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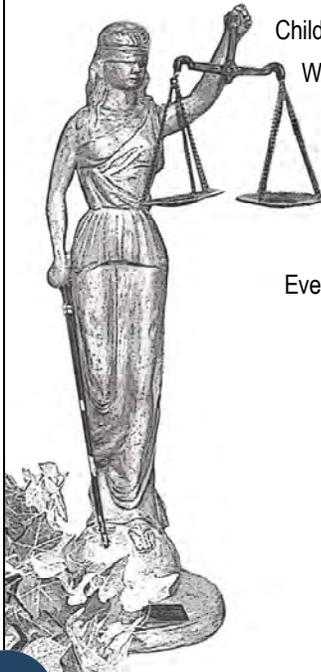
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*Five years! It is hard to believe it has been so long since I wrote my first "Dean's Letter" for the then Circuit Rider. Much has changed in the intervening years. And by the time you read this letter, the deanship at the law school will have changed hands as well. As many of you already know, on August 1, 2006, I began my duties as the new dean at the Chase College of Law at the Northern Kentucky University. Associate Dean Bill Rich is serving as the interim dean while the law school conducts a national search for my successor.*

*My decision to take the offer of the deanship at Chase was not an easy one for I have come to love our law school very much. (I feel entitled to write "our law school" because of the graciousness of the Alumni Association in awarding me a lifetime honorary membership at this year's Washburn Luncheon held in conjunction with the annual KBA meeting.) Washburn Law is indeed the special place I heard so much about prior to my arrival on campus.*

*These past five years have been a period of change and growth at the law school. Our national ranking has improved; the credentials of our entering students have shot up; the scholarly output of the faculty has increased dramatically; and our classrooms have been renovated. We have expanded our educational programming. We have developed three cutting edge centers of excellence. And we have expanded our outreach to our alumni and to the legal community. None of this would have been without the hard work of our faculty and staff or without your loyal and generous support. Thank you so very much.*

*While we have accomplished much, we are just beginning. "Good enough" is never truly "good enough." While we have become a very good law school, our goal should be to become a great law school. Only an unwillingness on our part to strive for excellence can prevent us from achieving that goal. We must demand greatness of ourselves. And we must continue to grow and change because as Will Rogers cautioned, "Even if we are on the right track, we will eventually get run over if we just sit down!" We can not allow ourselves to become complacent or comfortable. I know that Dean Rich will provide great leadership during the search for the next dean. With your help, he will keep us moving forward. The dean search committee, I am confident, will bring to campus a new dean who will continue our progress. As I have told so many law school applicants, challenge, excitement and success go hand-in-hand at Washburn Law!*

*Allow me to close by thanking you for making these past five years so memorable and rewarding. Be assured that I continue to share with you the pride we all have in being members of the Washburn Law family.*

*Sincerely,*

*Dennis R. Honabach*





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Washburn Law is one of only  
eight law schools employing  
tenure-track professors of legal  
writing – LWI 2006 Survey Report



# There is no substitute for experience, and in the legal profession practice helps perfect the real world skills law students will need when courting employers.

Balancing legal reasoning and analysis with hands-on programs designed to offer law students practical experience is one objective of Washburn Law. With specialty programs designed to offer a slice of the real world – whether it is a chance at arguing a case in competition or representing a child

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in need of care through the court system – a Washburn Law education path is grounded in fundamentals and paved with concrete skills to ensure students' marketability to employers and preparedness for life after law school.

In the next several issues of *The Washburn Lawyer*, we will focus on the specialty programs that set Washburn Law apart from other law schools, and the impact these programs have on students, the faculty who administer the programs, and the alumni volunteers who make all of it happen.

Legal research and writing programs (LRW) are not new to law schools but the shift to employing tenured or tenure-track teachers specifically to teach legal writing is in its infancy. According to the 2006 Association of Legal Writing Directors/Legal Writing Institute (ALWD/LWI) Survey Report, only eight of 184 law schools responding to the survey employ full-time tenure-track teachers of legal writing. Washburn Law is one of those eight.

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Although the need for legal writing programs emerged in the 1950s, it was not until the early 1980s that legal writing was generally offered as a separate course. The model followed then by many law schools offered two hours of LRW and rotated doctrinal faculty to teach legal methods and writing. Other law schools staffed their programs using teachers with low status, low pay, little support for scholarship, and in some cases legal writing was taught by second- and third-year law students.

In the early 1990s, the MacCrate Report findings jump-started the movement toward recognizing the need for law students to acquire these special set of skills while attending law school. Specifically, the report noted “the continuing complaints... concerning law graduates’ writing skills” and “the widely held perception that new lawyers today are deficient in writing skills.” Thus, the authors of the MacCrate Report recommended that legal education “teach writing at a better level than is now generally done.”



**J. Lyn Entrikin Goering**  
*Director, Legal Analysis, Research,  
and Writing Program Associate*  
**Professor of Law**

B.G.S., University of Kansas, 1976

M.P.A., University of Kansas, 1982

J.D., Washburn University School  
of Law, 1987

Before attending law school, Professor Goering worked as a legislative fiscal analyst for the Kansas Legislature. She attended Washburn Law where she served as editor-in-chief of the *Washburn Law Journal*. She later worked as a research attorney for Justice Richard Holmes of the Kansas Supreme Court. Thereafter, she served as administrative assistant to Chief Justice Robert Miller and then to Chief Justice Holmes. She clerked for federal district court Judge Dale Saffels before joining the Topeka law firm of Wright, Henson, Somers, Sebelius, Clark & Baker. She also served as an assistant attorney general in the Legal Opinions and Government Counsel Division.

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In 1996, Goering was appointed to the Kansas Board of Tax Appeals, which adjudicates state and local tax disputes. After completing her term, she established a solo law practice in Topeka, focusing primarily on ad valorem tax litigation and appellate practice. She has also worked for Lexis-Nexis as a Senior Case Law Editor.

She is licensed to practice in Kansas and Colorado and has been admitted to practice before the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals.

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”  
– J. Lyn Entrikin Goering

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A subsequent study by staff of the American Bar Foundation found that the top three skills that hiring partners look for in new lawyers without the need for additional on-the-job training included written communication, oral communication, and library research, core skills taught in most legal writing programs.

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Lyn Goering, director of Washburn Law's Legal Analysis, Research, and Writing Program (LARW), credits Professor Sheila Reynolds, who chaired a Washburn Law faculty committee in the late 1990s that reviewed the law school's LRW program and made recommendations on how to improve it. In 1999, the law school hired its first full-time professor who specialized in teaching LARW. In 2003, the full faculty voted to hire a tenure-track director to lead the program.

In January 2004, Goering accepted the LARW director position and later that year presented her proposal that included full-time, tenure-track LARW faculty and phasing toward a three-year program incorporating more upper-level writing electives.

"The demand for hands-on, process-oriented teaching was emerging. Law firms were no longer investing as much in training their new hires. Instead they wanted graduates with solid professional skills," said Goering.

In October 2004, the Washburn Law faculty made what Goering calls a "true commitment" by voting unanimously in favor of her proposal to hire exclusively full-time, tenure-track LARW faculty.

This fall, the LARW program will be fully staffed for the first time with tenure-track faculty specifically hired to teach Legal Analysis, Research, and Writing.



**Tonya Kowalski**  
**Associate Professor of Law**

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

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 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.



**Jeffrey D. Jackson**  
**Associate Professor of Law**

B.A., Washburn University, 1989  
J.D., Washburn University School  
of Law, 1992 LL.M., Georgetown  
University Law Center, 2003

Jeffrey D. Jackson previously worked for the Kansas Supreme Court where he was staff attorney for Death Penalty and Constitutional issues. Prior to that, he was a law clerk for the Honorable Mary Beck Briscoe on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, law clerk to The Honorable Justice Robert E. Davis at the Kansas Supreme Court, an associate at Bennett & Dillon LLP, in Topeka and staff attorney for the Kansas Court of Appeals.

While attending Washburn Law, Jackson was assistant editor for the *Washburn Law Journal*. He is admitted to practice in Kansas, Missouri, U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. He is a member of the Kansas Judicial Council Death Penalty Advisory Committee.

“Washburn Law is unique in that we have a fully tenure-track program now, and we hire professors who have a passion for it,” she said.

The LARW program’s process-oriented teaching requires a hands-on approach by faculty where projects begin with drafts that are then graded and returned to the students with detailed feedback so they can improve specific areas noted by the professors. Shifting the emphasis from the “writing product” to the “process of writing” challenges the traditional method of showing law students a model document, assigning a document project, and grading the final document without a draft process in between.

According to Goering, the move to process-oriented teaching within the scope of the LARW program allows students “to get back on track by giving them early feedback to encourage the learning process.”

“The whole world of legal writing has changed. Process-oriented teaching allows us to intervene as much as possible,” she added.

Success of the program depends on the cohesion among LARW faculty as well as their continuous input into the program’s curriculum and processes. Goering said the LARW faculty meets frequently to discuss new ideas for the following year.

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“We have a core team of people who just love teaching legal writing. We discuss being visible and accessible to the students, and we talk about new ideas for the program,” Goering added.

Another area in which Washburn Law excels when compared to other law schools is the credit hours offered within the LARW curriculum. The first year offers three credit hours in the fall and three in the spring. The average according to the ALWD/LWI Survey Report is 2.31 credit hours in the fall and 2.16 hours in the spring. “This demonstrates Washburn’s commitment to the program,” Goering said.

Students entering law school in the fall are required to take Legal Analysis, Research, and Writing I, which introduces students to the fundamentals of legal research, problem solving through legal analysis, and reasoning — the fundamentals of thinking, writing, and speaking like a lawyer.

The spring follow-up course, Legal Analysis, Research, and Writing II, further develops the students’ legal analysis and research skills and introduces them to legal advocacy through persuasive legal writing, such as trial and appellate briefs, and oral argument.

The writing process throughout the first year improves the students’ ability to not only analyze and reason but also explain legalese to clients. “The students don’t realize how much they have learned until they can translate legal mumbo jumbo to



### **Aida M. Alaka**

#### ***Associate Professor of Law***

B.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1981

J.D., Loyola University Chicago, 1993

Before joining Washburn Law, Professor Alaka was a lecturer at the University of Kansas, where she taught courses in legal research and writing, race discrimination law and higher education law.

Prior to that, she was a partner at the Chicago law firm of Winston & Strawn, focusing on employment law counseling and litigation and was seconded to Sears, Roebuck and Company’s corporate law department, where she counseled management on employment-law issues and managed litigation. Professor Alaka was also a member of the litigation practice group at Holleb & Coff.

During law school, Professor Alaka was editor-in-chief of the *Loyola University Law Journal* and a staff writer for the *Loyola University Consumer Law Reporter*. She is licensed to practice in Kansas and Illinois and has been admitted to the bar of the U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Central Districts of Illinois and the Eastern District of Wisconsin.



**Curtis J. Waugh**  
**Assistant Professor of Law**  
B.A., Williams College, 1970  
J.D., Washburn University  
School of Law, 1987

Upon his graduation from law school, Professor Waugh joined the Topeka firm of Goodell, Stratton, Edmonds & Palmer, where he worked in the areas of civil litigation and appellate practice for 16 years.

Before joining the Washburn Law faculty as a supervising attorney in the Washburn Law Clinic, he taught Pretrial Advocacy as an adjunct professor at the School of Law. Prior to attending law school, Professor Waugh taught high school English and was an adjunct professor of English at Emporia State University.

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

clients,” Goering said. One of the recent innovations in the Washburn Law program requires students to write a client letter based on the research memo they wrote during the fall semester.

Concerned that LARW courses were not offered beyond the first year, Goering proposed and then taught Writing for Law Practice (LARW 901) for the first time in fall 2004, an upper-level elective worth three credit hours. It is designed to supplement the first-year curriculum by strengthening legal writing, analysis, and critical thinking skills. According to Goering, students learn to apply principles of logical analysis, plain English, proper planning, organization, and drafting by preparing legal documents commonly assigned to new law firm associates.

“The students produce a writing portfolio with 10 graded writing assignments that may include client letters, proposed jury instructions, and judicial opinions,” she said.

Goering was not surprised when 37 students ended up on a waiting list for the first offering of Writing for Law Practice. “Students knew they wanted more and needed more legal writing skills to compete,” she said.

Enrollment in Writing for Law Practice is limited to 18 students to ensure a low student-faculty ratio.

A precursor to Washburn Law’s Writing Program that continues to play an integral role in the law school’s writing curriculum is the *Washburn Law Journal*, of which Goering served as editor-in-chief while attending Washburn Law.

Now teaching at her alma mater, Goering has set her sights high for producing a nationally recognized LARW program.

“The next two to three years will be a real watershed for the program,” Goering said.

“My goal is for other law schools to gear their programs toward ours and ask, ‘What’s Washburn doing? Let’s do it Washburn’s way.’ That’s my goal for this program.”

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### Students sharpen skills through competitions, journals

**Washburn Law Journal** is offered to students who have successfully completed their comments and who have written or will write a note, as certified by the managing board of the *Law Journal*. Students who take these courses must enroll in at least one graded hour and may enroll in an additional one or two hours. Students who enroll in two hours may also enroll in one additional graded hour for a total of one to four hours. The *Law Journal* faculty advisor grades performance after consultation with the managing board, based on successful completion of the entire *Law Journal* experience.

#### **GNIP-GNOP Awards**

Nine Washburn University School of Law graduates formed The Free Society of GNIP-GNOP in 1947 to recognize the top instructor at the law school. As members dispersed across the country through the years, it became difficult for them to track faculty achievements. Consequently, they redirected their generosity toward the *Washburn Law Journal*.

Each year, the board of editors narrows all of the staff-written papers down to the top three notes and comments and sends them to the GNIP-GNOP members for review. After consultation, the group awards significant cash prizes to the best note and comment each year at the annual awards banquet.

The group's name is derived from its founders' fondness for ping-pong, which spelled backward is gnip-gnop.

#### **John F. Kuether Awards**

The Washburn Law Faculty established its own awards for the best note and comment to provide an additional incentive and to recognize successful completion of the students' *Washburn Law Journal* experience. Each year the faculty selects student writers for the awards based on the students' ability to develop and explain an area of the law.

In 1999, the awards were renamed in memory of Professor John F. Kuether, long-time faculty advisor of the *Washburn Law Journal*. Recipients of the Awards have their names engraved on a plaque permanently on display at Washburn University School of Law. The Hinkle Elkouri Law Firm LLC of Wichita, Kan., has established a fund that helps sponsor this award.





### ***John D. Ensley Memorial Award for Excellence in Legal Writing***

Washburn Law presents the John D. Ensley Memorial Writing Award semi-annually to the student who writes the top memo in the *Washburn Law Journal* writing competition. The award memorializes John D. Ensley, a 1983 graduate of Washburn Law, whose experience on the *Law Journal* made him a careful practitioner of the craft of legal writing.

### ***Family Law Quarterly***

The *Family Law Quarterly* is a scholarly journal published by the American Bar Association Section of Family Law, which focuses on important and emerging family law issues. Washburn Law students have edited the *Quarterly* since 1992.

In addition to three issues each year, the *Quarterly* publishes an annual review of the changes in family law throughout the fifty states, commonly referred to as the “Law in 50” issue.

The student editors are the heart and soul of the *Quarterly*. It is through their hard work that the *Quarterly* has remained at Washburn Law and has become one of the most cited specialty journals in the United States.

## Mentor Program

The stress and uncertainty inherent in the transition from undergraduate studies to law school makes for a tough first-year for law students. Washburn Law recognized the need for first-year law students to connect with others who have had similar experiences and responded by creating the Washburn Law Mentor Program in 2003. The Mentoring Program connects first-year law students with alumni and friends of the law school for discussing issues related to law school and their future career.

First attracting only 20 mentors pooled from a small group of Washburn Law alumni three years ago, the second year of the program attracted enough mentors to assist all students who applied for the program.

“Last year, almost all first-year students signed up and all had mentors,” said Julie Olson, director, Alumni Affairs, who, with Margann Bennett, director, Professional Development, designed the Mentor Program at Washburn Law.

Their goal was to not only assist students in their first year of law studies but to also offer area alumni the opportunity to re-connect with the School of Law. “We saw it as a way to get two important constituents on the same page,” said Bennett.

In June of each year, Bennett and Olson mail letters to potential mentors within close proximity of the law school asking for their participation in the program. The amount of time mentors commit to the students is flexible with the understanding that at least one substantive contact with the assigned student will take place. The program encourages mentors to invite the assigned student to lunch, for an office visit, to a court date and/or to participate in other pertinent learning experiences.

The recent June mailing produced “an overwhelming number of new mentors this year,” according to Bennett.

Morgan Steele, a student who participated in the program last year, at first believed the contacts she made through the program would be the most helpful, but soon realized the one-on-one conversations offered her the most benefit.

“The conversations, advice, and understanding from Max (Halley) and all the other law graduates I spoke with are what have really helped me the most,” Steele said. “The first year can seem a bit overwhelming, especially if you don’t know what kind of law you want to practice, but learning that these successful people had the same struggles made the uncertainties diminish so I could focus more on studying and less on whether I would find a job,” she added.

Steele’s mentor, Dr. Max Halley, ’66, met with Steele at least a dozen times over coffee, lunch or other events such as a Rotary Club luncheon with speaker Governor Kathleen Sebelius and lunch with Justice Larson. Sometimes the meetings included a friend or two of Halley’s, who were law school graduates too.



Morgan Steele

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To participate in the Mentor Program, please complete and return the [Mentor Registration Form](#) on the Washburn Law Web site at <http://washburnlaw.edu/career/mentor/form>

“Last year was my first experience with the Law School Mentor program,” Halley said. “The program seems to me to be a valuable addition to the law school curriculum, since it enables students to obtain additional first-hand views of life in the ‘real world’ after three years of largely academic introduction to the legal profession.”

Halley, who after receiving his law degree at Washburn pursued his medical degree, believes a mentoring program would have served him well while attending law school, and a similar program would have had benefits while immersed in his surgical training.

“The program can establish a sphere of contacts, beyond the immediate mentor, for potential benefits both during and after the school years. Such a program would have been helpful during my time at Washburn Law. It would also have been valuable during my medical school years and subsequent six years’ surgical specialty training,

which provided in-depth exposure to the profession, but largely ignored the practical aspects of life beyond the “ivory” towers,” Halley said.

Halley said he mainly planned, scheduled, and provided opportunities for Steele to interact with his friends and colleagues, graduates of Washburn and other law schools, some in active law practice or in the judiciary, some in other fields, to relate their particular experiences in making choices and developing successful careers.

“Max would ask me if there was anyone I wanted to talk to and try to find someone in a field of my interest to talk to me,” Steele said. They discussed various legal paths they had taken and how they used their law degrees in the banking industry and other professions.

Steele said she was not aware of the Mentor Program prior to her choosing Washburn Law but believes the program gives Washburn Law an edge.

“Had I known about it previously it definitely would have set Washburn apart from other schools,” she said.

Once Olson and Bennett identify the potential mentors and students interested in participating in the program in a given year, they begin the process of pairing mentors and students based on three criteria: career interest or practice area, undergraduate experience and interest, and the “hometown” factor that attempts to pair those from the same city or region.

Two Mentor Program receptions early in the fall semester offer the students and their mentors a chance to meet and exchange ideas. From there it is up to the students and mentors to make the most of the opportunity.

Steele agrees that the Mentor Program is a “two-way street” but students should never pass up the opportunity to spend time with someone who identifies with what you are going through.

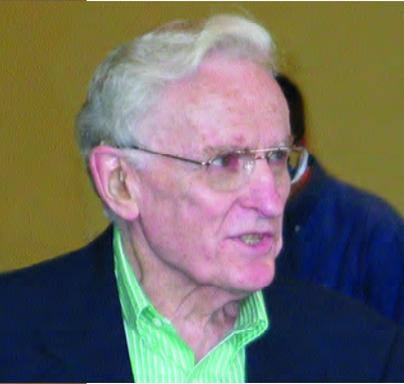
“Don’t wait for your mentor to take the first step,” advises Steele. “You will never be successful if you wait for things to happen to you.”

When asked if she would consider being a mentor to a law student in the future, Steele said she would “love to be a mentor” and recalled a conversation she had with an attorney.

“She was telling me stories of lunches she had with practicing attorneys while she was in school and that it is not an obligation or an inconvenience but an investment in the future of the judicial system. Most attorneys can think of someone who helped them in school or in practice. If someone helped you, return the favor and continue investing.”

Dr. Halley looks forward to another year assisting with the Mentor Program.

“Based on this one-year experience, I believe that the Mentor Program is of value to interested students, who in this instance were well represented by the outstanding and articulate K-State graduate assigned to me. The association was a privilege as well as a learning experience for me, the mentor, and hopefully a satisfactory experience for the mentee. I am looking forward to next year’s assignment.”



Max Halley '66

# 2006 Graduation

On Sunday, May 15, 2006, Washburn University School of Law graduated 148 students as parents, families, spouses, significant others and friends looked on. The ceremony was held in Lee Arena on the Washburn University campus.

During the graduation ceremony the Class of 2006 recognized Professor Gregory Pease as Professor of the Year and Ronald P. Pope '84 as Adjunct Professor of the Year.



James Slattery '75 was selected by the class to be the keynote speaker. Slattery received his B.A. in Political Science from Washburn in 1970 and his J.D. from Washburn Law in 1974. He attended the Netherlands School of International Economics and Business 1969-70. He has been a partner in the law firm of Wiley, Rein & Fielding LLP, in Washington, D.C. since 1997. He is a member of the Government Affairs, Energy and International Trade Practices of the 250 member law firm. He served in the U.S. Congress from 1983-1995, as Kansas Secretary of Revenue in 1979 and in the Kansas House of Representatives from 1973-1979.

In his remarks, Slattery gave seven suggestions for graduates on how to use their powers of analysis, of articulation and of draftsmanship that they learned at Washburn Law to better serve their clients, community and their profession, and in the process, enhance public respect for lawyers. His suggestions were:



**#1 - *Be a servant!*** The law is a profession that should be characterized by a spirit of public service. Serve your clients and serve your profession and please devote a period of time to serving your community.

**#2 - *Pursue Justice.*** I believe the pursuit of justice under the rule of law is a lawyer's highest calling. No one is above the law and everyone is entitled to equal protection under the law.

**#3 - *Pursue Truth.*** Essential to the pursuit of justice is the pursuit of truth. There will be no justice without truth. All lawyers have the responsibility and duty to insure that the adversarial system serves truth and justice. Legal combat is not an end in itself. The objective is truth, then justice!

**#4 - *Discourage Litigation.*** Our most famous prairie lawyer, Abraham Lincoln, once wrote, "Persuade your neighbor to compromise whenever you can. Point out to them how the nominal winner is often a real loser — in fees, expenses and waste of time. As a *peacemaker* the lawyer has a superior opportunity of being a good man."

**#5 - *Know What You Know and What You Don't Know.*** Work hard to master an area of the law about which you feel passionate and stay current in this area. Don't be afraid to ask for help!

**#6 - *Accept Responsibility.*** The simple willingness to accept responsibility is huge. We desperately need to hold leaders accountable! When you accept responsibility, be prepared for accountability. This will truly set you apart as a leader.

**#7 - *Treat Others As You Want To Be Treated.*** If we simply treat our clients, our colleagues and fellow lawyers as we would like to be treated, you will never have to worry about losing your license to practice law and you will be a respected and successful member of the bar.

After the keynote address The Honorable Sam A. Crow received an Honorary Doctor of Law degree. Judge Crow received his bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas in 1949 and graduated from Washburn University School of Law in 1952, setting the stage for his more than five decades of service to not only his fellow Kansans but to his countrymen as well.

After graduating from Washburn Law Judge Crow served in Korea before entering Judge Advocate General School at the University of Virginia. During the next 12 years he completed the JAG basic course, advanced JAG course, JAG officer career course and military judge course certifications. In 1975, he completed the selective service military course in Washington, D.C., and received certification from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in National Security Management in 1977. Judge Crow served his country for more than 30 years, retiring at the rank of Colonel in 1986.

Judge Crow while serving his country was also working in private practice. In 1953 he joined the firm of Rooney, Dickinson, Prager & Crow in Topeka where he continued to practice law until 1975 arguing cases at the Kansas Supreme Court, the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals and the U.S. Army General Court Martial Courts.

In 1973 he was appointed part-time Magistrate Judge and became full-time in 1975. In 1981 President Ronald Reagan appointed Judge Crow to the federal bench. Fifteen years later Judge Crow became the Senior Judge for the District.

Judge Crow shares his talents and knowledge with others in the legal community speaking at numerous venues

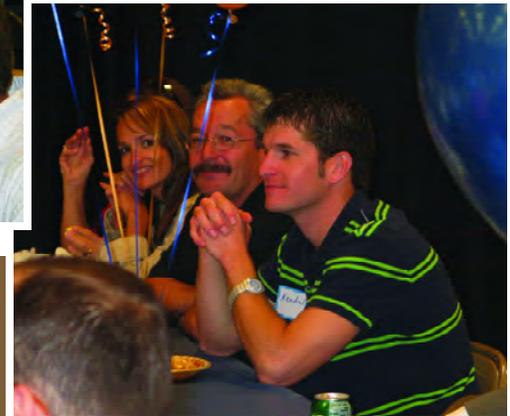


Dr. Jerry Farley, The Honorable Sam Crow and Dean Dennis Honabach

across the country including Washburn Law, other law schools, bar associations and military law institutes.

He served on the Washburn Law School Association Board of Governors from 1994-1998. In June 2000 Judge Crow received the Distinguished Service Award from Washburn University School of Law. In 1997, the Topeka American Inn of Court of changed its name to the Sam A. Crow American Inn of Court. Judge Crow was the organization's founding president from 1992-1995. Judge Crow is a strong and loyal supporter of the law school and each year provides scholarships for Washburn Law students to join the Inn of Court.

After the ceremony a reception for graduates and their families was held at the Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center.





# 2006 Graduation



# Class of 2006 Class Gift

The Class of 2006 presented a custom made Cherry Wood Trophy Case to the law school at graduation. The class gift was organized by a committee staffed by Dallas Bauer, Aubrey Borel, Brian Clarke, Jake Henry, Anthony Hunter, Jeff King, Amy Kutschka, Sunee Mickle, Dara Montclare, Hillary Spellman and Angel Zimmerman. The trophy case is located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the law school. The remainder of the money raised was put into a third-year law student class gift fund which will go toward a needs-based scholarship for an incoming first-year law student in the fall of 2006. The Class of 2006 raised \$4,016 and the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association contributed by matching the first \$3,511 raised. The total raised which went to the trophy case and scholarship was \$7,527.

*The following students from the Class of 2006 contributed to the class gift fund. Washburn Law would like to thank them for their generous gift and commitment to the law school.*

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**Centennial Celebration  
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# A Centennial Celebration *The Next Chapter*

Washburn University School of Law ended its 3-year Centennial Celebration with a Black Tie Gala May 6, 2006, in Topeka, Kan.

Law school alumni were invited and those who attended enjoyed an evening of great food, entertainment and the camaraderie of close friends and colleagues. Ambassador Delano Lewis '63, was the keynote speaker for the evening.

The evening started with a reception and dinner. A short program followed dinner which included remarks from Dr. Jerry Farley, President of Washburn University; Duke Dupre, President of the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association; Dennis Honabach, Dean of Washburn Law and Ambassador Lewis. A video which highlighted the future of the law school was also featured during the program.

Duke Dupre and Dr. Juli Mazachek, President of Washburn Endowment Association, recognized donors who created endowed funds during the 3-year Centennial Celebration.



Yolanda vanderGaast & Dean Honabach

As a thank you for supporting Washburn Law, those who donated at an endowed fund level of \$15,000 or above were recognized and received a commissioned one-of-kind bronze statue depicting Lady Justice.

The artistic rendering of the statue represents both genders in the pursuit of fair and equal administration of the law, without corruption, avarice, prejudice, or favor. Artist Yolanda vanderGaast designed these remarkable sculptures for MST Bronze Limited in Toronto, Canada



After the recognition ceremony, Dean Honabach addressed the crowd. He stated, "We want to thank these donors, and *all* of the donors who contributed to the Centennial Fund. To date, your generosity has raised more than \$5.1 million dollars since the start of the Centennial Celebration in July 2003. Many other supporters are preparing to contribute before the end of the fiscal year. This will put us on track to close out a very successful Centennial Celebration."

"Your financial support of Washburn Law makes it possible for the law school to not only continue its commitment to academic excellence, but to be innovative in meeting the needs of today and tomorrow's contemporary law students," said Honabach.

Ambassador Lewis wrapped up the evening program.

Immediately after law school Ambassador Lewis began his career in the federal government, first as an attorney with the Department of Justice and later with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. He then became Associate Director of the U.S. Peace Corps in Nigeria and Country Director of the U.S. Peace Corps in Uganda. He was Legislative Assistant to Senator Edward W. Brook of Massachusetts and Chief of Staff for Delegate Walter Fauntroy of the District of Columbia.

His career in the telecommunication industry began in 1973, ultimately ending with his retirement in 1984 from Bell Atlantic as President and CEO of the company's District of Columbia operation. Later that same year he was asked to take the helm of National Public Radio (NPR) in Washington, D.C., as President and CEO. After five years with NPR, Ambassador Lewis retired, continuing to serve on the Boards of Colgate Palmolive Company, Eastman Kodak, The Haliburton Co. and Black Entertainment Television.

In June 1999, President Clinton nominated Ambassador Lewis to be the United States Ambassador to The Republic of South Africa, and the Senate confirmed him that November, the same year the Topeka Capital-Journal named him Kansan of the Year. In July 2001, Ambassador Lewis retired from diplomatic service. Currently, he is President and CEO of his communications consulting practice, Lewis & Associates, in Las Cruces.

Ambassador Lewis received an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree in 2000 from Washburn Law and the Distinguished Service Award from the law school Alumni Association in 2003.

Ambassador Lewis spoke about his career, the future of law, and the future of Washburn Law specifically. He spoke of the need for lawyers to stand up for what is right, to protect the integrity of mankind and to seize the future for the betterment of all people. He encouraged legal professionals to be diligent in their efforts in the public, private and business sectors. Lewis attended the event with his wife Gayle.

The law school would like to thank two alumni who sponsored, with their firms, tables at the evening event; Stu Entz of Entz & Entz and Scott Logan of Logan & Logan. Their support for the Gala and the law school is very much appreciated.

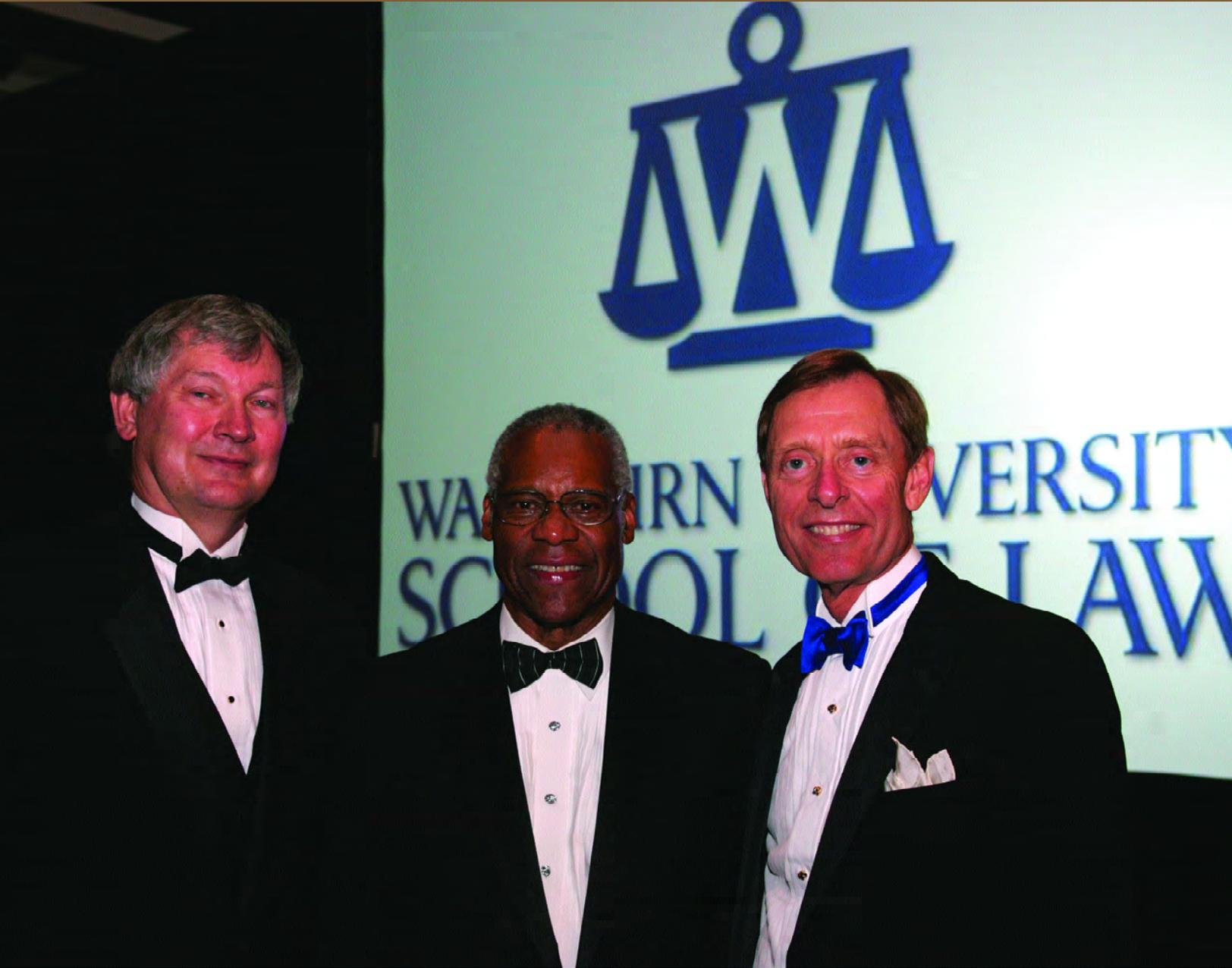
After the program, the evening continued with live music and dancing with the band Now and Then.

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# Black Tie Gala





Duke Dupre  
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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.*

*Duke Dupre*

# Giving Back...

Throughout the law school's Centennial, we will highlight alumni, faculty and friends who have stepped up to support the law school by endowing professorships, scholarships and other funds during our Centennial Celebration. These dedicated individuals help ensure the future success of Washburn Law.

The Centennial Celebration campaign will continue through the end of the year, December 31, 2006. Individuals and/or businesses who wish to participate in the law schools' Centennial Celebration can do so until the end of 2006.



## Gerald Aaron '66 Unrestricted Fund

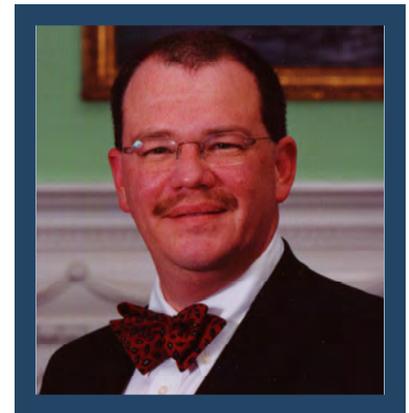
"I am pleased to be able to contribute to Washburn University School of Law."

"I am proud of the progress that the law school has made in terms of its excellent reputation, the quality of faculty and its evolution as a regional law school."

"The years I spent at Washburn molded and shaped my future. With my donation, I hope to help the law school continue to advance."

## Joseph W. Booth '95, Nelson & Booth Children and Family Law Scholarship

"The decision to endow a fund for the Children and Family Law Center was an easy one. Personally, I benefited from scholarships and other gifts that made my law career possible, profitable, and enjoyable. To pay back what was given, was the right thing to do. My success can be directly traced to the gifts of my predecessors, my duty now inures to future students. This gift is intended to help further the professionalism of family law, an effort that benefits the families we serve, the profession as a whole and the discipline of family law."



"Like family law, true changes happen one person at a time but the effects spin out for generations. In family law the process is not only growing more specialized but the approach is a very different one from many other fields of practice in that it demands that we look at the effects of our decisions, practice methods, and define success not only by the instant goals of our clients but by their needs down the line. So, choosing a way to make a difference for my school realistically needs to follow the same path, help individual students in order that they in turn will follow suit and provide well-founded professional representation to their clients and one day, hopefully, these practitioners will return the favor to the profession as well."

# Leading by Example...

## RECENT ENDOWMENTS



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### Edward '88 and Carole Kainen Children and Family Law Fund

“Washburn University School of Law is widely renowned as being the very best in the nation and on the cutting edge of whatever is happening in family law. Distinguished Professor of Law, Linda Elrod, is universally recognized as being the national authority on family law matters. The *Family Law Quarterly*, is the foremost family law publication in the United States, and Professor Elrod has been its editor-in-chief for more than a decade. In the world of family law, our small school in Topeka leads the way.”

“The Children & Family Law Center, just by being associated with the School of Law and Professor Elrod, will necessarily be at the forefront in preparing students to become future leaders in family law. Through the Center, and under the guidance of the Center’s Director, Linda Elrod, students are given valuable hands-on experience and training in responding to the legal needs of children and their families. Valuable opportunities exist for participation in the Clinic program, mentoring by alumni, and involvement with lectures, symposia, and internships.”

“My time at Washburn was an entirely positive experience. Since then, the practice of family law has been rewarding for me and a benefit for my family. Endowing a fund to help meet the commendable and praiseworthy goals of the Children & Family Law Center, is simply a small part of giving back and doing the right thing.”

# Planned *Giving*



**Brice Buehler** is a talented and perceptive attorney with a charming sense of humor, an endless number of “war stories,” and an engaging rapid fire style of sharing details of the bizarre and quirky cases he has handled through the years. Although polio claimed the use of Buehler’s legs when he was a child, the disease did not diminish his determination to leave an indelible imprint on the legal profession.

He looks you straight in the eye as he talks of defending Hells Angels, working around the mafia and mediating divorce cases. He is active, swims in the pool at his home in Phoenix and travels extensively in his practice and for pleasure. He has a quick mind, a generous nature and a tough street smart honesty.

After graduation from Fort Hays State University, Buehler went to California with the idea of becoming a commercial artist. Tired of struggling as a “starving artist,” he decided to change career paths after his grandfather Ben Buehler, Sr., a farmer and dry goods store owner from Bushton, Kan., suggested the family could use a good lawyer. Buehler applied and was accepted at both KU and Washburn University School of Law.

Buehler chose Washburn Law and arrived in Topeka on the night of the 1966 tornado. He spent all three years of law school in the mobile trailers. Notwithstanding the “Trailer Tech” environment, he is extremely positive about the education he received at Washburn Law. He said, “In 35 years of practice, I have tried and won many cases against attorneys who were from elite law schools. My legal education at Washburn prepared me to excel in the law.”

He is President of Brice E. Buehler P.C. He specializes in arbitration and mediation and has a thriving practice in Phoenix and Las Vegas. Buehler has a suite of offices located in the rear of his lovely Spanish-style home. He

handles his Phoenix mediation cases there and travels to Las Vegas several times a month for cases in Nevada.

Buehler has another strong connection to Washburn. He is married to Marilyn Hasz Buehler, B.A. English 1970. Marilyn is now retired from teaching at North High School in Phoenix; however, her resume is as glossy as that of her husband. She taught for more than thirty years and in 1989 was named Arizona Teacher of the Year. She received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Northern Arizona University and serves on the Board of Directors of Through Each Others Eyes, a group of international photographers who promote multiculturalism worldwide.

Both Brice and Marilyn love Washburn and have hosted several alumni receptions in Phoenix. They have taken their love of Washburn to a thoughtful second step and named Washburn University School of Law in their estate plans. Marilyn said, “We are delighted to give to Washburn Law because Washburn has given so much to us.”

Brice said he and Marilyn made their estate gift because the “Washburn University School of Law is an invaluable asset to the State of Kansas and our bequest is an effort to perpetuate that institution.”

“Washburn Law is blessed with incredibly talented and loyal alumni. Brice and Marilyn Buehler epitomize the energy and intellect of our Washburn Law alumni from across the country. They believe in the work we are doing and are committed to helping the next generation of Washburn attorneys reach their professional goals. Estate gifts such as Brice and Marilyn’s will help to ensure the future excellence of Washburn Law,” said Dennis R. Honabach, Dean of the School of Law.

Alumni and friends who share the Buehler’s interest in Washburn University School of Law and who would like to become part of the School’s Centennial Celebration by making a gift to the School are encouraged to contact:

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# Jeffrey Jackson

## Alumni

Jeffrey Jackson is what you would call

a “home grown” faculty member. Jackson graduated from Washburn Law in 1992 after receiving his Bachelor of Business Administration in Economics from Washburn in 1989. Jackson performed well on the LSAT and had numerous options for law school, but the friendliness he experienced on the Washburn campus and at the law school, along with a scholarship, made him realize he didn’t want to go anywhere else.

He learned both as a student and now a professor that, “Washburn Law provides a ‘top-flight’ legal education, one that is on par with the best schools in the nation and the learning environment, including the attentiveness of the faculty, is tremendous,” said Jackson. Speaking about Washburn Law, he said, “In many ways, I believe that Washburn is superior in turning out lawyers who actually practice law. I know we’ve got a better Legal Analysis, Research and Writing (LARW) program than most other schools, and we’re beginning to get some national recognition for that.”

After law school, Jackson worked as a research attorney on the Kansas Court of Appeals, for Justice Robert Davis of the Kansas Supreme Court, as a litigation associate at Bennett & Dillon LLP in Topeka and as a judicial law clerk to Judge Mary Beck Briscoe of the U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. He also received his LL.M from Georgetown University Law Center in 2003. He joined Washburn Law in 2004 as a visiting professor and became associate professor of law in 2005.

Being a graduate of Washburn Law, Jackson feels he has a connection and rapport with students that makes the lessons more “real” to them.

Jackson teaches LARW. “I teach the smallest-size class during students first year of law school and it is also the class in which they get their first feedback because there are so many assignments. As a result, I tend to be one of the professors who

develops a close relationship with the students, just by virtue of class size. I think it’s important for students to have a professor who they know well, and who they know is on their side helping them to succeed and I try to communicate that,” said Jackson.

Jackson exudes excitement when discussing teaching LARW, “I like teaching LARW because it’s an intense experience working with first-year students to try to make them better lawyers. I get students when they are really at their best, in that they are all eager to learn and other distractions, such as outside employment, haven’t set in yet.” He continued, “My favorite part is seeing the progress they make throughout the year, I get to see them go through all the stages from apprehensive new students to confident second-year students.”

This past spring semester, Jackson coached the moot court team, who took first place at the Evan A. Evans Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition. Jackson first became involved with moot court when he coached the Evans Competition team in 2005. That team made it to the Octo-finals. Jackson took over as the faculty advisor to the Moot Court council last year. He said, “I had really enjoyed my coaching experience, so it wasn’t much of a hard sell to take over the program. Personally, I get the same vicarious thrill that coaches in other activities do. I get to see the development of the competitors and hopefully I play some small part in their success.”

He gives a few words of advice for students, “Make friends and don’t get caught up in the competition for its own sake. You will continually rely on the help of your friends during and after law school. These are the people who will help you study and figure out concepts during law school and will provide you with good advice and, quite possibly, referrals when you are in practice.” Jackson knows the truth about his advice, he said he has relied heavily on friends he has made throughout his legal career and would not be where he is today without them.



# Aida Alaka

## Faculty

Aida Alaka's outlook on life could be summed up in two sentences. "It is never too late to try something new," and "Take a lesson from each new experience and constantly try to grow as a professional and a person."

Ten years after receiving her B.A. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1981 and working in a job that she felt lacked potential, growth and no longer challenged her, Alaka made the decision to attend law school. "Law seemed to be a field where I could use my strengths in a way that might make a difference in someone else's life, and I was sure that I would never be bored," said Alaka.

Alaka was concerned about leaving her job, returning to school, and graduating in her late thirties. Her supervisor encouraged her to attend law school, telling her she would reach her late thirties whether she went to law school or not. "That thought has always stayed with me. I learned it is never too late to try something new," claims Alaka.

From the beginning, Alaka had role models who shaped her interest in writing and law. Both of her parents were students who returned to school later in life and who valued education. Alaka's high school English teacher influenced her as well. "I continually sparred with my English teacher. He would probably be surprised to know this, but I enjoyed preparing to argue with him. On some level, that experience influenced my decision to litigate."

Alaka received her J.D. from Loyola University Chicago in 1993. During law school, she was editor-in-chief of the *Loyola University Law Journal* and a staff writer for the *Loyola University Consumer Law Reporter*.

After law school, Alaka's practice focused first on commercial litigation then on employment law. "I was drawn to the complexity of employment law and its ever shifting terrain of conflict over questions of fairness, discrimination, harassment, exploitation and a host of other issues," she said. "The big societal questions of race, ethnicity, gender quality and age are bound up with these issues."

Alaka was an associate in the firm of Holleb & Coff, in Chicago, from 1993 to 1997 then moved to the firm of Winston & Strawn from 1997 to 2003. In 2001 she became a partner in that firm. While at Winston & Strawn she was seconded to the corporate law department as in house counsel to Sears Roebuck and Company from 1999 to 2000.

When Alaka's husband's job brought her to Kansas, she once again decided it wasn't too late to try something new.

"Because I enjoyed the counseling and training part of my practice, I wanted to obtain a teaching position." The skills she honed in training clients on legal compliance by communicating legal concepts to those who were not lawyers, along with practicing law in a large firm, gave Alaka a grounded and practical approach to teaching.

Alaka first taught as a lecturer at the University of Kansas teaching a section of legal writing and a course on race and the law. "I was thrilled when a teaching opportunity eventually led me to Washburn," said Alaka. She joined Washburn Law in 2005 as an associate professor of law teaching Legal Analysis, Research & Writing and Employment Law.

Alaka hopes to be a positive influence on her students, "I hope to help develop prepared, ethical and caring professionals." She especially likes the commitment that Washburn Law has to student success and she wants to continue to build on the positive reputation of the law school.

Most of the satisfaction Alaka receives is from seeing the growth in her students as they learn and improve on their research and writing skills. Alaka said, "I also find it satisfying to grow as a teacher. Every time I teach class, I learn something new. Teaching, like being a student, is a process of discovery." She expects to become more active in the academic field of legal research and writing. "It is important to stay current in the law, whether through practice or writing. Developing scholarship is therefore a very important aspect of my job," said Alaka.

"I'm passionate about fairness and respect in the workplace and other life arenas, especially as it relates to the historic experience of groups affected by discrimination," said Alaka. Coming from a multi-cultural family, she appreciates cultural differences. "I think it is important for all students, and law students in particular, to travel abroad at some time. Being a foreigner or an 'outsider' gives one a real appreciation for the experiences of the people who immigrate to this country; whether those people are our classmates, our parents, our neighbors, our clients or just people we see while grocery shopping. No matter where one will practice law, it is important to understand the enormous and wonderful diversity of human experience," states Alaka.

Through her life experiences and her own positive and enthusiastic outlook on life, Alaka lives what she believes. "Life is too short to be dissatisfied. It is never too late to try something new, have an open mind and always be willing to learn." Her final words, "Figure out what you really want to do and then do it. Be active participants in your own lives."



## Zach Chaffee-McClure '07

### Student

Zach Chaffee-McClure '07

received a B.S. in Political Science from Kansas State University prior to attending Washburn law. He was a member of Kansas State's competitive public speaking team. A good pre-requisite for his participation on Washburn Law's Moot Court team. Chaffee-McClure decided to attend Washburn Law after receiving what he called "great treatment" from the admission office "and a faculty member actually met with me during the summer to discuss law school," said Chaffee-McClure. He was offered a scholarship from Washburn Law that far exceeded any other offer from other law schools, so it was an easy decision.

Chaffee-McClure is interested in litigation, particularly in appeals. When he came to law school, he didn't have any idea what direction he would take, but, "Thanks to the classes I've taken at Washburn and the activities I've participated in, I have had the chance to refine my interests and discover what I want when I graduate." Chaffee-McClure likes the idea of having the facts settled and focusing on the law. "Granted, it's not always that simple, but the focus on legal arguments instead of factual disputes interests me. I enjoy the abstractness," remarked Chaffee-McClure.

Chaffee-McClure along with Matt Ballard '07, comprised the moot court competition team which won the national Evan A. Evans Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition. "Our tournament performances are bolstered by professors and alumni who volunteer their time and expertise to several practice rounds each year. Moot court has improved my advocacy skills, built upon my understanding of substantive law, and given me a taste of real appellate work. Plus, it's an opportunity to improve your writing, and the competitive aspect of moot court adds one more incentive to turn out quality work," said Chaffee-McClure.

In addition to participating on the Moot Court team, he is also a member of the *Washburn Law Journal* and is president of the Moot Court Council on Oral Advocacy. Chaffee-McClure chose to participate in these activities

because, "they are great opportunities for a student to improve his or her legal writing. I felt like the two would compliment each other because one is more academic and the other is more practical."

One thing he would like to pass along to upcoming students is to use the second year of law school to take diverse courses and figure out what area of law they are interested in. "Sometimes the most important thing you take away from a class is the realization that you are not compatible with a certain subject and you shouldn't make a career out of it," he said.

Chaffee-McClure said, "I think Washburn Law has sufficiently versatile and comprehensive resources to accommodate different students with different goals. Students can benefit from the faculty and staff here who are genuinely interested in helping students make that determination." He continues, "I have benefited a lot from some of Washburn's more practical skills-training programs, such as the Intensive Trial Advocacy Program, Moot Court and structured externships."

He spent the summer doing research and writing for the Kansas Supreme Court. He said, "I worked for the Kansas Supreme Court this summer, researching issues and writing memoranda for the justices and research attorneys. The experience was great, and I felt very lucky to be doing the work with accomplished attorneys. It was also a good opportunity to learn more about the judicial process, which I'm certain, will be of benefit to me when I'm practicing law before a court."

Chaffee-McClure isn't sure where he will end up in five to ten years. "Part of what attracted me to law school was the variety of options available to someone with a law degree. There are too many things that interest me for me to anticipate how my career will make the best of my education down the road." Whatever he decides, based on his past, he will certainly be successful.

# Center for Excellence in Advocacy

One difference between teaching doctrinal law and trial skills is that trial advocacy teachers don't have to wait until the end of the course or for the results of a mid term exam to know how their students are doing in skills development.

Thanks to the learning-by-doing workshop teaching method used in skills training, teachers and students see concrete results and progress in almost every class. For law students, the opportunity to perform skills on a regular basis and get immediate, constructive, feedback means they receive repeated opportunities to improve and master their skills. Instructors have the chance to watch over each student's skill acquisition and adapt their teaching to the student's current level of development.

Solid advocacy skills training owes a lot to the concept of coaching; working with small groups of law students, lawyer coaches help the students develop the ability to control a witness on cross examination, argue their case through the witness on direct exam without drawing objections, use questioning techniques like looping to repeat important points without sounding unduly repetitive, and learn to use the forensic techniques that will win a case.

Another significant difference between classroom and courtroom teaching is that generally class room teaching aims towards the future when students have become lawyers and will put the information gained in the classroom into practice. Unless they join the law clinic or participate in an externship, students may have to wait months or years after law school to use the information they are currently learning. Skills training, however, provides multiple opportunities, inside and outside the law school, for students to practice their skills during the year.

This year, for example, Washburn hosted the regional competition of the National Trial Competition sponsored by the Texas Young Lawyers Association and the American College of Trial Lawyers. The competition was held Feb. 9-11, 2006, at the Shawnee County Courthouse. Ten law schools competed and judges and lawyers from Kan., Mo., and Okla., judged the four competition rounds. Washburn trial advocacy students also competed in Santa Fe, N.M., at the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Student Trial Advocacy Competition and participated in the regional Association of Trial Lawyers of America trial advocacy competition in Kansas City.

Moot Court students also competed and one team: Matt Ballard '07 and Zach Chaffee-McClure '07, won the top honors at the Evans Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition in Madison, Wis. Students competed successfully in client counseling competitions as well as in negotiation competitions. Professors and practicing lawyers coached all of these students.

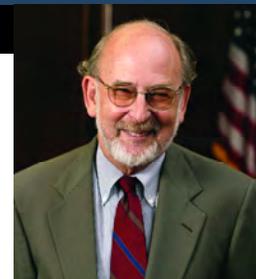
Much of this success is due to intense student motivation, hard work and training to excel in trial advocacy courses as well as in competition. These successful law students have pursued their achievement much as lawyers do: carefully planning, attention to detail, common sense pursuit of a winnable legal theory, and skilled presentation of a well organized case. This means working long hours, cooperating with each other in preparation, and long hours of practice. Not surprisingly, successful trial advocates are good at teaching these students since these are their values as well.

As one of our advocacy teachers said, "Working with the students, I learn more and more about trial work and about what works. I get a lot of ideas from the students." Skills teaching is a two way street and, through it, students learn about the obligation of the professional to work to improve the profession: they learn it from these practicing trial lawyers who serve as teachers.

One current and important development in Washburn Law's student skills advocacy training is the growing importance of the practicing lawyer as a skilled teacher. In the past, the structuring of the skills course and selection of materials, as well as the training of workshop instructors, was in the hands of a faculty member. However, as the law schools corps of practicing lawyer / teachers has grown, they have begun to partner in the design of courses and the selection of materials and the training of other lawyer/teachers.



Professor Michael Kaye





The increased participation is due in part to the increasing commitment of our trial advocacy teachers to training. Some like Bill Ossmann '77 and Byron Cerrillo '84, who recently passed away, have taught in the Intensive Trial Advocacy Program at Washburn Law since its inception and have become involved in planning the course each year. These teachers have also gone to Ill., Colo., and elsewhere in Kan., to train lawyers in trial and deposition skills. They have returned with new ideas to enrich the law schools program and have recruited additional trial advocacy teachers who will also become career trial advocacy teachers. Washburn Law's teaching corps now numbers over 40 lawyers: men and women drawn from District Attorney and U.S. Attorney offices, public defender offices, the Attorney General's office, state agencies, large firms and small firms. Judges are also members of the school's teaching and training staff. The numbers continue to increase. Practicing lawyers enjoy training students and enjoy working with each other in this program.

third annual weekend skills teacher training session and work with new and experienced teachers on skills training and evaluation techniques. The law school and the Center have gone beyond the basics of the NITA method and are working to assure students that the law school's teaching is consistently of high quality, regardless of whether the workshop instructor is new or experienced.

Michael Kaye, professor of law and director of the Center for Excellence in Advocacy closes by saying, "The amazing successes of our trial advocacy program and our Center for Excellence in Advocacy have been due in great part to the vision, trust, dedication, and imagination of Dean Dennis Honabach. Dean Honabach's leadership and commitment to skills training gave us the Intensive Trial Advocacy Program, the Advocacy Scholar, Advocate in Residence, and Jurist in Residence programs run through our Center. His drive and energy increased our national reputation for turning out skilled litigators as well for attracting highly qualified

students to the law school. His influence on our program and law school will be long lasting. When our students tell us they came to law school to make a difference, they need only look to Dean Honabach to see how that is done."

"Our trial advocacy teachers, alumni, and students will miss Dean Honabach. We appreciate what he has accomplished here and we wish him and his family well in his new job and new home. We hope he will return to visit Washburn to

enjoy hearing about the successes that I know await us as a top notch trial advocacy school," said Kaye.

If you wish to learn more about the Center or if you would like to volunteer, please contact director, Professor Michael Kaye, at (785) 670-1370 or [michael.kaye@washburn.edu](mailto:michael.kaye@washburn.edu)



ITAP Faculty

One area where they have made a difference is in the area of skills evaluation. The summer Trial College courses Depositions and Cross Examination are graded courses. Patrick Lewis, of the Johnson County Public Defender Office, and Bill Ossmann '77, of SRS Legal Division, came up with a "Final Exam" for a skills grade in these courses. The students demonstrate impeachment, the "funnel method" in deposition practice, and other trial skills. This fall, Washburn Law will hold its

# Business & Transactional Law Center

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Professor David Pierce



## From the New Director, Professor David Pierce

I am honored to serve as director of the Washburn University School of Law Business and Transactional Law Center. My goal as director is to provide our students with additional educational opportunities to expand their knowledge in business law while developing the essential skills of the transactional lawyer. The ultimate outcome from these efforts will be new graduates who possess the knowledge and skills a first-year attorney will need to effectively represent for-profit and not-for-profit organizations.

Often it is asked, "What exactly is a *Center*?" The answer will vary with the program, but the Business and Transactional Law Center is defined by its clear mission: to provide a variety of educational opportunities for students to learn how to function as transactional lawyers who can effectively represent clients engaged in business enterprises. As with virtually all of our programs at Washburn, the focus is on adding value and enrichment to the educational program we provide our students. These are educational opportunities provided to our students beyond the regular curricular offerings which they purchase with their tuition dollars. In this manner the Business and Transactional Law Center, and indeed all of the Centers at Washburn Law, provide this additional programming to our students free of charge. This

Center is only one of the many ways faculty and alumni seek to create a total learning environment that extends far beyond the classroom to provide our students with a total immersion in the profession while attending Washburn Law.

The Centers are able to provide this additional programming because of the active involvement of our alumni who donate their time and expertise. The hands-on involvement of our alumni actively engaged in business and transactional law also allows the Center to accomplish a major subsidiary goal: making the law school experience more realistic, and relevant, by providing additional opportunities to "bridge the gap" between theory and practice. Students presently have many opportunities to see the law in action, in a litigation context, through Washburn's excellent advocacy classes and programs. However, in a non-litigation context, the law often remains a casebook experience; a collection of legal principles we apply to facts to predict a judicial outcome. The Center provides students with additional opportunities to see how lawyers use the legal principles students study to effectively counsel clients, structure and complete transactions, and draft documents.

Another role of the Center is to serve as a catalyst to create the critical mass of professors, students, alumni, and other practicing attorneys who are dedicated to expanding knowledge regarding business law and the transactional side of law practice. This is reflected in their contributions to the scholarly commentary on business and transactional law and in the expanded programming offered at Washburn Law. This catalyst function is best illustrated by the phenomenal work of our students in the Washburn Business Law Society, as reported by last year's president Amy Kutschka, who graduated in May 2006 and is now working with Hampton & Royce, L.C. in Salina, Kan.

## Center Report by Amy Kutschka '06

The spring 2006 semester proved to be another busy and exciting time for the Washburn Business and Transactional Law Center.

The Center hosted ten lunch and lecture series throughout the semester. The program provides students an opportunity to engage in discussion with successful business and transactional practitioners. Last semester the Center featured alums with experience as in-house counsel. Angela McGuire '99, senior corporate counsel of Marketing and Contracts for H&R Block, discussed her role and transition into an in-house counsel position. McGuire also introduced students to the Association of Corporate Counsel. Three members of Security Benefit Group's in-house counsel, J. Michael Keefer, senior vice-president, general counsel and secretary; Amy J. Lee, vice-president, associate general counsel and assistant secretary; and John Guyot, vice-president, associate general counsel and assistant secretary, gave a hands on presentation about the various aspects of practicing law as in-house counsel. Students were provided examples of letters of engagement and drafting techniques.

In addition, the Center held lectures on public utility law, international tax planning, health care, securities and real estate law. Jonathan Martin '99, of Baker & McKenzie LLP, spoke about international taxation and associated planning opportunities. Martin also volunteered his expertise in two tax courses during his visit at Washburn Law. Frank Ross '78, of Polsinelli Shalton Welte Suelthaus, addressed his role serving a corporate client. Ross stressed the importance of building a relationship with clients and becoming a member of the client's business team. Jeff Ellis '77, of Lathrop & Gage, focused on managing hospital and physician competition.



The lecture series is what makes Washburn Law unique. Angela Robinson Markley '06 said, "Through the Washburn Business Law Society (WBLS) lectures, I was able to explore practical concepts and current trends in business law outside of the classroom." Angela served as secretary of the Washburn Business Law Society from 2004-2006. Students look forward to the weekly lectures which provide a practitioner's perspective and exposure to sophisticated cutting-edge business and transactional law issues.

Beyond the lunch and lecture series the Center also sponsors several other activities that add value to the educational experience of students interested in business and transactional law. Students have many different opportunities to meet and learn from business attorneys who have found success down a variety of avenues. For example, the Center sponsored six students to attend the ABA Business Law conference held in Tampa, Fla., in April. The students spent four days attending meetings on various topics and networking with professionals from across the United States.

The Center continues to welcome and encourage feedback from interested alums. Most of the lecturers for the lunch and learn series are alumni who volunteer their time. It is essential to the Center's mission that it continue to benefit from alumni who provide their insights and expertise on innovative and challenging issues in business and transactional law.

If you wish to learn more about the Center or if you would like to volunteer, please contact director, Professor David Pierce, at (785) 670-1676 or [david.pierce@washburn.edu](mailto:david.pierce@washburn.edu)

Professor Linda Elrod



## Children & Family Law Center

The Washburn University School of Law Children and Family Law Center had a busy semester with child advocacy training, continuing legal education programs and student activities. The spring semester started with 28 students spending the first week in January learning how to represent children. The new multidisciplinary course involved psychologists Dr. Kathy Nichols from Lawrence and Dr. Milfred "Bud" Dale of Topeka, who educated students about how to interview children, the developmental stages of children and how to find "best interests" of the child. The course included training in case management, cultural sensitivity; the use of experts and ethical considerations for lawyers who represent children. Lawyers serving as guardians ad litem, Professor Lynette Petty and Kevin Cook '99 brought the "real world" into the classroom. In addition, Larry Rute '73 and Art Thompson trained students in how to hear the children's voice in mediation and how to keep parents focused on children.



Joseph W. Booth '95

The Children and Family Law Center sponsored several continuing legal education programs that students had the opportunity to attend. On March 2, two Johnson County attorneys, Joseph W. Booth '95, a partner in Nelson & Booth, and Lori S. B. Justice, with Short & Borth, presented an afternoon program on military law issues. They discussed the intricacies of jurisdiction when dealing with military clients, especially the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act, divorce, child support and pension jurisdiction.

Over one hundred people attended the "Indian Child Welfare Act in Kansas: Where Have We Been, Where Are We Going, and Where Do We Go From Here?" March 24, 2006. In addition to Washburn Law Professors Aliza Organick and Lynette Petty,

other featured speakers included Stacy Leeds, JAT, Supreme Court Justice from the Cherokee Nation; Dawn Masqua, ICWA social worker from Prairie Band Potawatomi Social Services; Regina Ott, Kickapoo Tribe; Michelle Levy, co-director of Native American Scholar Program at KU and Melissa Ness, President of Connections Unlimited,

Inc. Other presenters included Elizabeth Rosenbaum, sole practitioner and ICWA expert from Sioux City, Iowa; Larry Rute '73, partner with Associates in Dispute Resolution; Sarah Sargent, Assistant General Counsel with TFI Family Service; Carol Shoptesse, ICWA Independent Living Program Director for Sac and Fox Nation; and Nicki Unfred, permanency supervisor at KVC Behavioral Health Care.

The Center co-sponsored "Basic & Advanced Case Management Training," June 16-17, 2006, as domestic courts across Kansas have increasingly ordered "case management" as an intervention to meet the needs of high conflict parents and their children.

The workshop provided attendees with insight and training from experienced, highly-skilled case managers from across Kansas. The first day offered practical advice about starting and managing cases, including how to combine legal concepts with ideas about alternative dispute resolution and behavioral change. The second day focused on advanced issues, emphasizing the special clinical, legal and professional challenges case managers face.

Two new student editors, Amy Coppola '07 and Laura Findley '07, began working on the *Family Law Quarterly*, a publication of the American Bar Association Family Law Section, edited at Washburn Law. The issues this spring included the annual survey of family law in the fifty states and a survey of the literature and a special issue on third party custody and visitation issues. Students

are editing a special issue on father's rights due out summer 2006.



Elizabeth Rosenbaum

The Family Law Student Society, under the leadership of Dallas Bauer '06, Stefanie Benson '06 and Sara Martin '06 continued to get students interested in CASA of Shawnee County, volunteering in a number of ways. Over fourteen law students served as CASAs. Students also had special lunches, joining with the Women's Legal Forum, the Elder Law group and with other student groups to present speakers.

The Washburn Law Clinic offered 20 students "hands on" experience with family law cases and live clients. Professors Aliza Organick, Lynette Petty and Sheila Reynolds each supervised several interns working on family law cases.

A variety of opportunities were available to students to learn about and become involved in family law activities throughout the year. In addition to several family law specialty courses and the Washburn Law Clinic, students were encouraged to be involved watching court cases, attending continuing education programs and meeting with alumni and family law practitioners.

If you wish to learn more about the Center or if you would like to volunteer, please contact director, Professor Linda Elrod, at (785) 670-1838 or [linda.elrod@washburn.edu](mailto:linda.elrod@washburn.edu)

Professor John Francis



## How Two Law Clinic Students Spent Their Spring Breaks

Attorneys actively engaged in the practice of law know the demands of cases often require foregoing vacations that have been planned for months. Two Washburn Law Clinic students learned this lesson when one of their cases was scheduled for a jury trial during spring break this past March. Far more important than merely learning a lesson about scheduling, these two students learned about trial practice by actually trying a case to a jury. Realizing the value of this experience, the two students, Brian Malone '06 and Will Drexler '06, eagerly tossed aside their spring break plans and immersed themselves in trial preparation.

In the early morning of the Tuesday of spring break, with freshly fallen late-season snow on the ground, Malone and Drexler walked with Professor Francis up the steps of the Shawnee County District Courthouse, ready to begin their jury trial. Both students had devoted the preceding days to putting final touches on their trial preparation. They had spent a great deal of time with Professor Francis, developing trial strategy and working on methods to carry that strategy through. Hours were spent analyzing police reports and fine-tuning cross examinations of expected witnesses. Malone and Drexler researched legal issues they anticipated might come up at the trial and practiced arguments on motions *in limine* that would be heard just before empanelling the jury. After developing a theory of the case that would be woven into all aspects of the trial, including the opening statement and closing argument, both interns felt prepared, albeit with some anticipatory jitters.

After the motions *in limine* were heard in chambers, both students and their client were introduced to the prospective jurors by the judge in open court. During the jury *voir dire* process, Drexler had the opportunity to question prospective jurors about matters that might shed light on their ability to sit as sworn jurors on this case. Once the jury was selected, the trial proceeded rapidly. Malone delivered the opening statement, highlighting for the jury what facts they would and wouldn't see when witnesses testified and evidence was introduced.



Will Drexler '06

The witness examinations proceeded substantially as planned, thanks to the exceptional preparation of both interns. Trials seldom proceed without surprises, however, and this case was no exception. Some complicated legal issues arose prior to the end of the trial. Fortunately, Malone and Drexler's thorough preparation carried them through these unexpected turns and gave them experience with a component of trial practice that is seldom addressed in law school.



Brian Malone '06

As the day-long trial neared its conclusion, counsel for both sides delivered closing arguments. Malone argued on behalf of the Law Clinic's client. His closing promoted the case theory established

early in the trial, drawing attention to evidence consistent with that theory. Due to the late hour, jury deliberations would not begin until the next morning. That gave both interns a night to reflect on the jobs they had done in their first outing as trial attorneys prior to returning the next day for deliberations. This was another aspect of trial that the interns were exposed to that is not discussed much in law school; the experience of waiting for hours while a jury deliberates as well as how to address legal issues presented by questions from a jury to the court.

Representing a real client while trying a case to a jury gave both Malone and Drexler the type of valuable learning experience the Law Clinic is designed to do. When asked how they spent their spring breaks, both interns were able to provide a far more interesting and meaningful answer than most of their peers.

If you wish to learn more about the Law Clinic, please contact director, Professor John Francis, at (785) 670-1191 or [john.francis@washburn.edu](mailto:john.francis@washburn.edu)

# Black Tie Centennial Gala



Professor David and Martha Pierce



## 1940's

**Constance L. Brown '46**, Sun City, Ariz., died Jan. 20, 2006, at the age of 82. Brown and her husband Marlin established a law practice in Council Grove, Kan. Brown was the first female county attorney for Morris County, Kan. After moving to Arizona she continued to do income tax returns until the time of her death.

**Julian B. Muckenthaler '47**, Overland Park, Kan., died March 10, 2006, at the age of 87. Muckenthaler was an Army veteran of WWII and practiced law in Kansas City until his retirement.



**Robert S. Johnson '48**, Lawrence, Kan., died Feb. 12, 2006, at the age of 86. Johnson served in the U.S. Army and commanded the 3205th Quartermaster of the 6th Engineer Special Brigade. He participated in the assault on Omaha Beach in Normandy, France, on June 6 and 7, 1944. He was discharged as a major in Feb. 1946 and remained in the U.S. Army Reserve in the Judge Advocate General's Corps until he retired as a lieutenant colonel. He practiced law in Topeka for 51 years and had represented the Prairie Band of the Potawatomi Nation in their treaty claims cases against the United States.

**Robert E. Breidenthal '49**, The Woodlands, Texas, died Feb. 4, 2006, at the age of 86. Breidenthal entered the Army Air Corp in 1940, graduating at the top of his class 1941. A Martin B-26 instructor and test pilot, he eventually served on Guadalcanal, ending the war as the personal pilot of the commanding general of the South Pacific. After graduating from Washburn Law he moved to Washington, D.C., where he worked for the Atomic Energy Commission. He accepted a position with Gulf Oil Corp. in Pittsburgh, Pa., before returning to Kansas in 1959, where he opened a law practice in Wichita, Kan.

## 1950's

**The Hon. Jules V. Doty '50**, Olathe, Kan., died Feb. 20, 2006, at the age of 82. Doty served 12 years as a district judge in Kansas from 1983 to 1995. A longtime Ottawa attorney, he was appointed to the Kansas Corporation Commission by Gov. Robert Docking and served as its commissioner from 1968 to 1974.

**Clarke R. Geddes '51**, Beverly, Ohio, died April 6, 2006, at the age of 81. Geddes retired from Globe Metallurgical on Oct. 1, 1987, after 31 years as a purchasing agent. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946 during WWII.

**Warren R. Southard '51**, Wichita, Kan., died Feb. 5, 2006, at the age of 80. Southard joined the U.S. Navy in 1943 and served in its V-5 program. He was a practicing attorney in Kansas for 55 years and a life member of the Kansa, Wichita and American Bar Associations. He served as chairman of the Wichita Bar Association ethics committee for 10 years. He was a member of the Kansas Board for Discipline of Attorneys for eight years. He received the first Howard C. Cline Award for Distinguished Service in the Wichita Bar Association and was a fellow in the Kansas Bar Association.

**James O. Yates '51**, Kansas City, Kan., died March 16, 2006, at the age of 86. Yates served in the Army during WWII. He was in the invasion of the Philippines, where there were 112 days of continuous combat. After the war, he went to college and graduated from Washburn Law. In 1970, he was admitted to argue before the U.S. Supreme Court.

**Phillip S. Mellor '53**, Wichita, Kan., died December 28, 2005, at the age of 80. In the Navy, during WWII, he served as torpedoman's mate aboard the aircraft carrier Bennington in the Pacific campaign. Mellor was an active member of the Kansas Bar Association and past-president of the Wichita Bar Association. He served as an arbitrator in commercial disputes and as a mediator in both federal and state courts. Mellor was appointed to the Kansas Judicial Council where he served for 11 years. He was a founding member of Mellor and Miller, PA law firm and later, of counsel for Fleeson, Goings, Coulson and Kitch, LLC.

**Franklin S. Carman Jr.'54**, Hays, Kan., died March 2006, at the age of 82. Carman joined the U.S. Army/Air Corps on December 8, 1941, and served throughout WWII. He practiced law in Quinter, Kan., until 1963 when he returned to college and received his B.S. in Mathematics. He taught high school math in Colo., Kan., Wyo., and Okla., until he retired.

**Daniel M. Dibble '59**, Kansas City, Mo., died May 25, 2006, at the age of 73. Dibble graduated *magna cum laude*, was editor-in-chief of the *Washburn Law Journal*, and a National Moot Court finalist. After graduation he moved to Kansas City and began working in a 16-member law firm that grew into the 275-lawyer firm now known as Lathrop & Gage L.C. Over the course of his 45-year legal career, Dibble chaired the firm's Litigation Department and served as a managing partner for four years. He was a trial lawyer who was admitted to the Missouri Bar in 1959, the U.S. Supreme Court, and appeared in courtrooms throughout the United States and on several occasions outside the U.S. He served on the Washburn Law School Association Board of Governors from 1985 to 1993.

**Steven W. Rogers '59**, Fredonia, Kan., died Jan. 7, 2006, at the age of 74. From 1953 to 1955, Rogers served as First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Artillery, stationed in Germany. He practiced law for 45 years, serving as Wilson County Attorney and Fredonia City Attorney. Rogers was a member of the Wilson County

and Kansas Bar Associations, and was admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.

## 1960's

**Jimmy C. Jones '62**, Sallisaw, Okla., died March 2, 2006, at the age of 74. Jones was an educator for a brief time in Derby, Kan. He began practicing law in private practice in Sallisaw in 1962 and had just recently retired. Jones served as city attorney for almost every town in Sequoyah County and was a senior member of the Oklahoma Bar Association.

**Marlin A. White '63**, Holton, Kan., died May 24, 2006, at the age of 71. White moved to Holton in 1963 where he officed with attorney Don Sands. He later founded White Law Office, and in 1984 his son Dennis joined him in the firm. White continued to practice law until his death. He had served as city attorney for Holton since 1979 and was an attorney with the State of Kansas Employment Security Division Board of Review since 1967. He was former president of the Jackson County Bar Association and a member of the Kansas Bar Association. He served many years as secretary of the Second Judicial District Nomination Committee. He was often appointed as an assistant attorney general, special prosecutor, judge pro tem, and as a special master. He was admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.

**J. R. Hendrix '64**, Topeka, Kan., died April 9, 2006, at the age of 67. Hendrix was a member of the Topeka and Kansas Bar Associations. He was licensed to practice law in the U.S. Court of Claims, the U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas and the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. He practiced law for 40 years in Topeka and at the time of his death he was in partnership with Mark Bennett.

**Richard B. Camp '66**, Winfield, Kan., died Dec. 29, 2005, at the age of 71. Camp was elected Cowley County Attorney in 1971 and served two terms through 1979. In 1979, he started a private practice located in his home. He retired in 2002. He was a member of the Cowley County Bar Association.

**Kenneth E. Murrell '67**, Dalton, Mass., died January 6, 2006, at the age of 66. Murrell served in the Army for two years. He was director of special marketing from 1995 to 2001 with Standard Insurance in Portland, Ore. Most recently, Murrell was vice president of marketing at Berkshire Life Insurance Co. of America, in Pittsfield.

**The Hon. Kenneth D. David '68**, Parsons, Kan., died April 15, 2006, at the age of 76. After graduation from law school, David moved to Independence where he became county attorney and was elected as the probate and juvenile judge. He later served as administrative district court judge for Montgomery County until he resigned his position in 1988.

**J. B. Laughlin '68**, Olathe, Kan., died May 12, 2006, at the age of 79. Laughlin was a Navy veteran of WWII. He was the director of the career planning and placement center at Kansas State University.

## 1970's

**Richard A. Neice '70**, Wichita, Kan., died November 24, 2005, at the age of 64.

**William C. Ellis '73**, Nixa, Mo., died Feb. 6, 2006, at the age of 58. Ellis had been an attorney in private practice in Nixa for the past 11 years. Prior to moving to Nixa, he served as the prosecuting attorney in Cowley County, Kan., and municipal judge in Oxford, Kan. Ellis specialized as an advocate in the Division of Family Services in Christian and Taney Counties.

**Craig S. Powell '74**, died Dec. 7, 2005, at the age of 55. Powell established a law office in Osawatomie and practiced by himself for a short time before joining Willis H. McQueary and forming the firm of McQueary and Powell. He was appointed assistant city attorney for the city of Osawatomie in Oct. 1974, became city attorney in Sept. 1980 and served until his retirement on June 1, 2003. He was counsel for Osawatomie USD 367 for approximately two decades and served from time to time as attorney for local financial institutions.

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**C. D. Wamsley Jr. '75**, Wichita, Kan., died Feb. 21, 2006, at the age of 56. Wamsley served as an intern for Bob Dole and later pursued his political interests by running for the Kansas House of Representatives. Wamsley had practiced law in Wichita for the past 30 years.



**Nanette Louise Kemmerly-Weber '79**, Humbolt, Kan., died July 8, 2006 at the age of 51.

Kemmerly-Weber served as county attorney for 20 years until early January 2005. A Democrat, she did not seek re-election in November 2004, after having been re-elected consecutively since 1984.

She was a member of the Allen County and Kansas Bar Associations. She served as board member and president of the Kansas County and District Attorneys Association and was the recipient of their 2004 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Contributions to help create an endowed fund in Kemmerly-Weber's name can be made by calling the School of Law Advancement Office at 785-670-1100.



**Byron M. Cerrillo '84**, Olathe, Kan., died July 26, 2006, at the age of 50. From 1984 to 1986, Cerrillo served as legal advisor for Ed Ritchie, the Sheriff of Shawnee County, Kan. He worked for the Shawnee County public defender's office in Topeka, Kan., before joining the Johnson County office in 1993.

Since 1993 he served as chief attorney for the Johnson County Public Defender's Office. Cerrillo was an Adjunct Professor for Washburn Law's Center for Excellence in Advocacy since 2004. He has served on the faculty of the NITA Rocky Mountain Regional Trial Advocacy Program and as a faculty member for various training programs teaching trial advocacy to lawyers in both the private and public sector. Memorial contributions may be made to the Washburn School of Law College Fund.

Contributions to help create an endowed fund in Cerrillo's name can be made by calling the School of Law Advancement Office at 785-670-1100.

**Michael E. Simmons '89**, Racine, Wis., died March 12, 2006, at the age of 44. Simmons worked for the Lake County Department of Court Services, in the Adult Probation Department as one of the first intensive probation officers in the state. He left the department to attend Washburn Law. After graduating, he returned to Lake County and began work as an assistant state's attorney for the 19th Circuit Court for ten years before going into private practice as a criminal defense attorney.

**Mark A. Stueve '97**, Topeka, Kan., died March 08, 2006, at the age of 58. Stueve served in the Marine Corps for two years, attaining the rank of Sergeant E-5, and was a Vietnam Veteran. He was the president of S/S Builders, Inc., from 1985 to 1994. Since 1997, Stueve was employed as a Project Manager for Woods Construction, Inc., in Sterling Heights, Mich.



# Dean Honabach leaves - Bill Rich Appointed Interim Dean



Dennis R. Honabach, dean of the Washburn University School of Law since 2001, accepted the position of dean of Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, Ky. effective Aug. 1

At Washburn Law, Honabach was instrumental in the development of the Business and Transactional Law Center, Center for Excellence in Advocacy and Children and Family Law Center. Under his leadership, the school experienced enrollment increases and improved credentials of entering students. He led the School of Law's Centennial Celebration and a \$5.25 million fundraising campaign.

"Dean Honabach has been a great asset to Washburn," said Jerry B. Farley, Washburn University president. "His vision in creating the centers was impressive and he continued a strong tradition of enhancing relationships with constituents. I wish him well in his new position."

Ron Wasserstein, vice president of academic affairs also complimented Honabach's achievements. "Dennis demonstrated extraordinary commitment not only to the success of the School of Law, but to the success of the entire university. As a result, Washburn University will continue to benefit from his leadership for years to come."

Honabach's activities with the American Bar Association include serving as co-chairman of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar Clinical and Skills Education Committee. He serves on the ABA's Law School Admissions Council Services and Program Committee and the Business Law Education Committee. He is a member of the Kansas Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Planning Committee and the Sam A. Crow Inn of Court. Honabach has published law review articles on topics ranging

from managerial liability and Enron to toxic torts and nuisance law. He is co-author of the 2001 edition of "D&O Liability Handbook" and the 1994 to 2001 editions of "Proxy Rules Handbook," all published by West Group. Honabach received an A.B. from Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa., and a J.D. from Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

Law professor Bill Rich has been appointed interim dean for the School of Law, effective Aug. 1. As interim, Rich will promote the development of joint degree programs between the law school and the School of Business and department of social work. He will also continue emphasis of the Business and Transactional Law Center, the Center for Excellence in Advocacy, the Children and Family Law Center and the Washburn Law Clinic.

Rich joined the law school faculty in 1977 and for the past two years has held the position of associate dean for academic affairs. A graduate of the University of California at Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law, he was a law clerk for Chief Justice Donald Wright of the California Supreme Court and served as a staff attorney at the Legal Aid Society of Wichita. Rich also was a Rockefeller Fellow at Yale Divinity School.

For several years he worked with Washburn Law Clinic students representing inmates in constitutional challenges to Kansas prison conditions. Rich co-authored the second edition of *Modern Constitutional Law*, published in 1997.

A screening committee of faculty, staff, students, alumni and judiciary is being formed to search for a permanent dean. On-campus interviews are expected to take place at the end of the fall 2006 semester and a replacement could be named by Jan. 1, 2007.

## A New Century - A New Look



At the Centennial Celebration in May, Dean Honabach unveiled an updated version of the Washburn Law logo. The updated logo is a modern version of the scales of justice to symbolize the start of a new century at Washburn Law. The bolder image of the scales of justice is in step with the University's renewed strength. The typeface mirrors that of the University, while the School of Law becomes the prominent feature in the text of the logo.

The change modernizes the law school logo and makes it more prominent in order to be more easily identified.

## New Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Alex Glashausser, Professor of Law, was named Associate Dean for Academic Affairs effective July 1. Glashausser follows Bill Rich, Professor of Law, who had served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs since 2004 and was appointed Interim Dean effective August 1.

Professor Glashausser received his bachelor's degree from Harvard College in 1990 and his law degree from Duke University School of Law in 1995. Following graduation from Harvard, he traveled to Tokyo, Japan, where he studied at the Yoshida Institute of Japanese Language and taught English. Subsequently, Professor Glashausser studied the Japanese legal system at Santa Clara University School of Law's Institute of International and Comparative Law, in Tokyo, and interned at the Ishii Law Office.



While at Duke University, Glashausser was the recipient of the Herbey M. Johnson Memorial Writing Prize. He was also Executive Editor of *Duke Law Journal*.

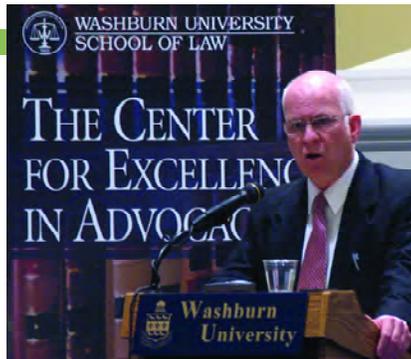
After graduating from law school, Glashausser clerked for the Honorable Albert J. Engel, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He served as a litigation associate for Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP and taught as an adjunct at Ohio State University College of Law before coming to Washburn in the fall of 1999.

"The law school at Washburn is a community of people who like and help each other. I love going to work every day in such a supportive environment. The best institutions change in subtle ways over time, and I always look forward to meeting each year's new group of students who will continue to shape the vibrant Washburn community."

This fall, Glashausser is teaching Civil Procedure II.

## 2006 Advocacy Scholar in Residence

Professor Mark M. Dobson was the 2006 Washburn Law Advocacy Scholar in Residence. He visited Washburn Law March 13-17, 2006. Dobson is from Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. During his time on campus Dobson gave a public lecture titled "A Kansas Murder Trial and the U.S. Supreme Court: The Historic Trials of Clyde Mattox." In addition to his public lecture, Dobson gave a lunch time presentation on the Lionel Tate Murder Case, a Florida case involving a 12-year-old defendant convicted of murder. Dobson taught a special class on case theory development to the Intensive Trial Advocacy Program (ITAP) students, spoke to faculty on the development of externship programs and taught a criminal procedure course for Professor Michael Kaye on post arrest issues and criminal procedure.



Dobson was Nova Southeastern's Outstanding Professor in 2004, administers Nova's Criminal Justice Clinic and teaches mainly in the field of litigation and advocacy including criminal law, criminal procedure, trial advocacy and evidence courses. In addition to Nova Southeastern, Dobson has taught at Loyola University, Touro University, University of North Dakota, Washburn Law and Willamette University. While at both North Dakota and Nova Southeastern law schools, Professor Dobson established the schools' trial advocacy programs. In 1981 he was awarded the American College of Trial Lawyers Emil Gumpert Award for Excellence in Trial Advocacy. He has published extensively in the areas of evidence and criminal practice and is a past chair of the American Bar

Association Criminal Justice Section Committee on Defense and Prosecution of Drunk Driving Cases.

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## Moot Court Team Takes First

The Washburn Law Moot Court team of Matthew Ballard '07 and Zachary Chaffee-McClure '07 captured first place at the Evan A. Evans Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition held at the University of Wisconsin in Madison March 31 - April 2, 2006. Ballard and Chaffee-McClure also received the award for top respondent's brief.

Thirty-two teams from across the nation competed in the premier three-day event including Loyola University of Chicago School of Law, William & Mary School of Law, University of Connecticut School of Law, Valparaiso University School of Law, University of Minnesota School of Law and University of St. Thomas School of Law.

Professor Jeffrey D. Jackson coached the team, and the law firm of Martin, Pringle, Oliver, Wallace and Bauer, L.L.P., sponsored the team by underwriting the competition costs.



Zachary Chaffee-McClure '07 & Matthew Ballard '07



Sylvester James, Melissa Taylor Standridge and Keith Cutler

## Diversity Week

Washburn Law held its very first Diversity Week the week of April 10, 2006. Diversity Week was created and implemented by students Linda Eng '07 and Eunice Peters '06. They described its creation as a way to champion the goals of educating and empowering students to actively support diversity in the legal community and alerting the legal community that diversity requires proactive efforts by all members of the profession. Events were designed to spark discussion among students through individual viewpoints, panel discussions and to celebrate diversity for what it is.

The event's theme, "I Support a Diverse Legal Community," was chosen to embody the belief that each and every attorney and future attorney is capable of compelling the legal profession to reflect the principles that laws were designed to protect. Activities included a Diversity Workshop with interactive activities led by Associate Dean Kelly Anders and Professors Janet Jackson and Aida Alaka; "Improving Diversity," a panel discussion with Melissa Taylor Standridge, chambers counsel for the Honorable David J. Waxse, Sylvester "Sly" James, Jr. from the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association and Keith A. Cutler of James W. Tippin & Associates and president of the Jackson County Bar Association; "Living Diversity," a panel discussion regarding interracial marriage and multi-cultural children with Professors Aliza Organick, Michael Kaye, John Francis, Aida Alaka, Alex Glashausser, Janet Jackson and Susana L. Valdovinos '88, Associate Director of Affirmative Action at Kansas State University; "Affirmative Action in Education: From *Brown v. Board* To Michigan Law School Admissions" presented by Susana L. Valdovinos '88; a Leading Diversity forum including speakers The Hon. Henry W. Green, Jr., Kansas Court of Appeals, Tina Harris, Shook, Hardy & Bacon, and Tessa Jacob '92, Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin LLP. The week ended with a cocktail party at the law school with special guests Kansas Supreme Court Justice Carol A. Beier; Kansas Court of Appeals Judges Lee A. Johnson '80 and Christel E. Marquardt '74; and The Hon. Dale E. Somers, Federal Bankruptcy Court Judge.



Professors John Francis, Aida Alaka, Rob Rhee, Alex Glashausser, Aliza Organick and Michael Kaye

## Elrod named Woman of Distinction

Professor Linda D. Elrod was honored as the 2006 Woman of Distinction by the American Business Women's Association Career Chapter (ABWA) in Topeka, Kan., during its annual scholarship luncheon March 29, 2006.



Professor Linda Elrod and Dr. Jerry Farley

The event honors women of outstanding achievement and raises scholarship

funds in the Awardee's name for women pursuing degrees at Washburn University. Over \$10,000 was raised in Elrod's name for a Washburn Woman in Business or Law scholarship. President Jerry Farley gave remarks on behalf of Elrod.

According to the vice president of ABWA Career Chapter, Elrod was selected because of her advocacy for children and women, both nationally and internationally. Elrod said, "Women mentoring other women is important, and I am honored to have a scholarship established in my name by the ABWA Career Chapter at Washburn. Women have to help each other, not just do it for themselves. The scholarship is part of leaving a legacy," said Elrod.

In addition to the award, Governor Kathleen Sebelius proclaimed March 29<sup>th</sup> to be Linda D. Elrod Day.

# New Board of Governors Members

The following Washburn Law alumni were nominated to serve a two-year term on the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Board of Governors. Their term will be effective July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2008.



The Hon. Richard Anderson graduated from Kearney State College with his undergraduate degree in 1976 and his master's in 1977. He graduated from Washburn Law in 1980. After graduation from law school he worked in private practice from 1980 - 1998 with an emphasis in labor, employment and construction law. In 1999, he was appointed to the position of District Judge, Third Judicial District by Governor Bill Graves. He is a member of the Topeka and Kansas Bar Associations and the Sam A. Crow American Inn of Court.



Philip Pennington received a bachelor's degree in History in 1973 and a master's in Business Administration in 1975 from Texas Christian University. In 1984, he graduated from Washburn Law and was admitted to the Kansas Bar that same year. Since 1984, he has worked in a variety of capacities for AMC Entertainment Inc., currently serving as a vice president in the company's Legal Department with his primary emphasis in disability access law. In addition, he supervises outside counsel on a variety of matters and supervises the company's Security Department and its Director of Labor Relations.



Dana Brewer graduated from Washburn Law in December 1976. While attending law school, he worked in the Revisor of Statutes and Judicial Administrator's offices at the State Capitol in Topeka. He is in the law firm of Swenson, Brewer & Long in Concordia, Kan., practicing in the areas of estate planning, estate and trust administration and property law. He is a member of the American, Kansas and Cloud County Bar Associations, has served on the Board of the Kansas School Attorneys Association and the Elderlaw Committee of the Kansas Bar Association. He helped create the "Law Library Without Walls" for Kansas' 12th Judicial District.



James Slattery received his bachelor's degree in Political Science from Washburn in 1970 and his juris doctor from Washburn Law in 1974. He attended the Netherlands School of International Economics and Business from 1969 - 1970. He has been a partner in the law firm of Wiley, Rein & Fielding LLP, Washington, D.C., since 1997. He is a member of the Government Affairs, Energy and International Trade practices groups of the 250-member law firm. He served in the U.S. Congress from 1983 to 1995, as Kansas Secretary of Revenue in 1979, and in the Kansas House of Representatives from 1973 to 1979.



M. Kathryn Webb served on the Board of Editors for the *Washburn Law Journal* and received her juris doctor, with honors, from Washburn Law in 1983. She is a director in the McDonald, Tinker, Skaer, Quinn & Herrington law firm in Wichita, Kan., and has extensive experience at both trial and appellate levels in the areas of commercial litigation, employment law and insurance defense. She is a member of the Wichita, Kansas and American Bar Associations, Kansas Bar Association Board of Governors, Wichita Bar Association Board of Governors, the Kansas Women Attorneys Association, the Wichita Women Attorneys Association and the Kansas Association of Defense Counsel.

Other board members currently serving on the board who were nominated to serve another two-year term include Bill Bunten '56, Topeka, Kan.; David Fenley '79, Kansas City, Mo.; Carol Green '81, Topeka, Kan.; Ward Loyd '68, Garden City, Kan.; Shoko Sevart '73, Wichita, Kan.; Sabrina Standifer '99, Wichita, Kan.; and Steve Torline '97, Kansas City, Mo.



Senior Judge Bobby R. Baldock, Chief Judge Deanell Reece Tacha & Judge Carlos F. Lucero

## 10th Circuit Hears Arguments at Washburn Law

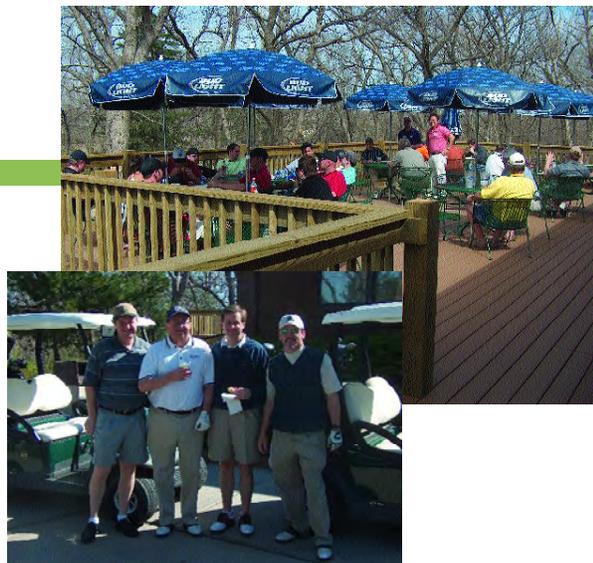
Washburn University School of Law and the Center for Excellence in Advocacy again hosted the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, April 12, 2006, at a special session in Topeka, Kan. Arguments were held in the Robinson Courtroom and Bianchino Technology Center. The judges who presided at Washburn Law to hear oral arguments were Chief Judge Deanell Reece Tacha, Senior Judge Bobby R. Baldock and Judge Carlos F. Lucero. The Tenth Circuit previously sat at Washburn Law in October 2004.

Law students had the opportunity to attend oral arguments. The Legal Analysis Research and Writing professors incorporated the oral arguments into their class by requiring mandatory attendance at one of the hearings. Students also had the opportunity to have lunch with the judges' law clerks where they obtained inside information on clerkships and how to go about securing a clerkship position. In addition, after oral arguments were heard, students were able to attend a presentation by the judges on what they want to hear and what they look for in appellate arguments.

## Annual Kuether Golf Tournament

The Annual John Kuether Memorial Golf Tournament was held April 1, 2006, at the Lake Shawnee Golf Course, Topeka, Kan. This year the tournament brought in 110 players and contributed over \$2,900 to the John Kuether Scholarship Fund. The 4-person scramble started with a continental breakfast and shotgun start at 9 a.m. and concluded with lunch after the scramble. The first place team in the championship flight consisted of Steve Tilton '88, Bob Hiatt '88, Don Reif '88 and Rusty Williams.

The first place team in the 2<sup>nd</sup> flight included students Karen Quintelier, Jody Berbermeyer, Kristen Kellems and Matt Todd. Student coordinator,



Ho Son, worked hard to make the tournament a success.

He was joined by student committee members Jody Bebermeyer, Kim Bieker, Shannelle Gunn, Shelby Grau, Ryan McGuirk, Molly McMurray, Karen Quintelier, Erin Riffey, Sheri Siemens and Jacob Sweat.



# Alumni Association Awards

*The Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association presented its annual awards at the Washburn Law luncheon held in conjunction with the Kansas Bar Association annual meeting in Overland Park, June 10, 2006.*

*The law school Alumni Association presented the Distinguished Service Award, Distinguished Alumni Award and the Honorary Life Member Award which are given annually. Duke Dupre, president of the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association, presented the awards.*

## The Honorable Kay McFarland

'64, Chief Justice of the Kansas Supreme Court, received the Distinguished Alumni Award. Recipients of this award are chosen for their exceptional accomplishments in their professional, business or academic careers. Chief Justice McFarland was the first woman to be elected to a judgeship in Shawnee County, the first woman district court judge in Kansas, the first woman appointed justice of the Kansas Supreme Court and the first woman appointed Chief Justice. McFarland graduated *magna cum laude* from Washburn University with dual majors in English and History-Political Science. In 1964 she received her law degree from Washburn Law, was admitted to the Kansas Bar and entered private practice in Topeka. In 1971 she was elected judge of the probate and juvenile courts of Shawnee County.

In January 1973, she became judge of the newly created Fifth Division of the District Court in Topeka. On Sept. 19, 1977, she was appointed by the governor to be a justice of the Kansas Supreme Court and became Chief Justice of the Supreme Court on Sept 1, 1995, upon the retirement of the Hon. Richard W. Holmes.

Dupre remarked, "Chief Justice McFarland has had a professional career filled with many significant accomplishments. And so many times she was the first. Today we have the pleasure of bestowing on you our Distinguished Alumni Award."



**Allan Caldwell '73**, received the Distinguished Service Award for his service to Washburn Law, the legal profession and community. His service to Washburn Law includes serving on the Washburn Law School Alumni Association Board of Governors from 1993 to 2003 in various capacities including vice-president and president. He served as president of the Washburn Law School Foundation from 2003 to 2006. Caldwell established the endowed Alan and Valle Caldwell Law Scholarship during the Centennial Celebration.

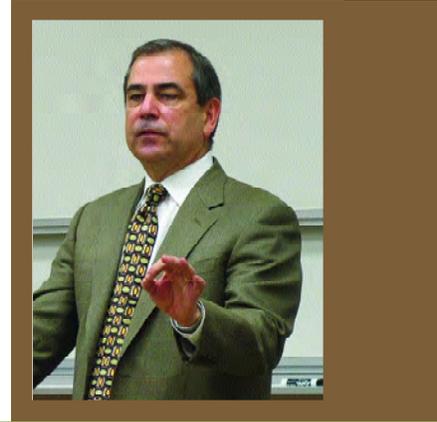
Caldwell previously served as general counsel for Koch industries. He received a bachelor's degree from Evangel University and earned his law degree from Washburn Law in 1973. Caldwell was a judicial clerk for Justice J. Richard Foth of the Kansas Supreme Court before joining Koch.

Dupre stated, "I do not remember a time when Alan was not working for the betterment of our law school. And on behalf of the board of governors, let me say we will miss him, his advice and counsel, and his leadership."



**Dennis R. Honabach**, Dean of Washburn University School of Law received the Honorary Life Membership Award for his dedicated service to his profession, community and Washburn Law. This award is given to a non-alum. Honabach was instrumental in developing the new Washburn Law Centers for Excellence including the Business and Transactional Law Center, The Center of Excellence in Advocacy, and the Children and Family Law Center. He has also endowed the Dennis and Carol Honabach Business and Transactional Law Fund during the Centennial Celebration. Honabach will leave Washburn Law in August when he takes over as dean of the Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University.

Dupre stated, "During his deanship enrollment has increased 15 percent and the credentials of entering student have also increased. He led the law schools Centennial Celebration and oversaw a \$5.2 million fundraising effort to date. His tenure at Washburn Law has moved the law school forward, and thanks to his fine efforts, Washburn Law is ready for the next 100 years."



## 2006 Visiting Advocate

The Center for Excellence in Advocacy hosted George Barton '77 as its Visiting Advocate, Feb. 7, 2006, at Washburn Law. Barton met with students and faculty to discuss the development of a contract case, including evaluating claims, the litigation process and what it means to be a litigator. Barton also addressed the importance of effective drafting as a litigator and shared his experiences developing, litigating and winning a landmark case.

Barton graduated *magna cum laude* from Washburn Law in 1977 and is a practicing attorney in the Kansas City, Mo. area, specializing in complex commercial litigation. During the last 15 years he has devoted an extensive part of his practice to representing mineral interest owners in royalty underpayment cases against both coal producers and natural gas producers. He was lead counsel in *Rogers v. Westerman Farm Co.*, 29 P3d 887 (Colo. 2001) which culminated in an important decision by the Colorado Supreme Court and also *Reis v. Peabody Coal Company*, 997 S.W.2d 49 (Mo.App.E.D. 1999) which provided a substantial punitive damage verdict against a major coal company.

Barton is the sole shareholder of The Law Offices of George A. Barton P.C. in Kansas City, Mo.



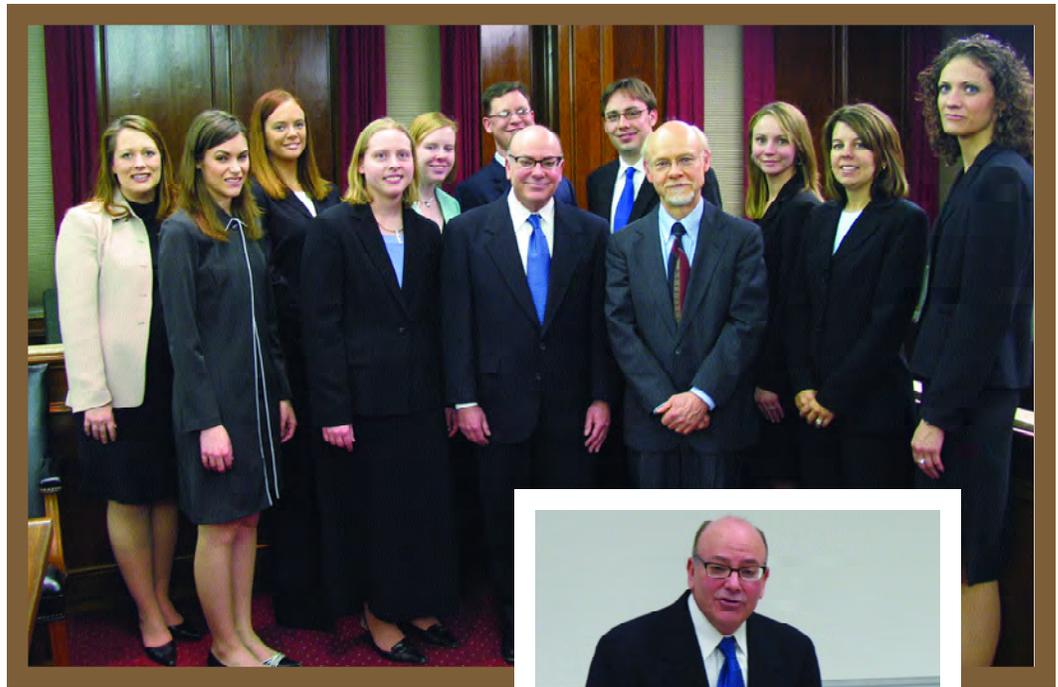
# Foulston Siefkin Lecture

The 2006 Foulston Siefkin Lecture was given by Marc I. Steinberg, February 24, 2006, at Washburn University School of Law. Steinberg, the Rupert and Lillian Radford Professor of Law at Southern Methodist University, discussed "The Corporate Attorney as a 'Moving' Target: Liability and Ethical Dilemmas." Steinberg teaches in the corporate and securities law areas.

Steinberg received his J.D. from UCLA in 1975 and a LL.M. from Yale University in 1977. Following law school, Steinberg served as law clerk to Judge Stanley N. Barnes of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and as legislative counsel to U.S. Senator Robert P. Griffin. He later worked as special projects counsel and confidential legal adviser to the general counsel at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Other teaching positions prior to SMU include professor of law at the University of Maryland School of Law, visiting professor at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, visiting associate professor at the National Law Center, George Washington University, and adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center. Steinberg has lectured and consulted on company law in Australia, England, Finland, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, New Zealand, South Africa, Sweden and Taiwan. He is also a Visiting Professorial Fellow in International Securities Regulation for the Center for Commercial Law Studies at the University of London. Steinberg has authored more than 100 law review articles in addition to ten books. He is editor-in-chief of the *Securities Regulation Law Journal*, serves on the advisory boards of three other journals in the corporate and securities law area and of *The International Lawyer*. Steinberg is a member of the American Law Institute.



Megan Walawender, Angela Robinson, Pamela Burrough, Jolietta Friesen, Melissa Castillo, Ryan Farley, Professor Marc Steinberg, Roarke Gordon, Professor Myrl Duncan, Kelly-Rose Garrity, Stephanie Nall and Jenny Williams.



Each year since 1978 the Wichita law firm of Foulston Siefkin has generously sponsored the Foulston Siefkin Lecture Series. This lecture series brings a prominent legal scholar to Washburn University School of Law to challenge and enhance the legal thinking of our students and faculty. The visiting scholar delivers a lecture and also provides an article for the next volume of the *Washburn Law Journal*.

## Swearing-In - Wichita Alumni



John Johnson '73, William Wells '68, Paul Ailsieger '92, Suzanne Dwyer-Ailsieger '92,  
Travis Pearson '93 and Bill Townsley '89



# United States Supreme Court Swearing-In

Twenty-five Washburn University School of Law alumni from twelve states participated in the second Washburn Law Supreme Court Swearing-In June 12, 2006. It was a special day for those being sworn in as family and friends looked on.

Chief Justice Roberts presided over the ceremony with Justices Ginsburg, Thomas, Scalia, Stevens, Kennedy and Souter in attendance. Washburn Law alumnus James Slattery '75 presented the Washburn Law alumni group to Chief Justice Roberts for admission to the bar of the United States Supreme Court.

In a ceremony mishap, alumnae Joyce Helstern '85, was not called to stand and take the oath with the group. As a special honor, and to correct the mistake, Chief Justice Roberts later personally swore in Helstern in front of the entire Washburn Law group, including her two sons. It was quite an honor. Roberts addressed the Washburn Law group congratulating them and telling them what an honor and special day it was for those who were sworn in and to enjoy the moment and the day with their family and friends.

In addition to Roberts, Justices Thomas and Ginsburg honored the group by briefly visiting with alumni and their guests following the ceremony.

Several events surrounded the U.S. Supreme Court Swearing-In. On Sunday evening, June 11, a reception was held for those being sworn in and their guests. Area Washington D.C. alumni were also invited to join the reception held at the Hotel Washington on the Sky Terrace. After the Swearing-In on Monday, a lunch was held for participants and their guests at the Zola Restaurant. After lunch a special VIP tour of the Pentagon was offered by School of Law alumnus Dennis Kirk '75. It was a wonderful experience. The weekend was spectacular for attendees and their guests, many of whom spent the entire weekend in D.C. taking time to sight-see.

The next group Supreme Court Swearing-In for Washburn Law alumni is scheduled in April 2008. Mark your calendars to join us for a very special event.



Chief Justice Roberts





## Alumni admitted to the United States Supreme Court during the Swearing-In were:

Paul Ailsieger '92, Wichita, Kan.; William (Trey) A. Alford III '99, Vienna, Va.; Hiram E. Blomquist '88, Leawood, Kan.; Mark V. Bodine '87, Shawnee, Kan.; Christina Collins '97, Washington, D.C.; John M. Collins '91, Shrewsbury, N.J.; Tommy D. Fulzenloger '80, Topeka, Kan.; Joyce M. Hellstern '85, Dallas, Texas; Venkatesh Iyer '01, Denver, Colo.; John W. Johnson '73, Wichita, Kan.; John D. Kemp '74, Washington, D.C.; Bruce W. Kent '70, Mahanattan, Kan.; Herman (Woody) A. Loepp '81, Kansas City, Mo.; Richard C. Mabry '74, Abilene, Texas; Ryan H. Pace '98, Ogden, Utah; Mahesh I. Patel '90, Richardson, Texas; Travis A. Pearson '93, Wichita, Kan.; Larry G. Pepperdine '72, Topeka, Kan.; Jacquelyn Ellen Rokusek '93, Olathe, Kan.; Thomas D. Shults '82, Sarasota, Fla.; James A. Spencer '72, Ramona, Calif.; Richard F. Stevenson '86, Olathe, Kan.; William L. Townsley III '89, Wichita, Kan.; Rodney K. Vincent '67, Lincoln, Neb.; and William A. Wells '68, Wichita, Kan.



## Speakers at Washburn University School of Law

Each semester, Washburn Law is fortunate to have numerous speakers at the law school. Most speak over the lunch hour to groups of students and faculty. Speakers are invited to the law school by various student groups, faculty members and other law school departments. Washburn Law appreciates all speakers who take time out of their busy schedule to provide a variety of expertise and insight in their respective field of practice or business. If you are interested in speaking at the law school on a certain topic, please contact Julie Olson, Director, Alumni Affairs, at 785-670-2013.

**Dr. Francis J. Beckwith**, Associate Professor of Church-State Studies and Associate Director of the J. M. Dawson Institute of Church-State Studies at Baylor University, spoke Feb.

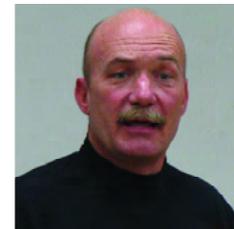


9, 2006, sponsored by the Federalist Society. Dr. Beckwith delivered a lecture titled "The Court of Disbelief: Why the 'Religious Motive' Test Violates Religious Liberty." Beckwith argued that courts applying the religious motive test should provide a distinction between motive and purpose. More than 70 students attended.

**Senator Mary Groves Bland** spoke February 1, 2006, sponsored by the Black Law Student Association as part of Black History Month. Bland discussed



"Driven to Greatness: Overcoming Life's Obstacles to Reach Your Full Potential." Bland challenged the audience to get involved in their community so it will flourish and lead to change.



**Nancy Boyda**, a candidate in the 2nd Congressional District of Kansas and **Paul Morrison '80**, a candidate for Kansas Attorney General, spoke March 13, 2006, sponsored by the Washburn Law Democrats. Both are running for office in the fall 2006 elections. Boyda spoke on a variety of topics, including agricultural and rural issues, education funding, corporate taxation, and her renewed vigor for the campaign trail. Morrison discussed his courtroom experience, including prosecuting death penalty cases.

# Speakers at Washburn University School of Law



**Dan Crow '93**, partner with the firm of Alderson, Alderson, Weiler, Conklin, Burghart, & Crow LLC, spoke March 9, 2006, sponsored by the Real Estate Law

Society. Crow spoke on "The Life and Times of a Real Estate Lawyer. A real world glance at the legal issues facing a private practice real estate lawyer. Real cases. Real problems. Real solutions." He also discussed the importance developing creative remedies in real estate disputes in an effort to avoid litigation.

**Becky Norton Dunlop**, Vice-President of The Heritage Foundation, spoke March 28, 2006, sponsored by the Federalist Society. Dunlop spoke on "Clearing the Air: Current Environmental and Natural Resources

Challenges in the Context of Federalism." Dunlop maintains that the best environmental policy is one based on principles that can be applied to ever changing situations. More than 25 law students attended.

**Timothy Dupree '04**, Assistant District Attorney for Lyon County, Kan., spoke Feb. 15, 2006, sponsored by the Black Law Student Association as part of Black History Month. Dupree discussed "Trial by Fire: Diving Head First into Your Legal Career." Mr. Dupree provided insight into the life of a young attorney through first-hand testimony of the many challenges that can be faced and overcome. Dupree observed that whenever a mistake is made, whether it is inside or outside the courtroom, the practitioner must learn from it to become a better attorney.



**Jeff Ellis '77**, a partner at Lathrop, & Gage, spoke Jan. 19, 2006, sponsored by the Washburn Business Law Society. Ellis spoke

about health care law and focused his presentation on managing hospital and physician competition. He described health care law as business law within a unique regulatory complex.



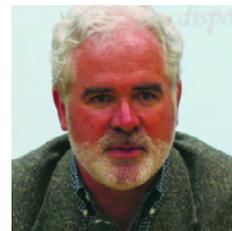
**Bob Fox**, attorney with Foulston Siefken L.L.P., spoke Feb. 16, 2006, sponsored by the Washburn Business Law Society. Fox spoke about the history of the telephone industry and some of the changes in the industry as a result of deregulation. He also discussed the Kansas Corporation Commission and the many roles they have in regulating utilities within the state.



**The Hon. Gregory B. Gillis**, Associate Circuit Judge for the 16th Judicial Circuit (Jackson County) in the State of Missouri, spoke Feb. 10, 2006, as part of Black History Month sponsored by the Black Law Student Association. Gillis discussed "African Americans and the Criminal Justice System."



**Kevin Hasson**, founder of the Beckett Fund for Religious Liberty, spoke April 6, 2006, sponsored by the Federalist Society. Mr. Hasson spoke to more than 70 Washburn Law students and faculty about religious liberty. He asserted everyone has the "right to be wrong" because they have an innate right to choose to worship as their conscience dictates.



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**Michael Keefer**, senior vice president, general counsel, and Secretary; **Amy Lee**, assistant vice president and assistant general counsel; and **John Guyot**, vice president, assistant general counsel, and assistant secretary, from Security Benefit Group in Topeka, spoke Jan.



26, 2006, sponsored by Washburn Business Law Society. Keefer focused on the responsibilities of in-house counsel, Lee discussed how to work with outside counsel and Guyot provided the perspective of an outside counsel working with in-house counsel.

**Jonathan J. Martin '99**, from the Houston office of Baker & McKenzie LLP, spoke Feb. 9, 2006, sponsored by the Washburn Business Law Society and the Tax and Estate Planning Association. Martin spoke about international taxation and planning opportunities. He discussed substantive areas of international taxation law including U.S. taxation of U.S. citizens and residents, U.S. taxation of foreign tax payers, U.S. entity classifications, anti-deferral rules (including sub-part F) and foreign tax credits.



**Michael Massey**, Vice President and General Counsel for Payless ShoeSource, Inc., spoke April 11, 2006, sponsored by the International Law Society. Massey discussed his career path and provided in-depth information about Payless itself, including stories behind the company's expansion into Latin America and Asia. He also highlighted the legal implications that arise from manufacturing products in one country, importing them into the United States, and then exporting them to other countries.



**Professor John O. McGinnis**, Research Professor of Law, Northwestern University School of Law, spoke April 13, 2006, sponsored by the Federalist Society.



Professor McGinnis spoke to more than 45 Washburn Law students and faculty about "International and Foreign Law in Constitutional Interpretation." He asserted the view that international and foreign law should not be cited with any authoritative value and believes that using international and foreign law subverts the democratic

process. **Associate Dean and Professor of Law Bill Rich** provided a counter perspective, arguing that international and foreign law are merely persuasive and can be cited like any other persuasive material.



**Patricia Miller '84**, Senior Assistant Regional Counsel with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regional office in Kansas City and **Yvonne Anderson '86**, Director and Chief of Legal Services with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), spoke Feb. 28, 2006, sponsored by the Environmental Law Society. They discussed their career paths, the day-to-day skills used in their respective positions, and current trends in the practice of environmental law. They also provided an interesting comparison between the KDHE and EPA regulations and how the agencies' efforts complement each another.



**Dawn Nicole Patterson '94**, State Disciplinary Officer and Attorney for the Kansas City, Missouri School District, spoke Feb. 22, 2006, as part of Black History Month

sponsored by the Black Law Student Association. Patterson's presentation titled "Paving Your Own Way," discussed how a law degree can be used to create positive change in the community. By taking what is achieved in law school and reaching back into the community, attorneys can help people make a better life for themselves even if it is just to give them the information they need to make the right decision.



**Frank Ross '78** from Polsinelli Shalton Welte Suelthaus PC, spoke March 16, 2006, sponsored by the Washburn Business Law Society. Ross spoke on "Serving a Corporate Client: What Does a

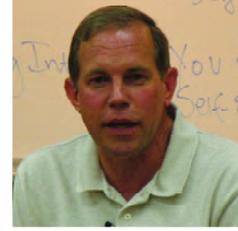
Business Lawyer Do?" Ross covered a number of different issues which arise in a lawyer/small-business client relationship. While discussing client development and retention, he highlighted areas such as quality work, contact with clients, respect for opposing counsel and the importance of making each client's work a priority.

**The Hon. Deanell Reece Tacha**, Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit spoke Feb. 21, 2006, sponsored by the Washburn Law Federalist Society.

Judge Tacha spoke about "The Changes in the Courts and the Administration of Justice." She pointed out that the country's citizenship and work force has changed during the past 20 years. Consequently, the judiciary has reacted with a more diverse bench where women and minorities are significantly represented. More than 90 students and faculty attended.



**Jeff Ungerer '82**, General Counsel of MRV, Inc, spoke April 19, 2006, hosted by the Washburn Real Estate Law Society. Ungerer spoke about various legal issues involved in commercial real estate development.



**Professor Stephen J. Ware**, University of Kansas School of Law, spoke March, 9 2006, sponsored by the Federalist Society. Ware spoke about "A Radical Libertarian Approach to the Court System." He argued that a Libertarian philosophy is founded on the concepts of self ownership; property and contract; and that tort protects persons and their property from force and fraud. More than 50 students and faculty attended.



**Dale Ward '90** and **Scott Pohl '90** of Hinkle Elkouri LLC, spoke March 9, 2006, sponsored by the Washburn Business Law Society. Ward is the managing partner at the firm and practices in both the corporate transactions and real estate fields. Pohl is one of two recruiting partners at the firm and practices mainly in commercial real estate and bankruptcy. They entertained questions from those in attendance and provided a "real world" view of the practice of law as transactional lawyers.

**Dr. Carmaletta Williams**, Professor of English at Johnson County Community College, spoke Feb. 27, 2006, sponsored by the Black Law Student Association as part of Black History Month. Williams spoke on "Free Did Not Mean Welcome," a discussion about the establishment of Kansas as a free state and the role that African Americans played. Dr. Williams talked about the true reality and repercussions of The Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854.



## 1960's

**J. B. Meeks '68**, Kinsley, Kan., retired in December 2005 and moved to the Kansas City area to be closer to family.

## 1970's

**Timothy E. McKee '70**, Wichita, Kan., has been appointed to the new Kansas Electric Transmission Authority by Gov. Kathleen Sebelius.

**Bart E. Eisfelder '71**, Fairway, Kan., was named by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* as one of eleven outstanding lawyers in Missouri, in recognition of his work on a 2005 Missouri Workers' Compensation Reform Bill. In addition, he was recently included in the Missouri and Kansas "*Super Lawyers*" 2005 *Law & Politics* published by Kansas City Magazine.



**James W. Morrison '71** Manhattan, Kan., was the recipient of the 2006 Manhattan Legacy Award presented by the Meadowlark Hills Foundation Legacy Society.



**William D. Byassee '75**, Denver, Colo., was named an equity-member of Jackson Kelly PLLC. Byassee's practice is centered on commercial litigation in the firm's Denver office.

**Dennis D. Kirk '75**, Falls Church, Va., is the special assistant to the general counsel of the U.S. Army.

**Curtis A. Frasier '76**, Beloit, Kan., was elected to the executive committee of the Kansas State University Foundation.

**John P. Wheeler Jr. '76**, Garden City, Kan., serves on the board of directors for the Kansas County and District Attorneys Association.

**Joe A. Lang '77** Wichita, Kan., was named to the Sterling College Board of Trustees.

**C. W. (Bill) Ossmann '77**, Topeka, Kan., served on the faculty of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) Rocky Mountain Regional April 26-29, 2006, at the NITA National Education Center in Louisville, Colo.



**Mr. E. E. (Gene) Clark '78**, was named dean of the new Charlotte School of Law.

**Daniel W. Olsen '78**, Raymore, Mo., was appointed associate circuit judge of the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit by Gov. Matt Blunt.

**Sally D. Pokorny '78**, Independence, Kan., joined the Law Offices of David J. Brown LC. Pokorny practices in the areas of family law, nontraditional family law, criminal law and DUI defense. She also is a part-time child support enforcement attorney for the state.



**Thomas J. Corcoran Jr. '79**, Dallas, Texas, was appointed chairman of the board by the board of directors of FelCor Lodging Trust Incorporation, one of the nation's largest hotel real estate investment trusts.

**Jeffrey W. Schemmel '79**, San Diego, Calif., was inducted into the 2006 Howard Wood Hall of Fame.



## 1980's

**Richard D. Fladung '80**, Houston, Texas, has joined the firm of Strasburger & Price, LLP as partner. Fladung will lead the intellectual property practice in the Houston office.

**Kim R. Cocklin '81**, Dallas, Texas, has been appointed senior vice president, utility operations, for Atmos Energy Corporation. Cocklin will oversee all operations for the company's 12-state natural gas distribution service territory.

**Timothy P. McCarthy '82**, Kansas City, Mo., joined Gilliland & Hayes in the Kansas City office.

**Scott R. Willoughby '83**, Rockville, Md., joined Huron Consulting Group as managing director. Willoughby will advise clients on compliance and regulatory issues and risk assessments relating to the pharmaceutical and biotech sectors.

**Job I. Serebrov '84**, Little Rock, Ark., was named to fill a vacant deputy director's position at the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality. Serebrov will be responsible for supervising the agency's Air, Environmental Preservation and Technical Services, Hazardous Waste and Regulated Storage Tank Divisions.

**James C. Brent '85**, Lexington Park, Md., accepted a position of associate counsel at the Headquarters, Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, Md.

**Mark W. Skinner '85**, Washington, D.C., was inducted into the Clay Center Community High School Hall of Fame.



**The Hon. Rene S. Young '86**, Salina, Kan., was appointed district court judge in the 28<sup>th</sup> Judicial District by Gov. Kathleen Sebelius. Young is the district's first female district court judge.

**Melissa L. Ness '87**, Topeka, Kan., was awarded the 2006 Distinguished Service to Children Award by the Kansas Children's Service League in recognition of her exemplary work and significant contributions on behalf of Kansas children and families.



**Mark E. McFarland '89**, Olathe, Kan., joined the law firm of Wallace Saunders Austin Brown & Enochs Chtd., in Overland Park, Kan.

## 1990's

**Carlene J. Griffith '93**, Buffalo Grove, Ill., joined the law firm of Braun, Browne & Associates, PC. Griffith's primary practice is in real estate law with a focus on shopping center lease transactions.

**Jill M. Crumpacker '94**, Alexandria, Va., was appointed executive director of the U.S. Federal Labor Relations Authority. Crumpacker reports directly to the FLRA chairman and serves as the agency chief operating officer, responsible for broad administrative management of agency-wide operating programs, including budget/finance; facilities and procurement services; information technology; and human capital.

**Eric B. Smith '94**, Topeka, Kan., joined Fisher, Patterson, Saylor & Smith LLP as an associate in the firm's Topeka office. Smith practices in the areas of insurance defense, municipal and governmental liability and employment law.

**Donna A. McElhinney '96**, Kansas City, Mo., joined the firm of Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin LLP as partner in the Real Estate Department of the Kansas City office.



**Michael R. Montero '96**, Reno, Nev., joined the Echeverria Law Office, a firm that specializes in representing the catastrophically injured in plaintiffs' personal injury litigation.

**Chris L. Patterson '96**, American Fork, Utah, became general counsel for ForeverGreen Nutritional Company after restructuring of management.

**Keri A. Kish '98**, Lawrence, Kan., was selected for the 2006 class of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Excellence in Public Service Series. The program aims to increase the number of Republican women serving in elected positions and on public boards.

**Christina L. Ball '99**, Lincoln, Neb., has been named partner with the firm of Baylor, Evnen, Curtiss, Gruit & Witt, LLP. Ball is a member of the firm's Business and Estate Planning Practice Group, and her practice focuses on estate planning, estate administration, business succession planning and corporate entity formation and governance.



**Jason M. Baxendale '99**, San Francisco, Calif., has joined Kaspick & Company, LLC, an investment firm in San Francisco, Calif.



## 2000's

**Lynn S. McGivern '00**, Chicago, Ill., has become corporate counsel with AXA-Assistance USA.

**Angela M. Adams '01**, Topeka, Kan., has become assistant general counsel at Kansas Medical Mutual Insurance Co., Topeka.

**Marcus B. Cooper '01**, Wichita, Kan., has joined the Reno County District Attorney's office in Hutchinson, Kan., as an assistant district attorney.

**Michael C. Grimmert '01**, Douglass, Kan., joined the law office of Gaines & All Law Firm in Augusta.

**Shantele D. Schaad '01**, Midland, Mich., joined the law firm of Robert E. Bourne, PC as an associate.

**Bach T. Hang '02**, Wichita, Kan., joined The Law Offices of Joseph & Hollander, PA in the Wichita office. His practice area focuses on criminal defense and related civil matters.

**Shawn M. Lindsay '02**, Hillsboro, Ore., joined Markowitz, Herbold, Glade & Mehlhaf as an associate. Lindsay's practice will include commercial and intellectual property litigation, and domestic and international intellectual property transactions.



**Julia V. Butler '03**, Lawrence, Kan., joined Riling, Burkhead and Nitcher Chtd. as an associate.

**Blaine B. Finch '03**, Ottawa, Kan., has become president of the Franklin County Bar Association.

**Scott J. Schneider '03**, Topeka, Kan., is the new director of government affairs for Cox Communications. He will oversee the company's relations with local and state government.



**Sonya L. Strickland '04**, Topeka, Kan., has joined The Law Offices of Joseph & Hollander, PA in the Topeka office. Her practice area focuses on criminal defense and related civil matters.

**Matthew R. Bergmann '05**, Topeka, Kan., joined the law firm of Davis, Unrein, McCallister, Biggs & Head, L.L.P. as an associate.



**Vincent M. Cox '05**, Topeka, Kan., joined Fisher, Patterson, Sayler & Smith LLP as an associate in the firm's Topeka office. Cox practices in the area of insurance defense.

**Traci L. Doering '05**, Topeka, Kan., joined Kansas Medical Mutual Insurance Co., as the member services coordinator.



**Johnny C. Kennyhertz '05**, Prairie Village, Kan., has joined Wallace, Saunders, Austin, Brown & Enochs, Chtd., Overland Park, Kan. His practice will focus on workers compensation law.

**Paul M. Mzembe '05**, Wichita, Kan., has become an associate with Hite Fanning & Honeyman LLP, in Wichita, Kan.

**Rebecca F. Rhymer '05**, Evansville, Ind., has joined the law firm of Kahn, Dees, Donovan and Kahn as an associate, concentrating on general civil litigation and insurance defense.



**Monte R. Green '06**, Clay Center, Kan., joined the firm of Ryan & Mullin, LLC as an associate.

**Paula D. Langworthy '06**, Wichita, Kan., has been appointed to the board of directors of the Mid-America All Indian Center in Wichita, Kan.

**Suncetra N. Mickle '06**, Topeka, Kan., joined the Kansas Health Institute as a research analyst to perform public health research.

# 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

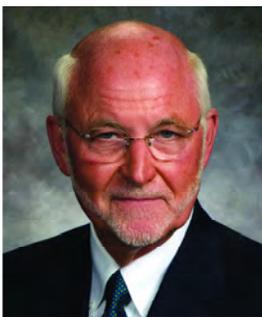
Before joining Washburn Law, Professor Kowalski was visiting associate clinical professor for the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. She was also a staff attorney for the Indian Legal Clinic, Tempe, Ariz.

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.

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## **Assoc. Dean Kelly**

**Anders** was appointed to the 2006 Class of Leadership Greater Topeka for the Topeka Chamber of Commerce.



## **Professor Brad Borden**

is the Vice-Chair of the Sales of the Exchanges and Basis Committee of the American Bar Association section of Taxation.

### Publications:

*The Federal Definition of Tax Partnership*, 43 HOUS. L. REV. (forthcoming, accepted for publication in April 2006).

*Revisiting the Federal Tax Definition of Partnership and the § 761(a)(1) Election in the TIC Environment*, 47 TAX MGT. MEMO. 51 (Feb. 6, 2006).

*How to Structure Like-Kind Exchanges*, TAX ADVISORS PLANNING SERIES (RIA).

*Comments Regarding Notice 2004-53 and the Proper Federal Income Tax Classification of Entities*, (principal author with Sandra Favelukes and Todd Molz).

### Presentations:

“Automation of Rule-Oriented Tax Computations,” American Bar Association Section of Taxation and Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law, Sales, Exchanges and Basis Committee Meeting, Panelist, San Francisco, Calif., Sept. 2005.

“Real Estate Exchanges: All State Survey,” American Bar Association Section of Taxation and Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law, Sales, Exchanges and Basis Committee Meeting, Panelist, San Francisco,

Calif., Sept. 2005.

“Tax and Legal Issues in Partnership Formation,” 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kansas Accountants Tax Conference, Topeka, Kan., Oct. 2005 (with Craig J. Albers and Kevin D. Chambers).

“New Ideas in Tax-Deferred Exchanges,” 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Idaho State Tax Institute, Pocatello, Idaho, Nov. 2005 (with Max Hansen).

“Revisiting the Federal Tax Definition of Partnership and the Section 761(a)(1) Election in the TIC Environment,” CBIZ Tax Conference 2005, “Exchanges of Partnership Interests for Services,” Tucson, Ariz., Nov. 2005.

“Sales and Exchanges: Current Developments,” American Bar Association Section of Taxation and Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law, Sales, Exchanges and Basis Committee Meeting, Panelist, San Diego, Calif., Feb. 2006 and BNA Tax Management Advisory Board, New York, N.Y., Dec. 2005.

## **Professor Jim Concannon**

is on the Ad Hoc Committee of the Kansas Bar Association to recommend whether to adopt a KBA policy on responding to unjust criticism of judges. In Spring 2007 he will become Chair of ABA/AALS



accreditation site inspection team for the University of Wyoming.

### Publications:

Kansas Criminal Law Handbook (4th Ed. 2006) - Chapters 18 (Witnesses), 19 (Relevance and Extrinsic Policies Affecting

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Admissibility), 22 (Judicial Notice) and 23 (Privileges)

2006 Kansas Annual Survey - Chapter 14 (Evidence) (and videotaped CLE presentation)

## Presentations:

"History of the Washburn Law Clinic," 35th Anniversary Celebration of Washburn Law Clinic, Topeka, Kan., Sept. 10, 2005.

"Montoy, Separation of Powers and Judicial Selection," Panelist at Leadership Kansas, Oct. 27, 2005 and Associated Press Day at the Capital, March 14, 2006.

"Evidence Issues in Bankruptcy," Topeka Area Bankruptcy Council, Nov. 16, 2005.



## **Distinguished Professor**

**Linda Elrod** was reappointed in Aug. 2005, to the National Conference of Commissioners Joint Editorial Board for Uniform Family Laws; appointed to the ABA Steering Committee on the Unmet Legal Needs of

Children, Aug. 2002 -2005; Co-Chair of the ABA Pro Bono Custody and Adoption Project Advisory Board; Family Law Section Representative to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws Joint Editorial Board for Family Law; reappointed by the ABA Family Law Section as Editor of the *Family Law Quarterly*; on the Kansas Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Child Support; and is a Certified Domestic Mediator by the Kansas Supreme Court. She received the 2006 Woman of Distinction by the Career Chapter of the American Business Women's Association.

## Publications:

2005 Supplements for 17 chapters of CHILD CUSTODY PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE (West Group Rev. ed. 2004).

2005 Supplements for 16 chapters in KANSAS FAMILY LAW (Thomson West 1999).

*States Differ on Relocation: A Panorama of Expanding Case Law*, 28 (4) FAMILY ADVOCATE 8 (2006).

*A Review of the Year in Family Law: Parentage and Assisted Reproduction Problems Take Center Stage*, 39 Family Law Quarterly 879 (2006).

*Family Law and Human Rights: The United States Perspective*, 7 International Law FORUM du droit international 167 (2005)

## Presentations:

NITA/HOFSTRA Child Advocacy Program, instructor, June 13-18, 2005.

"Balancing the Constitutional Interests of Parents and Children in Relocation Cases" and moderated Panel on Child Custody, International Society of Family Law, July 19-23, 2005.

Presented first draft of Uniform Child Abduction Prevention Act for first reading at annual meeting of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in Pittsburgh, Pa., July 25-28, 2005.

"Update on Family Law: Current Trends" Council of Appellate Staff Attorneys, Dallas, Texas, July 29, 2005.

"Relocation Issues - Best Interests of the Child?" Council of Appellate Staff Attorneys, Dallas, Texas, July 30, 2005.

"Adoption and Safe Families Act: Where are We Now?" Governor's Conference on Juvenile Justice, Aug. 2, 2005.

"Geographical Restrictions in Initial Custody Decrees," Hot Tips from the Expert Program, ABA Annual Meeting, Chicago, Ill., Aug. 7, 2005.

"Balancing the Interests of Parents and Children in Relocation Cases" and Coordinator, 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Law Institute Program, Topeka, Kan., Sept. 16, 2005.  
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“The Friendly Parent as a Factor in Custody Cases” ABA FLS Fall Meeting in San Diego, Calif., Sept. 29, 2005.

“Do We Need a Constitutional Amendment Barring Same Sex Marriage” Debate with Professor Lynn Wardle, Brigham Young University Law School, Federalist Society, Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, Kan., Nov. 8, 2005.

Invitee to special Conference on Representing Children in Families: Ten Years After the Fordham Conference, William S. Boyd School of Law, Las Vegas, Nev.; served on committee looking at International Law and Child Representation, Jan. 11-14, 2006.

“The Changing American Family - Where do We Go from Here?” Keynote Speaker for the Presbytery of Northern Kansas quarterly meeting, Jan. 21, 2006.

Expert Discussant on two papers - “The State of Paternity Establishment” and “Implications of Principles of Family Law” - at Emerging Issues in Paternity Establishment: Expert Symposium, Washington D.C., Jan. 25, 2006.

Invitee to Think Tank on Youth at Risk sponsored by the American Bar Association and Hofstra University School of Law, Hempstead, N.Y., Feb. 2-4, 2006.

“Preventing Abduction in Child Custody Disputes” Workshop for the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, Tampa, Fla., June 1, 2006.

“What’s Wrong with Children’s Rights,” Plenary Session for the Association Family and Conciliation Courts 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, Tampa, Fla., June 2, 2006.

## Associate Dean

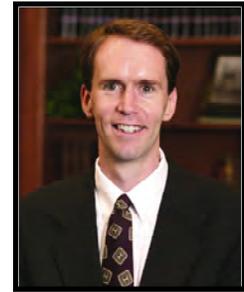
**Alex Glashausser** became Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Washburn University School of Law July 2006, replacing Bill Rich.

### Publications:

Panel of Academic Contributors, *Black’s Law Dictionary* (9th edition).

### Presentations:

“Tort Law and Safety”: lecturer to visiting student group, Spring 2006.



## Professor Lyn Goering

has been appointed to Washburn University’s Institutional Review Board.

### Publications:

*Legal Fiction of the Unpublished Kind:*

*The Surreal Paradox of No-Citation Rules and the Ethical Duty of Candor*, 1 Seton Hall Cir. Rev. 27 (2005)

### Presentations:

“Judicial Review of Administrative Rules and Regulations,” Continuing Legal Education Seminar sponsored by Kansas Department of Administration, April 14, 2006.



## Professor Jeffrey Jackson

### Publications:

*The Modalities of the Ninth Amendment: Ways of Thinking about Unenumerated Rights Inspired by Phillip Bobbit’s Constitutional Fate*, 75 Miss L.J., (2006).

*Beyond Quality: First Principles in Judicial*



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*Selection*, 34 Fordham Urb. L.J. (2006).

## Presentations:

“Beyond Quality,” Symposium on Rethinking Judicial Selection: A Critical Appraisal of Appointive Selection of State Court Judges, Fordham University School of Law, April 7, 2006.

**Professor L. Ali Khan** has been Elected President of Islamic Center of Topeka, Kan.



## Publications:

*The Essentialist Terrorist*, 45 *Washburn L.J.* 47 (2005)

*Lesson that City Bombers Need to Learn*, Accra Daily Mail, (online edition, July 26, 2005).

See also: Statesman (online edition, July 29, 2005); The Daily Star (July 31, 2005); Counterpunch (July 30/31, 2005); Wichita Eagle (online edition) (Aug. 3, 2005).

*Friendly Renditions to Muslim Torture Chambers*, Counterpunch (June 6, 2005). See also: Daily Star (June 7, 2005); Statesman (June 8, 2005); Baltimore Chronicle & Sentinel (online edition, June 7, 2005).

*Is There a Right to Armed Struggle?*, Counterpunch (Aug. 27/28, 2005). See also: Statesman (Aug. 31, 2005); Daily Star (June 7, 2005); “The Changing Right of Armed Struggle,” Baltimore Chronicle & Sentinel (online edition, Sept. 16, 2005, updated).

*The New Commandment on Political Murders: Thou Shalt Not Kill— But We Will*, Baltimore Chronicle & Sentinel (online edition, Oct. 29, 2005). See also: Statesman (Oct. 29, 2005); Daily Star (Oct. 30, 2005).

*The Invention of Porno Torture*, Counterpunch (Sept. 28, 2005). See also: Daily Times (Oct. 3, 2005); Daily Star (Oct. 7, 2005).

*The Essentialist Terrorist*, MWC News Magazine (Nov. 22, 2005). See also: Daily Star (Nov. 27, 2005); Baltimore Chronicle & Sentinel (online edition, Nov. 28, 2005).

*The Challenges of Maximalist Democracy*,

MWC News Magazine (Jan. 29, 2006). See also: Daily Star (Feb. 1, 2006); Baltimore Chronicle & Sentinel (online edition, Feb. 6, 2006); Daily Times (Feb. 6, 2006).

*Islam as Intellectual Property and Commentary on the Constitution of Medina*, in *Understanding Islamic Law: From Classical to Contemporary* (Alta Mira Press, April 2006).

*Hagarism: The Story of a Book Written by Infidels for Infidels*, Baltimore Chronicle and Sentinel (online edition, April 26, 2006). See also: The Daily Star (April 8, 2006); MWC News (April 30, 2006).

*A Theory of International Terrorism: Understanding Islamic Militancy*. (Martinus Nijhoff, May 2006).

## Presentations:

“God and War,” Symposium participant, Barry University School of Law, Orlando, Fla., March 2006.

“The Future of Islamic Law Scholarship,” Symposium participant, Michigan State University School of Law, April 2006.

**Professor Nancy G. Maxwell** was appointed



Director of International Legal Programs for Washburn University School of Law, Aug. 2005. She was inducted as a member of Beta Phi Chapter (Washburn University)

of Phi Beta Delta, Honor Society for International Scholars, Dec. 2005.

## Presentations:

“Comparing Gay Parent Adoption Cases with Child Custody Cases” with Richard Donner, Ph.,D., Washburn University Social Work Department at “In the Interest of the Children: Gay & Lesbian Parenting Issues and

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Perspectives in Adoption, Custody and Foster Care” sponsored by the Washburn University Department of Social Work, Kansas Unity and Pride Alliance, and Metropolitan Community Church, Topeka, Kan., Dec. 5, 2005.

**Professor Bill Merkel** spent May through Aug. 2006 as a stipendiary research fellow at the International Center for Jefferson Studies



at Monticello in Charlottesville, Va., continuing his work on Jefferson, slavery, and early-American legal and constitutional thought.

Publications:

*Mandatory Gun Ownership, The Militia Census of 1806, and Background Assumptions Concerning the Early American Right to Arms: A Cautious Response to Robert Churchill*, 25 LAW & HIST. REV. (forthcoming 2007).

*A Cultural Turn: Reflections on Recent Historical and Legal Writing on the Second Amendment*, 17 STAN. L. AND POL. REV., 101(2006).

“Jefferson’s Failed Anti-Slavery Proviso of 1784 and the Nascence of Free Soil Constitutionalism,” Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum, June 2006.

Presentations:

*The New Contextual History of Marbury v. Madison*, Oxford University Graduate Seminar in American History, Oxford, England, May 16, 2005.

“The Second Amendment: Old Problems, New Paradigms,” at Stanford Law School, Sept. 16, 2005.

“The Constitutional Right to Arms, Covenant Theology, and the Coming ‘Rapture,’” British

Association of American Studies Conference, Canterbury, England, April 22, 2006.

History Honors Society at Washburn University, presentation regarding the draft Iraqi Constitution in Oct. 2005, and about the Second Amendment, April 2006.

**Professor David Pierce** is Secretary for the Executive Committee of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, Denver, Colo., and Counsel for CASA of the 31st Judicial District, Iola, Kan.



Publications:

*Hemingway Oil and Gas Law and Taxation* (West 4th ed. 2005) (co-author with Professors Owen L. Anderson, John S. Dzienkowski, John S. Lowe, Robert J. Peroni, and Ernest E. Smith).

*Interpreting Oil and Gas Instruments*, 1 Texas J. Oil, Gas & Energy L. 1 (2006).

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Presentations:

“Recent Developments in Evidence: Relevancy, Reliability, and the Interaction of Property and Contract Law with the Law of Evidence,” Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, Kan., June 23, 2005.

# Faculty Notes

“Temporal Context and Usage Evidence in Natural Resources Litigation and the Effective Use of Daubert to Manage Expert Testimony,” 51st Annual Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute, Portland, Ore., July 22, 2005.

“Recent Developments in Oil & Gas: Case Law Update,” 30th Annual KBA/KIOGA Conference, Wichita, Kan., August 5, 2005.

“Common Interests Created in Oil & Gas,” “Technical Aspects of Oil & Gas Exploration, Production, and Marketing,” “Implied Covenants,” “Environmental Regulation of the Oil & Gas Industry,” “Drafting Oil and Gas Instruments: Conveying Mineral Interests and Assigning Leasehold Interests,” Oil and Gas Law Short Course, Boulder, Colo., Oct. 18, 2005.

**Professor Sheila Reynolds** is on the Legal Forms Advisory Committee for the Kansas Judicial Council and the Ethics Advisory Committee for the Kansas Bar Association.



Publications:  
*Remedying Client Fraud*, 75 J. Kan. Bar Assn., June 2006.

Presentations:  
“Ten Problems in Negotiation Ethics: Misrepresentation and Settlement Conditions,”

Washburn Law Clinic 35th Anniversary Dinner, Topeka, Kan., Sept. 10, 2005.

“Family Law Malpractice Issues,” Washburn Family Law Center, Topeka, Kan., Sept. 16, 2005.

“How to Teach Students to Tell Stories Effectively,” panel presentation at the 2005 Midwest Conference on Clinical Education, Washburn Law School, Topeka, Kan., Oct. 7, 2005.

“Insurance Ethics: Where Do Your Loyalties Lie?” Kansas Bar Association Annual

Insurance Institute, Topeka, Kan., Oct. 28, 2005.

“Professionalism,” Kansas Bar Association Orientation to Kansas Practice, Topeka, Kan., May 19, 2006.

**Interim Dean and Professor Bill Rich** has been appointed Interim Dean for Washburn University School of Law until a permanent dean is hired.



Publications:  
Modern Constitutional Law, Volumes 1, 2 & 3, 2006 Supplements.

“Lessons of Charleston Harbor: The Rise, Fall and Revival of Pro-Slavery Federalism,” 36 McGeorge L. Rev. 569 (2005).

Presentations:  
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“Contemporary Constitutional Issues,” Bethel College Convocation, Sept. 9, 2005.

“Constitutional Dimensions of Eminent Domain,” Kansas Legislative Committee on Joint Economic Development, Oct. 11, 2005.

“*Kelo v. New London* and the Public Use Doctrine,” Kansas Association of Counties, Nov. 21, 2005.

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# LAW SCHOOL EVENTS

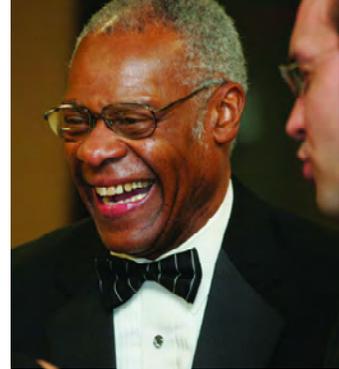
## October 2006

- Oct. 17 & 18** – Kansas Court of Appeals  
Robinson Courtroom & Bianchino Technology Center  
Topeka, KS
- Oct. 27** – Alumni Fellows Luncheon – 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center  
Topeka, KS
- Oct. 28** – Board of Governors Meeting – 9 a.m.  
InterContinental Hotel  
Kansas City, MO
- Oct. 28** – Dean's Circle Dinner – 6 p.m.  
InterContinental Hotel  
Kansas City, MO



## November 2006

- Nov. 1** – Shamburg Constitutional Law Symposium - Judicial Independence – 3:30 p.m.  
Washburn University School of Law  
Topeka, KS
- Nov. 3** – CLE – 2006 Revisions to the Kansas Child in Need of Care and Juvenile Offender Code  
Washburn University School of Law  
Topeka, KS
- Nov. 10** – CLE – 8 Keys to the Art of Persuasion  
Washburn University School of Law  
Topeka, KS
- Nov. 14** – 1L Mentor Reception – 5:30 to 7:30 pm  
Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center  
Topeka, KS
- Nov. 17** – CLE – Kansas Auto Insurance Law  
Washburn University School of Law  
Topeka, KS
- Nov. 29** – KC Plaza Lights Alumni Reception – 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
InterContinental Hotel  
Kansas City, MO



## December 2006

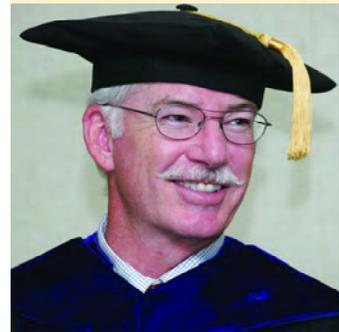
- Dec. 2** – December Recognition Ceremony – 2 p.m.  
Washburn University  
Topeka, KS

## March 2007

- March 8-10** – CLE – The Art of Advocacy: Writing to Win  
Washburn University School of Law  
Topeka, KS
- March 10** – Board of Governors Meeting  
Topeka, KS

## May 2007

- May 11** – Alumni Association Graduate Luncheon – Noon to 2 p.m.  
Topeka, KS
- May 12** – Law School Graduation – 7 p.m.  
Lee Arena  
Topeka, KS



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