

# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION *Awards*

The Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Board of Governors presented its annual awards during the Washburn Law luncheon at the Kansas Bar Association's annual meeting in Topeka on June 21, 2008.

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD *D. Duke Dupre*

The Distinguished Service Award is bestowed on those alumni who have particularly distinguished themselves and brought recognition to the school through public service and through their service to the Washburn University School of Law, the legal profession, or their community.



**D. Duke Dupre, '73**, received his B.A. in Accounting from Kansas State University in 1967. He then entered the U.S. Army, served in Vietnam, and was discharged in 1970 as a captain. Dupre began his career as law clerk to Chief Justice **Harold Fatzer, '33**, of the Kansas Supreme Court. During Dupre's career, he held a variety of legal positions in the telecommunications industry. He describes his career as one that began with defending the then "Bell System" in litigation, antitrust and regulatory cases, became one of handling the multiple legal skirmishes with AT&T, the parent corporation, during the restructuring of the industry following the court-ordered breakup of AT&T, and years later representing a company that had come almost full circle with the many mergers in the industry. Dupre retired in 1999 as vice president and general counsel—external affairs for SBC Communications. He later served as chairman of the board of a software technology company developing encryption algorithms for military and commercial use. Four years ago, he retired from that



*Dr. Jerry Farley, Duke Dupre, '73,  
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Washburn Law Alumni Association*

position. Dupre has continued to provide pro bono legal services to those in need. He is a member of the Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, and Texas State Bar Associations and the American Bar Association.

Dupre has served the law school in numerous capacities, including his current roles as president of the Washburn Law School Foundation, a member of the Washburn Endowment Association, and a member of the school's Business and Transactional Law Center Board of Advisors. He previously served as president and as a member of the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Board of Governors. He was recognized as the 1999 Alumni Fellow by Washburn University School of Law.

HONORARY  
LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD  
*Nancy G. Maxwell*

The Honorary Life Membership is awarded annually to a non-alumnus. The recipient of this honor is someone who has provided a great service to the profession, community, and Washburn Law.



Nancy G. Maxwell holds a B.A. and J.D. from the University of North Dakota and an LL.M. in law teaching from Harvard. She has been teaching at Washburn University School of Law for the past 28 years. Prior to that, she was a visiting professor of law at the University of North Dakota. Professor Maxwell currently teaches Family Law, Feminist Legal Theory, Family Law Seminar, and Criminal Law.

During the School of Law's Centennial Celebration, she and her partner, Terry Curry, endowed a scholarship fund for students interested in family law or nondiscrimination law. In addition, in April 2007, they hosted a law school alumni "house concert" to raise scholarship funds for students from diverse backgrounds. One of the highlights of Professor Maxwell's long tenure at Washburn has been the honor of serving with the officers of the Washburn Law Alumni Association when she and **Bernie Bianchino, '74**, co-chaired the dean's search committee in the fall of 2006. In addition to her other responsibilities, she is director of the Netherlands Programs at the law school and a member of the Family Law Advisory Committee of the Kansas Judicial Council.



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*"I am honored in being bestowed a life membership to the Washburn Law Alumni Association because I join the ranks of skillful, hard working, committed, and honorable attorneys."*

*— Nancy G. Maxwell*



12-YEAR  
SERVICE AWARD  
*Bernie Bianchino, '74*

At the awards ceremony, **Bernie Bianchino, '74**, was presented with an award for 12 years of service to the Alumni Association. Bianchino (second from left) is pictured with Dr. Jerry Farley, president of Washburn University, Dean Tom Romig, and **Steve Cooper, '73**.