawyer, which much better fits my personality."

Michael believes Ryan will be a great lawyer because he's a hard worker and sets and meets difficult goals. Ryan also relates very well to people, which is a characteristic Michael values. "Being willing to listen to peoples' problems and working toward a resolution" are qualities Michael believes are essential to being a lawyer. "I consider myself a problem solver, not a problem maker," said Michael. His advice to law students or up-and-coming lawyers? "Don't ever be afraid to admit you don't know the answer to a question, and don't be impressed with yourself."

Kelly McDonald 2006 and Hugh MacFarland 1906

After five years of advocating on behalf of children as the executive director of The Child Advocacy Center in North Carolina, **Kelly McDonald '06**

decided that she wanted to go to law school. She chose Washburn Law for a variety of reasons, not the least of which was that she had family in

Topeka. However, she would not learn until entering Washburn's Centennial class in fall 2003 that her great-grandfather, Hugh MacFarland '06, had preceded her at Washburn by 100 years. In fact, he was a member of the class of 1903, the first entering class in the Law School's history.

The auspicious timing of Kelly's enrollment at Washburn has heightened her excitement about the Law School's Centennial Celebration, and she is very proud to have had a family member in that important first class. Her own experience so far has been "absolutely wonderful." The support she has received from the faculty, their availability to help and mentor students, has particularly impressed her. She senses that the professors really enjoy teaching, and are committed to helping the students succeed.

Kelly has wasted no time getting involved in school activities. She holds offices in VLAW and the Young Democrats and serves as a student ambassador with the admissions office, helping to recruit future students to Washburn Law. She also makes time to volunteer at the VA Hospital and at other veterans groups. She comes from a military



family and her husband is deployed in Afghanistan, so she is a firm believer in giving back to the veterans who have given this country so much.

Kelly still feels passionately about advocating for children, especially those who have been victims of abuse or neglect, and she's looking forward to learning more about

the law and how she can use her law degree to help repair some of the social injustices.

Hugh MacFarland '06 (1882–1953)

was a member of Washburn Law's first entering class of 1903 and first graduating class of 1906. A century later, his great-granddaughter, Kelly McDonald '06, is enrolled in her first year at the law school.

Following graduation in May 1906, Hugh served for two years as reporter of the Kansas Supreme Court before joining his father's law firm, where he practiced law for five years. He also served as police judge for two years. In 1913, Hugh decided to seek the Republican nomination for probate judge of Shawnee County. Nomination by primary election was new back then, and Hugh had no campaign organization, so he began going door-to-door to ask voters for their support. It is said that Hugh was the first candidate in Shawnee County to employ such an innovative campaign strategy. The voters responded by electing him to probate judge in 1913 and again in 1915. At the end of his second term in 1917, Hugh returned to private practice in Topeka, and he remained active in the community, his church and professional associations until his death at age 71.

Ralf Mondonedo '03, Franchesca Montes-Williams '01, Mario Verna '96 and Kristi Verna '96



At age 16, **Ralf Mondonedo '03** immigrated to the United States from Peru. He spoke no English, but learned the language quickly while in high school in Texas. He continued his education at the University of North Texas in Denton and recently graduated from Washburn University School of Law in December 2003.

Washburn Law was a natural choice for Ralf. Three of his cousins earned their law degrees at Washburn: Franchesca Montes-Williams '01, Mario Verna '96 and Kristi Verna '96. Together, they provided Ralf with a lot of support and guidance. "We did it and so can you," they would tell him. He also received encouragement and support from his professors, who he believes really care about the students and are eager to help them succeed.

While in school, Ralf participated in a number of activities, including the law clinic, HALSA, PAD and the International Law Society, where he served as regional director. He also served on the board of Washburn's International House. His ability to speak both Spanish and English allowed him to work for the federal court as a translator for public defenders and for other local attorneys.

Newly graduated from law school, Ralf plans to return to Texas but is still uncertain about what he will do with his law degree. He is very interested in doing pro bono work for people in need, a quality that was evident while Ralf served as an intern in the law clinic, where he would often take on extra work to help his clients. Ralf believes you should always take the time to help people. "Something that may be small and insignificant and takes little time to handle can be a lifesaver to someone in need of help," said Ralf.

Franchesca Montes-Williams '01 chose Washburn Law because her cousin, Mario Verna '96, spoke so highly of the school. Eventually, she and Mario and his wife, Kristi Verna '96, would encourage Ralf '03 to come to Washburn Law a few years later.

Franchesca currently serves as assistant district attorney in the Sedgwick County Traffic Division, where she handles daily

dockets, motions and trials. "I believe that working as an ADA allows me to make a difference in my community and state," said Franchesca. "[It also] allows me to work in the place that I love: the courtroom."

Franchesca enjoyed her time at Washburn Law and feels strongly that her law degree has broadened her career opportunities. "A degree from Washburn Law will take you anywhere you want to go," she said. She advises prospective law students to consider Washburn Law even if they can't envision themselves in a courtroom. "A Washburn University School of Law degree will serve you in every facet of your life."

Mario Verna '96 and his wife, **Kristi Verna '96**, attended Washburn Law together. They were encouraged to apply to Washburn Law by Kristi's sister, Kimberly Phillips '96, who had heard good things about the law school. All three were accepted and attended law school at the same time. Later, they would recommend Washburn Law to their cousin, Ralf. "Mario and I encouraged Ralf to go to Washburn by telling him about the excellent legal education that we received there," said Kristi.

Following graduation, Mario went on active duty in the Marine Corps, where he served as judge advocate. He is currently with the Texas law firm of Bush and Motes, P.C., which focuses on construction litigation. It's a good fit for Mario, since his undergraduate degree is in construction science. Kristi took a position as a law clerk with an appellate court judge in Washington, D.C., before joining Mario in Hawaii, where he was stationed for three years. Today she serves as a briefing attorney for the Hon. Terry R. Means in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas. They are the proud parents of Sabrina, age 6, and Dylan, age 4.

Both Mario and Kristi would encourage any prospective student, not just family members, to attend Washburn Law. The quality professors, excellent and well-rounded education, location in the capital city and diverse student body all make Washburn University School of Law a great choice, said Kristi.

This section focuses on alumni who are having early career successes that the pioneer alumnae could have only dreamed of decades ago. These are alumni whose careers bear watching as they quickly maneuver through the public and private world to conquer the challenges that lie ahead and to encourage others to do the same.

The Next Generation Recent Grads on the Move



Marlee Carpenter '99

Marlee Carpenter is passionate about politics. As director of Taxation and Small Business for the Kansas Chamber of Commerce & Industry, she puts that passion to work lobbying business tax, tort reform and retail issues before the Kansas Legislature. In her position, she closely reviews bills, rules and regulations to gauge their impact on the business community and regularly speaks with legislators about the issues before them—hard work, but work she clearly enjoys. “To have the ability to influence whether a bill gets passed or killed is something very exciting,” said Carpenter.

During her four years with KCCI, Carpenter has worked successfully on several key pieces of legislation, including increasing the income tax credit for property taxes paid, civil recovery for juvenile shoplifting, worthless check legislation and passage of the integrated plant sales tax theory.

Although a law degree is not a prerequisite for becoming a lobbyist, said Carpenter, it helps. “I use the skills I learned in law school everyday when I research issues, write testimony or speak before a House or Senate committee.” Carpenter believes that having an open mind and learning how to compromise are also important to being an effective lobbyist. “In a legislative session, you may not get everything you ask for, but building political good will and a good case for your issue will put you miles ahead of

others the next legislative session.”

Carpenter’s responsibilities also include directing the KCCI’s political action committee, where she researches candidates and makes recommendations to the PAC’s board of directors. “To be involved in political elections and support those candidates who you can believe in and help them get elected is very rewarding,” said Carpenter.

Looking ahead, Carpenter sees herself continuing in politics, whether as a lobbyist or working on political campaigns, and her law degree from Washburn Law will no doubt continue to be an asset. “You don’t have to join a law firm and become a traditional lawyer to put your law degree to good use,” said Carpenter. ■



Paul Davis '98

Paul Davis understands the importance of public service, a quality he attributes to former Congressman Jim Slattery '75, who he once worked for and who has had, in Davis’ words, “a big influence on my career.” “To me, Jim embodies everything that we should want in a lawyer and elected official: honesty, integrity and a great respect for the process,” Davis said.

Last year, Davis saw a new opportunity to serve the public when Rep. Troy Findley resigned his position to serve as legislative liaison for Gov.



Sean Harlow '02

Sean Harlow is assistant director of Alumni Relations at Harvard Law School. Currently he's soliciting law firms and Fortune 500 companies around the globe to sponsor the law school's Worldwide Alumni Congress in London. But Harlow's interest in academic development can be traced to more humble beginnings: the Washburn Law School Annual Phonathon.

During his three years at Washburn, Harlow was actively involved in the school's annual phonathon, a fundraising event whose proceeds are used for scholarships, technology upgrades and program needs. As a 3L, he served as co-chair of the phonathon and participated in redesigning the program. According to Harlow, that year they raised the most money in the School's history—and perhaps more important, he discovered his career path. "After stepping back and reflecting on what we had accomplished both monetarily and structurally, I decided that I wanted to pursue a career in academic development," said Harlow.

A law degree was essential to landing the position with Harvard, Harlow said, not because the position required a great deal of legal expertise, but because it required someone who was familiar with how lawyers think and interact with one another. "I sincerely believe that a legal education is the most important and versatile graduate degree an individual can attain," said Harlow, "and that it opens doors even outside the law. At least it did for me."

Opening doors is at the heart of education, and successful development programs are essential to ensuring that a school can provide the scholarships, research, faculty and courses necessary for educational excellence. Harlow encourages Washburn alumni to give back to the school that gave them so much and, in so doing, open doors for future students. "Each of us benefited from the largesse of those who came before us, and we owe it to the students that follow us to make the experience better than it was for ourselves." ■

Kathleen Sebelius. "After serving as legislative counsel for the Kansas Bar Association for almost four years, I decided to seek a legislative seat," said Davis. Within days of the start of the 2003 session, Davis was elected to the Kansas House of Representatives by the precinct committee persons in his district.

Although new to elected office, Davis is no newcomer to government or politics. In addition to working for Slattery, Davis also served as assistant director for government affairs for then-Insurance Commissioner Kathleen Sebelius. Later, as legislative counsel for the Kansas Bar Association, he was actively involved in monitoring legislation and lobbying on behalf of the KBA.

Following his election, Davis resumed his private law practice at Meyer & Davis, L.L.C., in Lawrence, where he works primarily in the area of family law. "I greatly enjoy the opportunity to serve in the Kansas Legislature, especially since there is a shortage of lawyers in the Legislature right now. My law practice... really helps me to be a better legislator."

Davis credits Washburn Law with a great deal of his professional success and wants to give back to the school that gave him so much. "I will always be grateful to the many professors and staff members who went the extra mile to help provide me with a superb legal education," said Davis. "Over the remainder of my career, I plan to be an active alum and do everything I can to support the future of the law school." ■

Recent Grads ...



Lisa McPherson '94

Lisa McPherson's experience at Washburn Law lends new meaning to "family law." McPherson was the fourth generation in her family to graduate from Washburn University School of Law. What's more, she met her husband, Boyd McPherson '92, while they were both students at the law school.

Now a partner in the Wichita law firm Hite, Fanning & Honeyman, L.L.P., McPherson fondly remembers her graduation day, when she carried the cane that her father, grandmother and great-grandfather before her carried when they graduated. She describes her father, Thomas A. Adrian '69, as her greatest mentor "in law and life." "[He] taught me the importance of honesty, integrity and hard work to succeed not only as a lawyer but in life generally," said McPherson.

Her father's lessons have served McPherson well as she has advanced from associate to partner practicing in the demanding area of medical malpractice defense litigation. Along the way, she was also guided by other experienced lawyers. "When I was hired as an associate, I was assigned to a partner...whose practice was exclusively medical malpractice," McPherson explained. "He took me under his wing and gave me great experience and provided opportunities to try many cases."

McPherson's commitment to her law practice is equaled by her commitment to her community and her passion for literacy. An active member of the Junior League of Wichita since 1994, McPherson is currently involved in the organization's "Share A Story" project for at-risk kids, which seeks to end intergenerational illiteracy. "I have learned that it is as important to do a good job in the legal work you do as it is to be involved in the community in which you practice," she said. "Your clients are the community."

Today, McPherson divides her energies between her legal work, her husband and two children, and her community. "You can have it all," she says. "You can have a demanding legal career, a family and community involvement without sacrificing any aspect of any of those areas. It just takes organization and desire."

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-Lisa McPherson

High Conflict Custody Training





Dale '90 and Lynn '90 Ward

Alumni

Dale and Lynn Ward both appreciate Washburn University School of Law for several reasons, first because they feel they received a first rate legal education and second, but not less important, they met each other during law school and married during the fall of their third year.

Dale is currently Co-Managing Director and head of recruiting at Hinkle Elkouri Law Firm LLC in Wichita, Kansas. He focuses on real estate, business transactions and municipal finance. Prior to entering law school Dale served as the City Administrator of the City of Lindsborg, Kansas and the Assistant City Manager of Largo, Florida.

Lynn is a shareholder and head of the family law department at Morris, Laing, Evans Brock & Kennedy, Chtd. also in Wichita. She also is chair of the firm's marketing committee. Lynn's emphasis involves adoption, divorce, paternity, custody, visitation, child support, as well as pre-nuptial and post-nuptial agreements. She is a certified family law mediator.

Both Lynn and Dale participated in several law school activities which they feel greatly helped them in their careers. Dale participated in client counseling and was editor-in-chief of the law journal, which he says, "helped my writing skills greatly." Lynn participated on a trial advocacy team and on moot court, which she says helped instill more confidence in her when she had her first trial.

During law school Dale clerked for the Shawnee County judges, a job he especially enjoyed. "Those clerking jobs are invaluable in applying things that you are learning in class and they look good on a resume when you are interviewing for associate positions" said Dale. Lynn clerked for Topeka attorney Pedro Irigonegaray '73 during law school, who she said was a big mentor to her. She worked for him for two years and inspired her to use her legal abilities to help others. "I have never met another attorney who is as enthusiastic about the practice of law as Pedro," said

Lynn. Incidentally, Dale and Lynn were married at Pedro's home in Topeka.

Lynn believes the practice of law is a privilege that should not be squandered. Although being a successful lawyer involves very hard work, it is very rewarding way to make a living because you have the opportunity to make a difference in people's lives. Dale believes you make friends of your clients; it makes practicing law easier and more enjoyable. He believes there is nothing better than talking to and helping out a friend everyday. Both have positive attitudes regarding their profession and the impact it has had, not only in their lives, but the lives of their clients.

Giving encouragement to other students, Lynn warns, "don't become a lawyer if you want to work 9 to 5 and make a lot of money. Do become a lawyer if you want to help others and enjoy a variety of changes." Dale also adds, "do your best on every project given to you and don't procrastinate on any assignment." Both speak enthusiastically to potential students about Washburn Law because the quality of education they will receive is absolutely superior and because the faculty is caring and committed to helping students succeed in the practice of law. Dale encourages students to visit with the students and faculty of several different schools to see the Washburn Law difference.

Dale and Lynn support the school both financially and in giving their time. During law school both Dale and Lynn received scholarships and feel it is important for them to give back to the school. "I was lucky enough to receive scholarship money, it is only fair to give something back to the school," said Dale.

Even though both are very busy in their respective firms, each still devotes time to their communities. Dale helps coach the middle school track and cross-country teams at St. Thomas Aquinas school in Wichita. Lynn is active in the Junior League, serving on the board for two years, was appointed to the board of Indigent Defense Services by former Governor Graves and has served two three-year terms. She serves on the Board for Legal Services of Wichita, the advisory board for Habitat for Humanity and serves on the board of Communities in Schools.



Professor Linda Henry Elrod '72

Faculty

“Learning, luck and a love of teaching” are the three “L’s” Professor Linda Elrod ’72 credits with her successful career. It is perhaps no accident that she uses alliteration to characterize her journey from childhood in Overland Park, to her position as Distinguished Professor of Law and Director of the Children and Family Law Center. She says her mother, a teacher, “instilled in me a lifelong love of learning and education.” Her father, Lyndus A. Henry ’48, instilled in her an appreciation for another “L”: the law.

As an undergraduate at Washburn, Prof. Elrod majored in English and planned to pursue a masters and PhD in English after an early graduation. However, the chair of the English department refused to count a course Prof. Elrod had taken abroad toward the requirements for her major. “Therefore, although I had met all graduation and certificate to teach requirements, I needed one hour of English,” recounted Prof. Elrod. She took the LSAT and petitioned the Law School to allow her to enroll “provisionally.” Her decision would be a turning point in her career. “I took one English course and three law courses in the spring semester of 1969. The rest is history.”

Prof. Elrod’s love of teaching continued through law school, and during her first two years as a law student, she taught ninth-grade English in the afternoons. She also served on the Law Journal and graduated as the only woman and first in her class from Washburn Law in December 1971.

In May 1973, Dean Raymond Spring invited her to teach a summer course in creditors’ rights. Students were so impressed that they suggested she be added to the faculty. Prof. Elrod taught legal methods, research and writing as an adjunct for the 1973-74 school year. In March 1974, Dean Spring asked her to teach Property. Prof. Elrod agreed to teach the additional class, even though she was seven months pregnant and already working full-time for the Kansas Judicial Council. “The next week, the faculty invited me to join full-time for the next fall,” said Prof. Elrod.

Thirty years later, Prof. Elrod continues to enjoy teaching and seeing students succeed in the classroom and beyond. “Seeing the light bulb go on [and] watching students grow and develop in their ability to make reasoned arguments” gives her a great deal of satisfaction. It is also rewarding to “watch former students become outstanding lawyers, judges, legislators, and citizens.”

Prof. Elrod is equally passionate about reforming the legal system to make positive changes for children and their parents. In addition to teaching courses on family law, she is Director of the Children and Family Law Center, former chair of the Family Law Section of the American Bar Association, editor of the Family Law Quarterly and has served as vice-chair of the Kansas Child Support Advisory Committee since 1984. She has published numerous articles and books on family law, including a national treatise, the first Kansas Family Law Handbook and a textbook for students. More recently, she co-authored a two-volume treatise with the late Hon. James Buchele ’66 that is part of the Kansas Law and Practice series published by Thomson-West.

In the fall of 2000, Prof. Elrod organized an international, interdisciplinary conference, “Reforming the System for Children in High Conflict Custody Cases,” at Wingspread, the Johnson Foundation in Racine, Wisconsin. The invitation-only event brought together judges, lawyers, mediators, psychologists, social workers, child custody advocates, court service officers and law professors, who gathered to devote three days to developing proposals to improve the current system. The result was a white paper that has served as a catalyst for reforms in the area of family law: Neutral Custody Evaluations, Model Standards of Practice for Family and Divorce Mediation; ABA Unified Family Court Coordinating Council; and Standards of Practice for Lawyers Representing Children in Custody Cases.

“Developing and convening the Wingspread Conference is my proudest professional accomplishment,” said Prof. Elrod. She looks forward to continuing her involvement in reforming the laws and hopes the Children and Family Law Center will be part of that effort. On a personal level, she was married to Mark Elrod ’72 for twenty-three years and reared two children, Carson and Bree. Both earned MFAs from NYU grad acting and work in Los Angeles.

Driven by a love of learning and teaching and a little “luck” (much of which she made herself), Prof. Elrod’s professional achievements to date extend well beyond the classroom. When asked where she sees herself in the future, she replied, “I have always felt that my job is to educate lawyers who will impact society. I will continue to research, write, teach and give CLE lectures to help lawyers do a better job of practicing law.”



Gerard Perches '05

Student

Gerard Perches chose Washburn Law over law schools in his native Texas because, as he put it, "I wanted to go where I was wanted." But after graduating, he plans to return to Texas because, he believes, that is where he is most needed.

"The state is in bad shape," said Perches. "The Republicans have taken over, and it hasn't been the same since." Perches, who earned his master's degree in political science, believes politics is the source of many of the state's problems, particularly its nonexistent public defender and indigent defense programs and its inequitable school funding. But he also believes that politics may hold the solutions to these and other problems, which is why his goal is to one day become governor of Texas. "If Arnold can win, I can win," joked Perches, referring to California's newest governor.

Perches future opponents should think twice before discouraging him from seeking the governorship. When *The Washburn Lawyer* asked Perches who were the most influential people in his life, he replied, "The ones who said 'you can't do it.'" Long before announcing his candidacy, however, Perches plans to get some hands-on experience in the areas that most trouble him. He would like to work for a while in the DA's office "to see what kind of changes I can make there," but he knows he needs to learn the system before he can change it.

That's one of the reasons Perches chose Washburn Law. "You will learn the law here. There's not a lot of fluff," said Perches. "This school, we don't play games." He admits that

nothing prepared him for the rigors of law school, although his undergraduate writing and research helped. He really appreciates having the opportunity to talk with professors one-on-one. "Washburn is not like other schools. The professors always have their door open and are willing to spend time helping you understand the material," said Perches.

As president of the Hispanic American Law Students Association (HALSA), Perches has managed to combine his passion for politics with his law studies. He believes Washburn needs to continue its efforts to recruit more minority students, in part because they bring a different point of view to the classroom. "Law school students need to understand their perspectives, since these are going to be our clients," said Perches. "How are you going to represent them if you don't know them?" HALSA is also a way for Perches to "connect with other law students." "Law school is tough enough, let alone trying to do it alone."

In addition to HALSA, Perches is also active in recruiting students to Washburn through the admissions office. "I want to spread the word about how good the school is, how much opportunity there is here," said Perches. He believes it's incumbent upon all of us who "climb the ladder" not to kick it away, but to pull others up. His advice to students considering law school: "Nothing's impossible. Keep trying. Don't give up." Sounds like the beginning of a very positive campaign.

NITA Training



Center for Excellence in Advocacy

Trial Advocacy

The trial advocacy program demands much of faculty and students. This semester the Center had thirty-two students and five adjunct workshop teachers: Mike Francis '75, Lee Barnett '79, Bill Ossmann '77, Doug Wells '79, and Tom Wright '64. Prof. Kaye taught the one-hour weekly lecture component. Washburn Law offers trial advocacy every semester. For the spring semester, sixty-five students have enrolled. The goal is for 70 to 80 percent of the student body of Washburn Law to take the advocacy course before graduation. Without exaggeration, Washburn Law can say that its students are learning from among the best of the practicing bar: busy, successful, experienced trial lawyers who take time out at the end of the day to teach skillful, persuasive, ethical trial advocacy. One word, commitment, describes faculty and adjuncts in the advocacy center.

Here is an instance of that educational commitment. The trial advocacy course is modeled on NITA trial advocacy training courses. This fall the workshop was brought to Washburn with a one-day program for trial ad teachers and adjuncts. Judge Sanford Brook, chief judge of the Indiana Court of Appeals and a member of the NITA Board of Directors provided the training.

Judge Brook ran a one-day program for adjuncts Craig Blumreich '79, Tom Wright '64, Bill Ossmann '77, Lee Barnett '79, Evelyn Wilson '85, Clinic Director John Francis, Doug Wells '79, Mike Francis '75, and Marilyn Trubey '87. Law students from the trial advocacy class performed trial exercises, and adjunct instructors then critiqued them using the NITA critiquing method: headline, rationale, playback, prescription. This method helps students focus on a particular trial skill, teaches students how to improve their performance, and gives students the rationale behind the prescription (a recommendation) for improvement.

A two-credit, intensive trial advocacy training session for law students will be held May 16-21 with Bill Ossmann and Prof. Kaye along with skilled trial advocacy teachers from around the nation.

CENTERS

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Professor Michael Kaye



News and Events

This year's Alumni Fellow was Donald Rupert '76, a partner in the Chicago law firm of Mayer, Brown, Rowe and Maw. Mr. Rupert is an expert in patent and trademark law. He enthusiastically agreed to participate in a number of Center activities. He taught a class in the Robinson Courtroom on using trial technology in the presentation of expert testimony. Mr. Rupert taught a two-hour class on the basics of patent and trademark practice. He also had dinner with students interested in patent and trademark practice and hosted a breakfast meeting called "Survival Skills for New Lawyers." All of the students and faculty with whom he met thought Mr. Rupert was outstanding.

The lecture-luncheon series continues to bring alumni and law students together to talk about the law. These speakers included: Dan Lykins '72, Ron Pope '84, Tom Wright '64, Carol McDowell '75 and Judge Tom Malone '79. Students had the chance to ask questions about law practice and about the experience of practicing law.

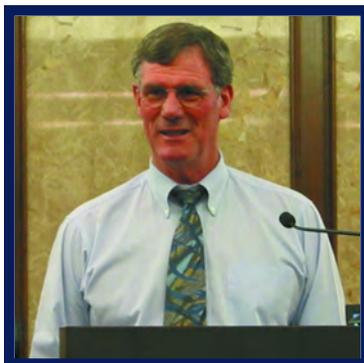
The Center's mission includes a commitment to advancing scholarship and scholarly discussion on advocacy. This spring welcomed the first Practitioner in Residence: Prof. Doug Colbert of the University of Maryland Law School from March 15 – March 19. Prof. Colbert is nationally known for his successful bail reform efforts in New York state. He selected as a theme of his visit: 40 years since *Gideon v. Wainwright*: the state of the right to counsel today.

The Center also welcomed Kenneth Feinberg, the administrator of the restitution fund established for the survivors of the 9-11 attack on February 25-26.

The Center sponsored one major conference this fall, the National Death Penalty Defense and Mitigation Conference, November 6-8. The conference was partially underwritten by the American Bar Association, the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association, the Missouri Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the Kansas Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the Kansas Committee Against the Death Penalty, Amnesty International, and the Kansas Board of Indigents Defense Services.

Attendees included social workers, law students, lawyers, and law professors. Speakers came from California, New Hampshire, Georgia, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and New York. Participants came from Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Missouri some as far as Florida and Arizona. Here, too, alumni were well-represented on the faculty. Speakers included psychologists, mitigation specialists, social workers and faculty of Washburn Law. Pat Scalia '78, director of the Kansas Board of Indigent Defense Services, helped organize the program.

The cost of the death penalty and the standards for exempting persons from the death penalty on grounds of mental retardation and mental defect and the newly enacted ABA Guidelines for the Appointment and Performance of Defense Counsel in Death Penalty Cases were examined. Keynote speakers were Sean O'Brien, a nationally recognized capital defender, and Joe Amrine, who spent 17



Tom Wright '64

years on death row and was finally released from prison. Joe was innocent of the capital murder charge brought against him.

On September 25, 2003 the Center hosted Paraguayan Judge Luis Maria Benitez Riera and Rosa Palau Aguilar, co-directors of Paraguay's Center for Documentation and Archive for the Defense of Human Rights. They spoke on the infamous "archive of

terror," which documents human rights abuses by a number of South American governments, among them Chile and Argentina.

The Center continues its luncheon and lecture series and social events such as the "Evening with the Prosecution" held on October 14. Prof. Jim Wadley is working with the Center to organize a Tribal Advocacy program set for April 29 and 30, 2004.

Through the Center, students and alumni participate together in the common pursuit of excellence in advocacy. Students in Washburn Law advocacy classes are ready to try cases as soon as they graduate. They will, of course, improve with experience, but what they have accomplished so far allows them to claim the title of trial lawyer. At a recent alumni reception in Kansas City, Mo., Mark Meinhardt '01 told Prof. Kaye that shortly after graduation, he found himself in a jury trial.

Meinhardt had taken the trial advocacy course, and successfully used the skills he gained in the course. He discovered he loved trial work and has stuck with it since.

If you wish to learn more about the center, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact director Professor Michael Kaye, at michael.kaye@washburn.edu.



Ron Pope '84

Business & Transactional Law Center

This fall has been a busy and successful time for the Washburn Law Business and Transactional Center. In September the Center sponsored "Globalization at a Crossroads: Recent Developments in International Business Law." Speakers for this panel included former Congressman Jim Slattery '75, Prof. Ali Khan and Adjunct Prof. Benoit Swinnen. Prof. Khan reviewed recent trade controversies surrounding genetically modified foods. Slattery discussed potential remedies available to victims of unfair international trade practices. Prof. Swinnen outlined the pitfalls of the accidental international trade transaction via Internet communication. Students were not only able to attend the conference, but Slattery agreed to meet with a small group of students over lunch to discuss opportunities in international business transactions. Additionally, students were able to attend an informal reception for all conference participants. The Center will continue to look for opportunities to enrich the educational experience of students in the area of international law, and intends to sponsor conferences like this one on a regular basis.

In November the Center sponsored the "Annual Institute on Professional Responsibility for Business and Transactional Law." Prof. David Pierce '77 recruited a nationally known scholar on this topic, Prof. John Dzienkowski, the John Redditt Professor of State and Local Government at the University of Texas. Frank Ross '78, of

Polsinelli Shalton & Welte, addressed the best practices for counsel faced with issues relating to multiple parties in business transactions. Prof. Sheila Reynolds participated in panel discussions on this topic and on recent developments arising from the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as well as recent amendments to the Model Rules of Professional responsibility.

Students had the opportunity to discuss ethical issues facing business and transactional attorneys with Prof. Dzienkowski at an informal lunch and at a dinner at Prof. Pierce's home. Prof. Dzienkowski also presented his most recent scholarly work to the faculty for discussion and questions.

Alumni have continued to support the Center during its early stages. A number of alums have offered

monetary support, and others have offered support by participating in various activities. For example, we continue to have experienced attorneys visit with our students to educate them about the opportunities and challenges facing business and transactional lawyers. Usually this occurs within the context of informal lunches that give students access to expertise and experience. Indeed, the Center's goal is to create sufficient energy so that students want to study more rather than less.



**Professor John Dzienkowski,
Professor Sheila Reynolds and Frank Ross '78**



Professor Steve Ramirez





Annual Institute on Professional Responsibility for Business and Transactional Law

In the upcoming semester, the Center will sponsor a major conference entitled “Brown in the Business Sector,” which will celebrate and focus on the progress of corporate America in dealing with issues of diversity since the modern era of race relations commenced with the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision in 1954. The *Brown* decision was driven by Washburn graduates, and the law school is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of *Brown*. This program is an extension of that celebration. In conjunction with this event, the Center will sponsor an annual institute for corporate counsel addressing employment law issues. More information will follow, but suffice it to say that these programs also benefit from tremendous support from our alums in the business and transactional arena.



Professor Ali Khan

If you have any questions or comments, or if you wish to participate in any Center activities, please do not hesitate to contact Professor Steven Ramirez, director of the Business and Transactional Law Center, at steven.ramirez@washburn.edu.

Professor Linda Elrod



Children & Family Law Center

Washburn Law's Children and Family Law Center has had an exciting first year. Three major events highlighted the beginning of the Center: "Collaborative Law" in February, "Representing Children" in May, and "The Role of Judges and Lawyers in High Conflict Custody Cases" in September.

Collaborative Law

On Feb. 14, 2003, the Center brought in attorney Sherri Goren Slovin from Cincinnati, Ohio, to train in collaborative law. Collaborative law is part of the therapeutic jurisprudence movement and is becoming extremely popular in several parts of the country. Forty-four people, including five faculty and 10 students, learned the basics of collaborative law and its approach to resolving domestic disputes.

Role of Attorneys for Children

On May 9, 2003, the Children and Family Law Center helped the National Association of Counsel for Children start a Kansas chapter with a CLE program on representing children. Ann Haralambie of Tucson, Ariz., author of *Handling Child Custody, Adoption and Abuse Cases*, *The Child's Attorney*, *Child Sexual Abuse*, was the keynote speaker.

Center faculty have been active on a national and state level in trying to increase the professional role of lawyers for children. Prof. Elrod served on a committee of the American Bar Association Family Law Section that drafted Standards for Lawyers Representing Children in Custody Cases. The Standards became official ABA policy on August 12, 2003. Elrod's

article, *Raising the Bar for Lawyers Who Represent Children: ABA Standards of Practice for Custody Cases*, came out this fall and appears at 37 *FAM. L. Q.* 122 (2003).

On the state level, Prof. Sheila Reynolds, working with the Kansas Judicial Council, proposed amendments to the Kansas Supreme Court Guidelines for guardian ad litem (GALs). The amendments, adopted by the Kansas Supreme Court in July, shift the GAL's role to that of an advocate for the best interests of the child, rather than an investigator who files reports with the court.

The Role of Judges and Lawyers in High-Conflict Custody Cases

On Sept. 12, 72 people attended a program on high-conflict custody cases out of the law school. Prof. Andrew Schepard of Hofstra Law School and director of the Hofstra-North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System's Center for Children, Families and the Law, outlined the devastating effects of parental conflict on children. He then offered ten ways judges and lawyers could change their systems to make the process less adversarial for children and their parents. Dr. Wes Crenshaw, a child psychologist, talked about the problems of alienation and how to work with alienated parents and children. Ron Nelson '81 and Lynn Ward '90 shared secrets for dealing with clients involved in high-conflict cases. Larry Rute '73 and Dr. Kathryn Nichols explored ways to "get past no" and move clients to resolution in mediation. Prof. Elrod highlighted ways for lawyers to advise parents to prepare for the possibility of abduction, ways for lawyers to help prevent abductions through appropriate orders and how to use the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act and the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction to retrieve wrongfully taken children. Prof. Sheila Reynolds explored ethical concerns that can catch lawyers who get caught up with their high-conflict clients' world.



Professor Nancy Maxwell, Dean Dennis Honabach and Dr. Katharina Boele-Woelki

CASA Training for Law Students

The Children and Family Law Center worked with the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) program in the summer of 2003 to train 11 students. CASAs are trained volunteers who are assigned one to two children or sometimes a sibling group. The CASA meets with the child on a regular basis, explains the court system to the child, goes to hearings, writes reports to the court, and meets with the child's attorney and social workers to assure that the child's best interests are being met.



Alan Alderson '74

New Class Offerings

This fall we added two family law courses: Adoption and Juvenile Offender. We also added a Family Law Quarterly one-hour course. By fall 2004, we hope to have a "Financial Aspects of Divorce" seminar.

Comparative Family Law was offered in England last summer and will be offered in Utrecht, Netherlands, this summer. Prof. Nancy Maxwell and Ian Sumner, lecturer at Utrecht, team-taught the course.

Clinic

Twelve students in the spring and another 12 in the fall practiced family law in the law clinic under the supervision of Prof. Sheila Reynolds and Prof. Lynette Petty. Six interns represented clients with family law issues in the summer session of the Law Clinic. The Clinic currently serves as guardian ad litem for fifty teenagers in the child-in-need-of-care system. In addition, we have filed two private CINC actions on behalf of relatives concerned about the safety of small children in their care. In the domestic area, interns represented 17 clients in a variety of cases, including divorce, paternity, custody, legal separation, and equitable division of property. Over half of these cases involved domestic violence.

Family Law Student Society (FLSS)

The Family Law Student Society began meeting in January 2003. We are linking with other groups that deal with children such as the ABA Child Custody Pro Bono Project, the ABA Center for Children and the Law,

and BNA Family Law electronic updates, among others. The FLSS has several committees, such as a court watch, CASA, speakers, and bulletin board that help with programming.

Lunch with the Experts

Over the past year the Center has sponsored "Lunch with the Expert," which allows eight students to eat lunch with someone who practices in the family

law area. This fall we have had Dr. Katharina Boele-Woelki, chairperson of the European Commission on Family Law; Alan Alderson '74; and Mickie Brassel '99.

Advisory Board

The Children and Family Law Center will put together its advisory board to provide advice, ideas and, hopefully, some funds to help the work of the Center. In addition to Prof. Elrod, director, six faculty are currently involved in the Center: Professors Megan Ballard, Stephanie Mathews, Nancy Maxwell, Loretta Moore, Lynette Petty and Sheila Reynolds.

To learn more about the Center or to volunteer to mentor students with a focus on the family law area of practice, please contact director, Professor Linda Elrod, at linda.elrod@washburn.edu.

Washburn Law Clinic

Participation in Washburn's Law Clinic provides an educational experience unlike any other in the law school curriculum. In the Clinic, the problems are not hypothetical, as they are in simulation courses, nor are they based upon static facts as in many doctrinal casebooks. Clinic interns are called upon to use their legal training to help solve problems faced by real people. The work conducted by Clinic students can have a profound impact on the lives of their clients. Because of this, and due to the dynamic and often unpredictable nature of clinic cases, many interns find their experience in the Clinic to be the most profound of their law school careers.

The Raymond Spring Award

Through experience, Clinic interns develop an understanding of the importance of providing legal services to clients in need. To underscore the significance of this critical professional responsibility and to honor the memory of one of the driving forces behind the creation of Washburn's Law Clinic, the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association sponsors an award that is given annually. Dean Raymond Spring '59, for whom the award is named, was committed to providing free legal services to clients who could not otherwise obtain representation. He envisioned that a clinical program run by the Law School was a means to achieve this objective while offering an outstanding and unique educational experience to law students. This year's recipient of the Raymond Spring award, given to the student who exhibits the highest commitment to providing legal services to clients in need, is Sharonda Friday '04.

Friday worked in the Clinic with Prof. Lynette Petty '87 during the summer 2003 semester. While enrolled in Clinic, Friday served as counsel for clients in divorce, represented a grandmother in a private child in need of care action, and served as guardian ad litem for teenagers in the child in need



Sharonda Friday

of care system. Friday was patient and compassionate with all her clients. Her work with youth was particularly noteworthy. She worked one-on-one with her clients, listening to their concerns, monitoring and sometimes prodding the legal system to make sure their needs were addressed.

Friday's stated goal is to use her experience "in the trenches" to work as a lobbyist or advocate in policy development to improve the legal system. She is passionate about these issues, and anyone who has worked with her knows she has the determination and judgment, tempered by an appropriate sense of humor, to accomplish these goals.

The Irvine E. Ungerman Award

Each semester, the clinic faculty names a recipient for the Irvine E. Ungerman Award for Excellence in Clinical Practice. The Ungerman Award is given to the legal intern "who has distinguished himself or herself by providing highly competent representation to clients in a manner exemplifying the ideals of our profession: 'pursuit of the learned art in the spirit of a public service.'" The recipient for the fall 2003 semester is Laura Lewis '04.



Professor John Francis





Laura Lewis '04

Lewis was drawn to the Clinic because she heard positive comments from other students who had previously taken the clinic and

because she wanted to gain practical experience to prepare her for life after law school. Upon graduation from Washburn, Lewis and her son Tristin, will move to Dodge City, where Lewis has accepted an associate position at the Law Office of Leslie A. Hess '85.

During her clinical semester, Lewis gained experience in the area in family law. Working under the supervision of Prof. Sheila Reynolds, she had the opportunity to represent clients in divorce and paternity actions. She also explored the ramifications of divorce on alien residency status and thoroughly researched the division of veterans' benefits in a divorce action. Lewis discovered firsthand that learning to work with other professionals is an important part of the practice of law. "The Clinic taught me how to deal with difficult opposing counsel."

In addition to obtaining experience practicing substantive and technical aspects of law, Lewis noted that she learned a great deal about what goes into representing a real client. "It is important to use different resources to address my clients' needs, aside from the legal issues that I'm helping them with," Lewis said. "It's helpful to know what agencies are available and what it is they specialize in so that you can make good referrals for your clients when other issues arise."

Forging New Paths

A new program launched in the Clinic fall semester will make such referrals easier to obtain. The Washburn University School of Social Work and the Law Clinic are engaged in an interdisciplinary venture in which a Masters level social work student is placed in the Law Clinic to offer social work services

to Clinic clients. This exciting and cutting-edge undertaking benefits clients, Clinic interns and social work students. "Having in-house social work resources is a tremendous asset for the Clinic," noted Law Clinic Director, Prof. John Francis. "Clinic students learn to work with professionals from disciplines other than the law; they develop collaborative skills and approach problem solving from a broader perspective. In addition, these resources improve the quality of representation we offer our clients."

Erica Snyder, the social work intern currently placed in the Clinic, has offered assistance in several different types of cases, including child in need of care matters, family law cases, civil cases and even a criminal case. All of Snyder's work is conducted under the close supervision of professors from Washburn's School of Social Work and in coordination with Law Clinic professors. Snyder's work has included providing referrals for clients to specialized community resources, making recommendations to the court, consulting with Clinic interns on complex client counseling issues, and even providing direct clinical therapy services to clients. "

Snyder's knowledge of prescription medications proved helpful for a case handled by Clinic intern Jack Ryan '04 when he was dealing with a juvenile who had been prescribed several different medications. Snyder helped Ryan interview the client, who presented mental health issues, and helped Ryan understand his client's symptoms and diagnosis. She also helped Ryan determine what was in the best interests of this client. "Knowing the medication's effects on my client was very beneficial in approaching the client as a whole," observed Ryan.

After completing her Masters degree in social work, Snyder wants to experience the lawyer/social worker collaboration from the other end. "I'm planning on attending law school next year. Working with law students gave me a glimpse of where I will be in a few years."

For more information on the Law Clinic, contact the director Professor John Francis at 785-231-1010 ext. 1685 or john.francis@washburn.edu



1950's



The Honorable Sam A. Crow '52, Topeka, KS, was inducted into the Topeka High School Hall of Fame.

The Honorable Robert J. Dole '52, Washington, DC, dedicated the new Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics in Lawrence, Kansas.

Robert J. Roth '55, Wichita, KS, was recognized by the Kansas Bar Association as the 2003 recipient of the Professionalism Award.

William D. Bunten '56, Topeka, KS, earned the gold medal at the 2003 National Senior Olympics in the men's 5k road race held in June in Hampton Roads, VA.

1960's

Franklin D. Gaines '60, Hamilton, KS, was appointed to the Board of Regents by Gov. Kathleen Sebelius.

The Honorable David S. Knudson '66, Topeka, KS, retired August 1 from the Kansas Court of Appeals.



The Honorable J. Byron Meeks '68, Kinsley, KS, after 13 1/2 years as a chief judge in the 24th judicial district, Meeks is now practicing law in Kinsley.

Thomas A. Adrian '69, Newton, KS, was named president of Kansas Bar Foundation.

Marvin W. Maydew '69, Topeka, KS, of counsel for the law firm Glenn Cornish Hanson & Karns in Topeka, was admitted to practice law before the bar of the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Honorable Andrew J. Wachter '69, Pittsburg, KS, was appointed by previous Governor Bill Graves to the 11th Judicial District which is comprised of Cherokee, Crawford, and Labette counties.

1970's

Montie R. Deer '72, Tulsa, OK, is director of Clinical Programs at the University of Tulsa College of Law at its Boesche Legal Clinic.



Bradley A. Buckles '74, Alexandria, VA., has retired as director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) after 30 years of service, and will become director of The Recording Industry Association of America.

Gregory D. Lewis '74, MN, was hired as Niagara County manager.

Rex K. Linder '74, Peoria, IL, a partner with the law firm of Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen in Peoria, has become a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.



The Honorable Stephen D. Hill '75, Paola, KS, was appointed to the Kansas Court of Appeals by Gov. Kathleen Sebelius.

Al Grieshaber '76, became city manager of Sanford, Florida.

Joyce R. Simmons Rubenstein '76, Houston, TX, has been awarded the NASA Exceptional Service Medal in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the Human Space Flight program in the area of contract law.



Vicki Brittain '77, San Marcos, TX, has been named chair of the Texas State University-San Marcos Department of Political Science.

Jay D. Justice '77,

Minneapolis, MN, has been named VP and Senior Consultant for Clark Consulting's Healthcare Group in Minneapolis.

The Honorable Dennis R. Dow '78, Kansas City, MO, is a U.S. bankruptcy judge for the Court for the Western District of Missouri.

1980's

Timothy G. Hammer '80, Goliad, TX, an assistant United States attorney for the southern district of Texas, recently received the Directors Award for excellence in law enforcement from Attorney General John Ashcroft.

The Honorable A. Joe Parker '82, Clovis, NM, was selected by New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson to fill a vacancy as Eastern New Mexico's newest district judge.

Lori M. Callahan '83, Sydney, Australia, has been named National Claims Manager for Allianz Insurance Company.

Charles R. Saylor '83, is a visual consultant and story editor with Calscript Communications, in Monfalcone, Italy, and Asheville. He works on overseas creative projects including feature films.

Scott S. Sumpter '83, Topeka, KS, has joined the law firm of Alderson, Alderson, Weiler, Conklin, Burghart & Crow, LLC as of counsel.

David R. Brant '84, Topeka, KS, former Kansas securities commissioner, has joined Central National Bank as senior vice president and risk management officer.

Lisa A. Mendoza '84, Topeka, KS, has been appointed juvenile justice authority general counsel by Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority Commissioner Denise Everhart.

Ronald D. Pope '84, Topeka, KS, has been named the 52nd president of the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association.

John G. Fowler '86, Topeka, KS, has been appointed chairman of the Commission on Veterans' Affairs by Gov. Kathleen Sebelius.

Steve A. Schwarm '87, Topeka, KS, has been appointed to the Kansas Judicial Council's Administrative Procedure Advisor Committee.

Nicholas B. Cox '88, Tampa, FL, will serve as the Elder Consumer Protection Fellow. He will supervise the Elder Consumer Protection Program and teach advocacy and consumer protection courses.



Denise M. Anderson '89, Kansas City, MO, has opened Halbrook & Anderson, P.C. in downtown Kansas City practicing employment law defense.

1990's

Jeffrey L. Cowger '90, Kansas City, MO, has been appointed deputy general counsel by Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority Commissioner Denise Everhart.

Special Agent Jason Deaton '90, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation received the Director's Award for Outstanding Contribution in Law Enforcement for investigation in the United States v. Greatwalker case.

Marla C. Poor '90, Washington, DC, served as an adjunct professor at George Mason University Law School, teaching a semester course on Copyright during spring 2003.

Roy T. Artman '91, Topeka, KS, has joined the staff of the Kansas Building Industry Workers Compensation Fund to serve as legal counsel and oversee the defense of litigated workers compensation claims.



Stephen J. Torline '97, Kansas City, MO, has become a partner with Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin in the Kansas City, MO office.

Paul T. Davis '98, has formed a new law firm, Meyer & Davis LLC, in Lawrence, KS.

1990's



Mordecai Boone '93, Tampa, FL, has joined the office of Shook, Hardy & Bacon as a member of the Products Liability Litigation Division in Tampa.

Amy Harth '94, Paola, KS, has been appointed by Gov. Kathleen Sebelius as district court judge for the 6th Judicial District, which covers Bourbon, Linn and Miami counties.



Mary Stephenson '94, Louisburg, KS, has left the Johnson County District Attorney's Office and has opened her own law practice in Louisburg.

Rebecca J. Wempe '95, Topeka, KS, has taken a position as associate attorney at Glenn, Cornish, Hanson & Karns in Topeka.

Patrick J. Hurley '96, Kansas City, MO, has joined the firm of Sader and Garvin, LLC, as an associate.

Armando Maese '96, is the new assistant principal at Canyon Middle School near San Antonio, Texas.

Joseph S. Passanise '97, Springfield, MO, was featured in the Missouri Lawyers Weekly as one of five up-and-coming lawyers.

Michael D. Killebrew '98, Quincy, IL, is the international program coordinator for Addicts Victorious, a recovery and support group program in Quincy.



Kyle J. Mead '98, Topeka, KS, has joined Lawyers Title of Topeka Inc. as chief examining attorney.

Deborah Stern '98, Topeka, KS, was elected to the board of Oral Health Kansas, which has been formed to address oral health care and access issues in the state through advocacy and education.

Dennis Hawkins '99, Monmouth, IL, Community Medical Center's vice president of finance and CFO, recently presented a program at the Esophageal Cancer Awareness Association's (ECAA) Annual International Meeting in Chicago.

Melvin R. Herrington '99 and wife Elizabeth Lutz-Herrington '03 have opened a pub, Sweet Justice Blues Bar & Grille, in Topeka, Kansas.

Eric G. Kraft '99, Overland Park, KS, is president-elect of the Young Lawyers Division of the Kansas Bar Association.

Michelle R. Stewart '99, Overland Park, KS, was featured in the Missouri Lawyers Weekly as one of five up-and-coming lawyers.



2000's

Jarrod W. Blecha '01, Sheppard AFB, TX, was recently appointed to foreign area officer for Latin America in addition to his current JAG position.



Deborah C. Westphal '02, Kansas City, MO, has joined the firm of Sader and Garvin, LLC, as an associate.

Jacqueline R. Butler '03, Hannibal, MO, has joined the law firm of Briscoe, Rodenbaugh and Brannon as an associate and will practice primarily in the firm's Hannibal and New London offices. She has also been appointed assistant prosecuting attorney for Ralls County.



Molly J. Staab '03, Topeka, KS, has been hired as an associate attorney for the firm of Newbery, Ungerer & Hickert LLP.

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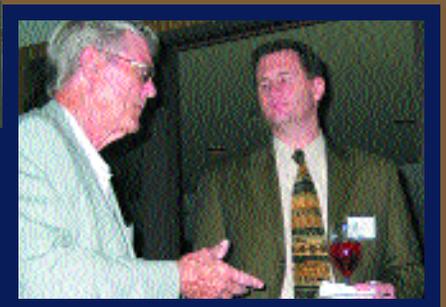
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IN Memoriam

1930's

Donald G. Sands '32, Holton, KS, died Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2003, at the age of 93. He was an attorney at law, retiring from active law practice in 2000. He had served as Jackson County attorney for eight years and as Holton city attorney for 22 years. He was a life member of the Kansas Bar Association.

1940's

Gladys I. Doop '41, Brookings, died Thursday, Nov. 27, 2003, at the age of 93. She attended the Washburn University School of Law, and after graduation she worked as an attorney for law firms in Topeka and Los Angeles.

Lloyd Lynn Hughes '47, Barrington, RI, died Monday, July 21, 2003, at the age of 82. Mr. Hughes had been assistant general counsel of Kansas Corp. in Topeka and superintendent of the University of Wisconsin Hospital before joining Rhode Island Hospital. There he had served as the hospital's assistant director, deputy director, executive director and executive vice president, before being named the hospital's president. He served as president and CEO of Rhode Island Hospital for 12 years, until his retirement in 1985.

1950's

Harold E. Baker '50, Bloomington, IL, died Aug. 17, 2003, at the age of 80. He was a former assistant vice president of claims at State Farm Insurance Companies, retiring in the fall of 1982. Mr. Baker served as an officer and a pilot with the 14th Air Force during World War II in the China-Burma-India theater.



Robert N. Partridge '50, Wichita, KS, died Friday, Aug. 22, 2003, at the age of 78. He was a retired managing partner with Foulston-Siefken in Wichita and was past-president of the Wichita Bar Association.

Norman E. Smith '51, Scottsdale, AZ, died Oct. 16, 2003, at the age of 78. He was a member of both the Kansas and the Colorado Bar associations. After graduation, Smith began a career in oil-exploration in Bartlesville, OK. He began a second career as a loan officer with Valley National Bank, where he worked until his retirement in 1987.

Buford L. Shankel '54, Kansas City, KS, died Nov. 18, 2003, at the age of 77. He served as Bourbon County attorney. After moving to the Kansas City area in 1961, Shankel worked as an attorney and served as the head of the Johnson County Democratic Party. From 1972-1981, he presided over Division III of the District Court of Kansas.



Robert E. Tilton '58, Topeka, KS, died Oct. 25, 2003, at the age of 73. Tilton was a member of Delta Theta Phi law fraternity. He practiced law in Topeka after graduating from Washburn Law. He last

practiced in the firm of Tilton and Tilton, LLP, with his son, Steve, who is also an attorney. He was formerly an adjunct professor at Washburn University School of Law. Tilton was a member of the American, Kansas and Topeka Bar associations, the American and Kansas Trial Lawyers associations, and the Topeka Lawyers Club. He was former president of Topeka Bar Association. In April 2001, Tilton received the Warren W. Shaw Distinguished Service Award, which recognizes a member of the Topeka Bar Association who has made significant contributions to the goals of the legal profession, the Topeka Bar Association and the public.

1960's



Jerome H. Eschmann '62, Topeka, KS, died Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2003, at the age of 72. Eschmann practiced law in Topeka, initially with the firm Ascough, Bausch & Eschmann until 1989, then with Ascough, Eschmann, Oyler, P.A. until 1996. Before retiring, he was of counsel to the firm Eschmann & Pringle, P.A., practicing with his son, Frank S. Eschmann, and nephew, Timothy J. Pringle. He was formerly an adjunct professor at Washburn University School of Law. Eschmann was a member of the American, Kansas and Topeka Bar associations. He was formerly a member of the Defense Research Institute, the International Association of Defense Counsel, the Kansas Association of Defense Counsel, the Topeka Bench-Bar Committee and the Fraternal Order of SOABs.

P. Bruce Sherwood '69, Pueblo West, CO, died Nov. 15, 2003, at the age of 62. He was active in many local and civic organizations. After 13 years of practicing law in Kansas and Cañon City, he enrolled in the teacher education program at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, and became an elementary school teacher.

1970's

Richard V. Lohman '76, Colorado Springs, CO., was tragically killed in a plane crash near Sitka, Alaska, July 10, 2003, at age 52. Also killed in the crash was Richard's wife Catherine. Rick became licensed to practice law in Colorado in 1976. He began practicing in Colorado Springs with the firm of Murphy, Morris and Susemihl, and became a partner of Morris, Susemihl, Lohman and Kent in 1981. He joined the CBA and EPCBA in 1977. He served as a past-chair of the Family Law Section of the EPCBA. He was a past-president of the National Association of Council for Children and a former member of the CBA Executive Council. He also served on the faculty of the EPCBA Trial Advocacy School and co-chaired the EPCBA. In 1994, Richard and his wife formed the law firm of Lohman and Lohman, P.C., practicing family law.

1980's

W. Patrick Russell '80, Topeka, KS, died Friday, Dec. 5, 2003, at the age of 60. Russell was employed by the State of Kansas for more than 20 years.



Jiyoung Yang '03, Topeka, KS, died Sept. 30, 2003, at the age of 30. Jiyoung was a citizen of South Korea and graduated in December 2002 from Washburn Law. She had resided in the United

States for the past five years. She passed her bar exam in spring 2003 and wanted to practice law in Kansas for a year or two before returning to South Korea to support her family.



Meet the New Faculty...



**J. Lynn Entrikin
Goering '87**
Assistant Professor of Law

J. Lynn Goering has joined Washburn Law to teach legal analysis and research and writing. Goering received her B.G.S. in 1976 and her M.P.A. in 1982, both from the University of Kansas. She graduated from Washburn University School of Law in 1987. Prior to law school, Goering was a legislative fiscal analyst for the Kansas Legislature. While in law school she was editor-in-chief of the Washburn Law Journal. She has held positions as research attorney for former Justice Richard Holmes '53 of the Kansas Supreme Court, administrative assistant to Chief Justice Robert Miller and Chief Justice Holmes, and a law clerk to federal district court former Judge Dale Saffels '49 before joining the Topeka law firm of Wright, Henson, Somers, Sebelius, Clark & Baker. She later served as assistant attorney general in the Legal Opinions and Government Counsel Division.

In 1996, Goering was appointed to the Kansas Board of Tax Appeals. After completing her term, she established a solo law practice in Topeka, focusing primarily on ad val-

orem tax litigation and appellate practice. Goering is licensed to practice in Kansas and Colorado and has been admitted to practice before the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals.



Timothy R. Schnacke
Assistant Professor of Law

Timothy Schnacke has joined the faculty to teach legal analysis and research and writing. Schnacke received his B.S., B.G.S. in 1983 from the University of Kansas, his J.D. from the University of Tulsa College of Law in 1986, his LL.M. in 1991 from The George Washington University, and his M.C.J. in 1999 from the University of Colorado. While at Tulsa College of Law, Schnacke was editor-in-chief of the Energy Law Journal and the American Bar Association/University of Tulsa College of Law Monograph Series. Following law school, Schnacke served as law clerk to now-Chief Judge Deanell Reece Tacha of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, and went on to practice in Washington, D.C., where he practiced communications law.

After receiving his LL.M. degree, Schnacke worked for several years for the City of Aspen, CO, in the Department of Transportation. From 2001-2003 he served as staff counsel to the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver, CO.

Schnacke is admitted to practice law in the Colorado and Kansas state courts. He is also admitted to practice in the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, the District of Columbia Circuit, and the Federal Circuit, as well as in the United States Supreme Court.

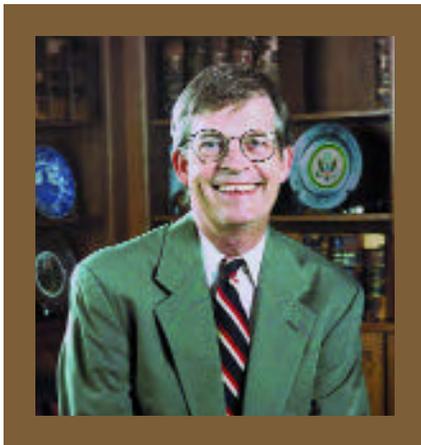


Suellen M. Wolfe
Visiting Associate
Professor of Law

Suellen Wolfe has joined the faculty as a visiting professor teaching taxation of individual income. Wolfe received her B.H. in 1973 from Pennsylvania State University, her J.D. in 1976 from Dickinson School of Law of the Pennsylvania State University and her LL.M. in 1979 from New York University School of Law. Wolfe has been practicing tax law for 27 years. Prior to joining the faculty at Washburn, Wolfe taught at Vermont Law School, Mercer University School of Law, George Mason University School of Law, Widener University School of Law, Dickinson School of Law of the Pennsylvania State University, and Pennsylvania State University and Harrisburg (Pa.) Area Community College.

Wolfe also served as chief deputy attorney general for the Tax and Finance Section of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, supervising all tax litigation, financial and bankruptcy matters for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. She also served as chief deputy attorney general for the Charitable Trusts and Organizations Section and as counsel to the Board of Finance & Revenue, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Wolfe is admitted to practice law in the United States Supreme Court, the U.S. Federal Court (Middle District, Pennsylvania), United States Tax Court, and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. She is also licensed as a certified public accountant in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.



Curtis J. Waugh '87
Assistant Professor of Law
Washburn Law Clinic

Curtis Waugh has joined Washburn Law as one of the supervising attorneys for the Washburn Law Clinic. Waugh received his B.A. from Williams College in 1970 and his J.D. from Washburn University School of Law in 1987. Upon graduation from law school, Waugh joined the Topeka firm of Goodell, Stratton, Edmonds & Palmer, where he practiced in the areas of civil litigation and appellate practice for 16 years. Waugh has previously taught Pretrial Advocacy as an adjunct professor at the Law School.

Waugh is admitted to practice law in Kansas state courts, the U.S. District Court for Kansas, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

A “Goodell Example” of Giving for Future Generations of Students

Gerald Goodell's past and present reflect his commitment to the legal profession, the Washburn University School of Law and his community. A 1958 graduate of Washburn Law, Mr. Goodell has named the School of Law as owner and beneficiary of a life insurance policy.

“Washburn University School of Law is celebrating 100 years of excellence in legal education. I feel it is important for all alumni of the School of Law to make gifts that will sustain that excellence for future generations. A gift of life insurance was a good way for me to help build the endowment of the School of Law for its second century. I hope that all of us who have benefited from the fine education we received here, will consider what we can do to ensure the School's continuing growth,” Mr. Goodell said.

A career of leadership

Mr. Goodell is now of counsel to the prominent Topeka law firm of Goodell, Stratton, Edmonds & Palmer L.L.P. He has been recognized for the excellence of his professional service specializing in real estate law in The Best Lawyers in America. He has served as counsel to the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Topeka, the Menninger Clinic, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas, numerous real estate clients and the Heartland Community Bankers Association.

In addition, Mr. Goodell has contributed countless hours to professional and community organizations. He has served as president of the Kansas Bar Association, Topeka Bar Association and the Kansas Bar Foundation. Mr. Goodell served on the Shawnee County District Judicial Nominating Committee and currently serves on the Kansas Board of Law Examiners and the Kansas Judicial Council. His board memberships have included the Shawnee County Cancer Society, the Kansas and Shawnee County Mental Health Associations, Mount Hope Cemetery Company and the Topeka Chamber of Commerce.

From keyboard to courtroom

A native Topekan, Mr. Goodell knew of Washburn from childhood, making his decision to attend the University a natural one. “I began piano lessons at the age of four and when I transferred to Washburn during my freshman year, I continued to play the trombone to earn extra

money for school expenses. Although I graduated with a business degree, music—particularly jazz—is still an important part of my life.”

*Gifts of time, talent, and treasure
“I've always felt a responsibility to give the best I possibly can to my clients, my profession and my community,”*

Mr. Goodell said. “I learned that from my parents, and I've tried to fulfill that responsibility throughout my life.”



Mr. Goodell's commitment to Washburn University and the School of Law is evident in his many gifts of time, talent and treasure. Taking a hands-on approach to preparing the next generation of lawyers, he has taught Trial Techniques and Real Estate Mortgages and participated in numerous professional panels at Washburn Law. He has served as president of the Washburn Alumni Association, the Washburn Law School Foundation and the Law School Board of Governors. In recognition of the superior performance and service of this dedicated professional, Washburn University in 2002 bestowed an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree on Mr. Goodell.

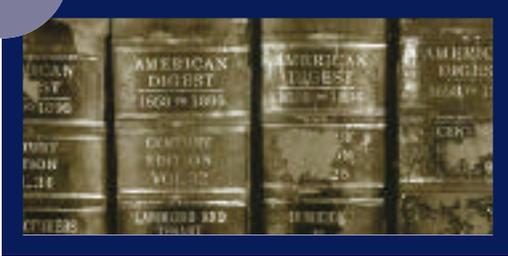
Jerry and his wife Sue have established an endowed fund, the Gerald L. & Sue Goodell Scholarship at Washburn Law. His firm also contributes to the annual Lester M. Goodell Moot Court Award in memory of his father.

“My years of involvement with Washburn University School of Law—as a student, an alumnus, a teacher, and a contributor—helped shape my life and make me the man I am today. I'm happy that, over the years, my wife and I have been able to create a scholarship and support the School's endowment,” Mr. Goodell said.

Alumni and friends who are interested in joining Mr. Goodell in building the future of Washburn Law through trust, estate and other planned gifts are encouraged to contact:

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School of Law Renovation

The Washburn University Board of Regents approved a \$1.24 million renovation to the School of Law. Classroom modernization and office redesign are central in the project, which is intended to keep the law school competitive. The project will include remodeling a section of the third floor of the law library building to provide additional office space, enhancing classroom stage and seating areas, upgrading electricity sources for computers and Internet access, making modifications to meet accessibility requirements, and addressing acoustic issues. The work will start immediately after graduation this May and will be completed by the start of the school year in August.

Ahrens Tort Symposium: Genetically Altered Foods

More than 60 people attended the annual Ahrens Tort Symposium on November 14–15, 2003, at Washburn Law. The discussion focused on genetically altered foods and whether they are an answer to world hunger or a threat to biodiversity that destroys the balance between nature and culture. Scientists, environmental specialists, agri-business and consumer advocates are engaged in this debate, and many legal concerns must

New Admissions Director



Washburn Law welcomes Karla Beam as Director of Admissions. She served for more than a decade on behalf of Kansas law-related professional associations. While with the Kansas Bar Association, Beam held various positions, including assistant director, continuing legal education director and media relations director. Beam later joined the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association, consulting in areas of legal education, membership development and fund-raising administration. Beam is a graduate of Kansas State University.

be addressed as a result of the ability to alter the genetic make-up of food. When companies began patenting genetically modified seeds, legal issues began sprouting like weeds. Different countries address the issues in different ways. Some, including Canada and the European Union, prohibit genetically modified food altogether.

The educational program was made possible by the Ahrens Chair in Tort Law created in 1986 by the former Wichita law firm of Michaud, Cordry, Michaud, Hutton and Hutton. Faculty for the symposium was comprised of 11 leading practitioners and scholars with expertise in genetically altered foods from the United States and abroad. Symposium presentations and responses will be published in Volume 43 of the Washburn Law Journal.



Alumni Events

Alumni events were recently held in Denver, Washington, DC, Kansas City, Albuquerque and Phoenix. Alumni from these areas were able to get together for food, beverages and great conversation. Surprise guest Jim Slattery '75 joined us at the DC reception and Congressman Dennis Moore '70 joined us in Kansas City. Dean Honabach attended each event and updated alumni on new programs and events scheduled around the Centennial. Future alumni events are scheduled for Dallas/Fort Worth, Wichita, Dodge City, Garden City, Hays and Salina. Alumni event information can be found on the Law School website at www.washburnlaw.edu/alumni. If you are interested in having an alumni event in your area or are interested in hosting an event, please contact the alumni office at 785-231-1011.

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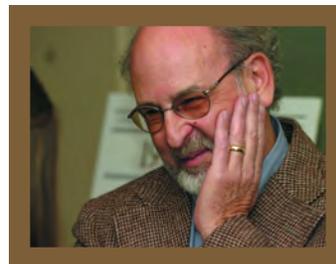
You've asked for it, you've waited for it, and now it's here! Washburn Law apparel and items are now available. Beginning in April 2004, you can go to the Law School website at www.washburnlaw.edu and order your Law School items. The Alumni office has selected some items to begin with, but if you have suggestions or additional items you would like to see available for purchase, please contact the alumni office at 785-231-1011 or julie.elliott@washburn.edu with your ideas. If there is enough interest in additional items, we will gladly search for them and add them to the selection. There should be something for everyone—and it will be fantastic to see alumni displaying Washburn Law logos on apparel and in offices and homes all over the world.



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NITA Training at Harvard

Professor Michael Kaye joined the faculty of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) Teacher Training Program in March at Harvard Law School. The NITA training program is designed for law professors and lawyers who are actively engaged in training lawyers in law schools or through in-house law firm advocacy training programs.



NITA selects faculty members who are skilled in advocacy training and who are also skilled advocates. This year, Chief Judge Sanford Brook of the Indiana Court of Appeals, a NITA Board Member and director of Advocacy Teacher Training, conducted an in-house Advocacy Teacher Training Program at Washburn Law for its trial advocacy faculty. This program was one of the first in the nation. Brook's visit was sponsored by the Center for Excellence in Advocacy.



Brown v. Board of Education Revisited:



Groups around the country will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the landmark decision *Brown v. Board of Education* on May 17, 2004. On November 1, 2003, it was especially appropriate that Washburn University School of Law held this symposium that brought together a diverse group of practitioners and scholars to discuss the case, its implications and its legacy. From filing to final arguments, Washburn Law graduates played vital roles in *Brown v. Board of Education*. The case was originally filed by three Washburn Law graduates: two graduates represented the Topeka School Board at trial and another graduate, an assistant attorney general, argued on behalf of the state before the Supreme Court. Meanwhile, spirited discussion ensued in both legal and non-legal communities in Topeka. The decision in *Brown* and its consequences continue to be controversial. Ninety-eight people attended the *Brown* Symposium, which was held in the Memorial Union on the Washburn University campus. Attendees included not only attorneys but also many representatives from the public and community interested in the discussion.



Centennial Celebration

The Law School launched its Centennial Celebration with a Kick-off Reception on September 18, 2003 at the Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center. Guest speakers included Bill Bunten '56, who entered law school 50 years ago; Carolyn Adams '81, who entered law school 25 years ago; and Sunee Mickle, who is a first-year law student. History boards placed throughout the room showed highlights in history from each decade the school has existed. Alumni spent the evening reminiscing about their time at law school and took time to look through old photos and yearbooks with enthusiasm and laughter. Historical information can be viewed on the website at www.washburnlaw.edu/centennial.



December Graduates

The December graduates held their recognition ceremony and reception at 7 p.m. Saturday, December 6, in the Washburn Room of Memorial Union. Twenty-eight students graduated this December and celebrated with family, friends and faculty during the evening event. Jackie Williams '71, former U.S. Attorney for the district of Kansas, was guest speaker for the ceremony.



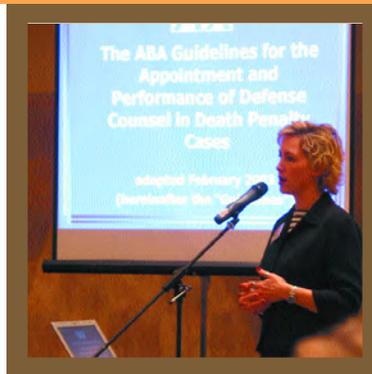
Reunion

Alumni who graduated in years that ended in either a 3 or an 8 celebrated their law school reunion on Saturday, October 25, 2003. Events for the day included two CLE seminars, a golf tournament at the Shawnee Country Club, a Washburn University football game and a reunion dinner for all of the classes. More than 80 people attended the cocktail reception and dinner and had a great time with other classmates. Don Rupert '76, who was presented the Washburn University Alumni Fellow Award for the School of Law, also attended the reunion dinner.



Alumni Fellow Award

Donald W. Rupert '76 received the Washburn University Alumni Fellow Award for the School of Law on October 24, 2003. Rupert is a partner in the Chicago office of Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw, a multinational law firm with more than 1,300 attorneys in seven time zones who advise many of the world's largest commercial and financial institutions, multi-lateral organizations and national governments. Rupert's 27-year career has centered on intellectual property law with an emphasis on complex technology matters, including patent, copyright and trademark infringement. The Alumni Fellow Award recognizes distinguished alumni who have achieved notable success in their chosen career fields.



National Capital Defense and Mitigation Skills Training Conference

For the first time, Washburn University School of Law presented a three-day training conference that focused on important aspects of capital defense—including the new American Bar Association Guidelines for the Defense of Capital Cases, on November 6-8, 2003. More than 75 people from several states attended the seminar, including those in the areas of social work, mental health and the legal profession.

Representing a defendant in a capital case is among the greatest challenges confronting a lawyer. Capital defense lawyering demands exhaustive, and exhausting, legal and factual preparation under painful pressure with great risk and potentially grim and irrevocable consequences. The lawyer in a capital case must be able to work effectively as a team player with other lawyers and staff, the client, social workers, psychologists, educators, physicians, and the mitigation specialist.

Experts on mental retardation and mental health examined recent developments in these fields in light of recent Supreme Court decisions. Nationally recognized authorities on mitigation practice discussed effective techniques for developing and presenting the mitigation case. Experienced trial and appellate capital defenders from the region lectured on trial techniques, trial and penalty phase strategies, and appellate issues for successful death penalty defense. Attendees also heard from keynote guest Joseph Amrine, who was convicted of murder and served 17 years on death row in Missouri. After numerous appeals and the recantation of testimony by three witnesses, he obtained release from prison. Last summer, the state announced that it will not pursue retrial.



Dean's Circle Dinner

At the annual Dean's Circle dinner, held at the Fairmont Hotel in October, alumni and friends heard from Dean Dennis R. Honabach, Washburn Law School Association President, Bernie Bianchino, and Washburn University President Jerry Farley, on the exciting changes at Washburn Law.

Members of the Dean's Circle give \$1,000 or more annually to Washburn Law. For more information about how to become a member of the Dean's Circle, contact the Development Office at 785-231-1100.



LAW SCHOOL EVENTS

April 2004

April 19 - Law Journal/Moot Court/Trial Ad
Banquet – 6 p.m.
Bradbury Thompson Center
Topeka, KS

May 2004

May 13 – Senior Luncheon 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Washburn Room, Memorial Union
Topeka, KS

May 15 - Graduation – 6:00 p.m.
The Honorable Paul Brady, Graduation Speaker
Washburn University
Topeka, KS

May 18 – Wichita Reception – 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Wichita Boathouse, 335 W. Lewis
Wichita, KS

May 19 - Dodge City Luncheon – noon- 1 p.m.
Boot Hill Bed and Breakfast
Dodge City, KS

May 19 - Garden City Reception – 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Southwind Country Club
Garden City, KS

May 20 – Hays Luncheon – noon-1 p.m.
Rooftops Restaurant, Emprise Bank Building
Hays, KS

May 20 – Salina Reception – 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Rolling Hills Zoo Conference Center
Salina, KS

June 2004

June 5 – Topeka Alumni Picnic
Brickyard Barn Inn
Topeka, KS

June 10 - Chicago Reception – 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Location to be decided
Chicago, IL

June 17 - Washburn Law School Reception at the
KBA annual meeting –
7 p.m., Location to be decided
Topeka, KS

June 19 – Washburn Law School Association
Board of Governors Meeting 7:30 a.m.
Capitol Plaza Hotel
Topeka, KS



June 19 – Washburn Law School Luncheon
at the KBA annual meeting – noon
Capitol Plaza Hotel
Topeka, KS

September 2004

Sept. 18 – Alumni Picnic
Kansas City Zoo
Kansas City, MO

Sept. 17 – Old Law School Tour
Downtown Topeka
Topeka, KS

October 2004

Oct. 2 - Deans Circle Dinner
Location to be decided

Oct. 16 - Reunion
Washburn University School of Law
Topeka, KS

Oct. 29 – Alumni Fellows Luncheon
Bradbury Thompson Center
Topeka, KS

November 2004

Nov. 13 – DC area alumni and Supreme Court
Swearing In Dinner
Location to be decided
Washington, DC

Nov. 15 – Supreme Court Swearing In – 10 a.m.
Washington, DC



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