

Meet the New Faculty at Washburn Law



Randall L. Hodgkinson Visiting Assistant Professor of Law

J.D., Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, 1991
B.S., Mathematics and Computer Science, Wichita State University, 1989

Professor Hodgkinson began work with the Kansas Appellate Defender Office in 1995 and has been a deputy appellate defender for the State of Kansas since 2001.

Prior to his affiliation with the State of Kansas, he was an associate with the Law Offices of Stephen M. Lee in Kingman, Ariz., practicing in the areas of real estate, banking, business, personal injury, and domestic relations. He was a judicial clerk for Judge Sheldon H. Weisberg, Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One, and served as assistant public defender for the Sedgwick County Public Defender's office, Wichita, Kan.

Professor Hodgkinson previously was adjunct at Park College, Parkville, Mo., where he taught the undergraduate section of business law.

Professor Hodgkinson will teach Criminal Appeal Advocacy.



Tonya Kowalski Associate Professor of Law

J.D., Duke University School of Law, 1995
B.A., Political Science, University of Florida, 1992

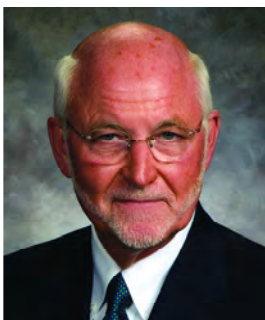
Before joining Washburn Law, Professor Kowalski was visiting associate clinical professor for the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. She was also a staff attorney for the Indian Legal Clinic, Tempe, Ariz.

Professor Kowalski spent several years litigating commercial, domestic, and appellate cases in Oregon and Washington as well as the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. She also worked as a legal writing consultant.

During law school, she was a member of the *Duke Law Journal* and a co-director of the Domestic Violence Advocacy Project.

Her writing affiliations include membership in the Legal Writing Institute, Association of American Law Schools, Clinical Legal Education Section, and membership in the Federal Bar Association, Indian Law Section.

Professor Kowalski will teach Legal Analysis, and Research and Writing I and II during the academic year 2006-07.



Larry O. Putt Visiting Professor of Law

LL.M., University of Mississippi, 1980
J.D., University of Mississippi, 1969
B.A., Economics and Political Science, Mississippi State University, 1965

Most recently Professor Putt was a visiting professor at Texas Wesleyan University School of Law where he previously taught property.

He has served as dean and professor of law at Thomas Goode Jones School of Law at Faulkner University; dean of academic affairs and associate professor of law at Chapman University School of Law; associate professor of law at Cumberland University School of Law; visiting professor at George Washington University; and was a faculty member at Alabama Bar Institute for Continuing Education.

Professor Putt was managing partner for the Birmingham, Ala., firm Smyer, White & Putt, Attorneys at Law, and served as legislative counsel for The Sunbelt Council (a coalition of southern states) in Washington, D.C. After law school, he joined Mitchell, McNutt & Bush, P.C. in Tupelo, Miss., as an associate.

Professor Putt will teach Negotiation, Real Estate Transactions, Business Associations, and Water Rights.



Michael H. Schwartz

Director of Academic Support, Professor of Law

J.D., University of California, Hastings College of the Law, 1987

B.A., Mass Communications, University of California, Berkeley, 1984

Most recently Professor Schwartz was professor of law and director of Ex-L, the academic support program at Charleston School of Law, teaching contracts, remedies, insurance law, and expert learning for law students. He was also chair of the law school's Academic Standards Committee.

Prior to that he served as the director of Western State University College of Law's STELLAR program, which helped law students to develop study, research and self-assessment skills. Professor Schwartz authored *Expert Learning for Law Students*, a text designed to teach self-regulated learning skills and law school learning strategies to entering law students. He served as faculty advisor to the *Western State University Law Review*.

Prior to teaching, he was in private practice in California.

Professor Schwartz has served on numerous volunteer boards and handled First Amendment cases as a volunteer attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union.

Professor Schwartz will teach Torts and Remedies.



Fatina N. Williams

Visiting Associate Professor of Law

J.D., Howard University School of Law, 1998

B.A., English Literature, University of Virginia, 1995

Professor Williams served as Human Resources Manager for the City of Topeka before joining Washburn Law. Prior to that she was assistant general counsel for Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. where she advised on equal employment opportunity laws and employment practices, diversity relations and human resource issues.

She worked in private practice as an associate attorney for Holland & Hart, LLP, and Dorsey & Whitney LLP, both located in Denver.

After graduating *cum laude* from law school, she served as trial attorney for the Tax Division Honor's Program, U.S. Department of Justice, and was a judicial law clerk to The Honorable Wiley Y. Daniel, U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado.

In law school she served as executive publications editor for the *Howard Law Journal*.

Professor Williams will teach Federal Courts, Labor Law, Civil Procedure II, and Employment Law.