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“There is nothing permanent except change”

This statement attributed to Heraclitus comes to mind when I am confronted by changing circumstances. And change is what is occurring at your law school. My term as President comes to an end. I have enjoyed working for the betterment of Washburn Law, the alumni association, and having the opportunity to renew acquaintances with so many of our alumni. Steve Cooper '73, will be leading the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association and its Board of Governors for the next two years. Steve is retiring from a distinguished career with Conoco-Phillips and he and his wife, Janet, are in the process of relocating to Manhattan, Kan.

One significant change that occurred is Dean Dennis Honabach's accepting the deanship at Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University. Dean Honabach's tenure at Washburn Law is a time marked by improvement - improvement in the credentials of the entering students across all quartiles; improvement in the ranking of our law school; and the development of Washburn's Business and Transactional Law Center, the Center for Excellence in Advocacy and the Children and Family Law Center. He represented Washburn University School of Law well while serving as the co-chair of the American Bar Association Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar Clinical and Skills Committee and as a member of the Law School Admissions Council Services and Program Committee. We appreciate all that Dennis did for Washburn, and we wish him well.

A Search Committee composed of faculty, staff, students, and law school alumni, including the judiciary, will conduct a nation-wide search for a new Dean. In the meantime all involved, including Washburn University President, Jerry Farley, the Washburn Law faculty and staff, and your Board of Governors are committed to continue working for the betterment of the law school. The search for a new Dean provides us with a unique opportunity to communicate to the academic community the quality and success of Washburn University School of Law.

It has been said “that the world hates change, yet it is the thing that has brought progress.” Much has been achieved and even more can be achieved at Washburn Law with your help. Stay active and stay in touch with your Alumni Association.

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