Business and Transactional
LAW CENTER

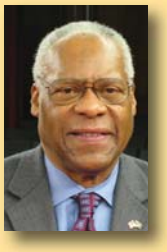
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI IN RESIDENCE

The Business and Transactional Law Center hosted three Distinguished Alumni in Residence during the 2008-09 academic year.

Donna Lance, '95
October 9, 2008
"Ethical and Professional Considerations for the New Lawyer Entering the Practice of Law"

October 10, 2008
"Understanding the Important Role of Accounting and Finance in the Practice of Business Law"

Lance focused on common problems relating to the practice of law, with a special focus on the new lawyer representing business clients. She explained how an attorney must review accounting documents to provide oversight at a corporation. Lance is the Chief Financial Officer for Colorado Capital Bank and Secretary for BankVest, Inc., the holding company for Colorado Capital Bank, in Denver, Colo.



Ambassador Delano E. Lewis, '63
January 29, 2009
"Why Our Training in the Law is More Critical Today than Ever Before"

Read more about Ambassador Lewis' visit on pages 22-23 of this issue.

William "Bill" Thornton, '92
March 4, 2009
"Designing, Drafting, and Administering Client-Centered Contracts"

Thornton was appointed to the Kansas Board of Regents by Governor Kathleen Sebelius in 2007. He is currently the vice president of quality management and corporate counsel of MGP Ingredients, Inc., in Atchison, Kan.

HINKLE ELKOURI EXPERIENCE

The "Day at the Law Firm" continues to be one of our premier extracurricular educational programs for students. This year, eight members of the Hinkle Elkouri firm in Wichita shared their experiences with 21 students regarding the purchase and/or sale of a business. Students also had the opportunity to learn about in-house corporate transactions from **Tom Wakefield, '72**, the general counsel and vice president of Cessna Aircraft Company.

WASHBURN BUSINESS LAW SOCIETY

The Center works in conjunction with the Washburn Business Law Society on providing programs and events. Officers for the 2008-09 academic year were Angela Carlon, president; Paul Cope, vice president; Andrew Clark, treasurer; and Patrick Vogelsberg, secretary.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Center's student-focused programming is designed to show students how to connect their classroom learning with the practice of law. To earn the Business and Transactional Law Certificate, a student is required to attend a minimum of 500 minutes of extracurricular programming. Between 40 and 90 students attend each of the extracurricular programs sponsored by the Center throughout the year. About half of the students attending programs are first-year students, many who have already reached the required 500 minutes. Many third-year students have more than 1500 minutes of extracurricular program credit. They develop the habit of attending these events, find them valuable, and continue to attend throughout law school.

LUNCHEON SPEAKERS

The following luncheon events were hosted by the Center or student organizations working with the Center. These presentations are open to all students and qualify as "Extracurricular Course of Study" for students interested in obtaining a Certificate of Concentration in Business and Transactional Law.

Bob O'Loughlin, '07
September 10, 2008
"Patents, Trademarks, and Other Intellectual Property"

James Eiszner
September 17, 2008
"Antitrust Law and Trade Regulations"

Professor David Pierce, '77
October 14, 2008
"Professional Skills Instruction Series: Introduction to Legal Drafting"
October 29, 2008
"Drafting Conveyances"
Prior to presenting "Drafting Conveyances," Professor Pierce e-mailed students a fact scenario dictating how a client wants to convey property to his children. He requested that the students turn in a copy of an instrument they feel accomplishes the client's goals. At the program, Pierce went through the conveyances and pointed out their pros and cons. He then presented his version of the conveyance, complete with statutory support.

Jeffrey E. Lewis
November 10, 2008
"Representing the Major Corporate Client as In-House Counsel: Lessons Learned and Things I Wished I Had Known in Law School"

Catherine Walberg
November 18, 2008
"Being General Counsel: Lawyering in the Business and Corporate World"

Tax Panel: Professors Brad Borden, Lori McMillan, and **Joseph McKinney, '75**
November 20, 2008
"The Essential Role of Tax Law in the Practice of Business and Transactional Law"

Professor Bruce Carolan
January 14, 2009
"Anatomy of the Celtic Tiger: The Rise (and Fall?) of Ireland's Economy"

The Honorable Joseph Ghartey
February 19, 2009
"Oil, Gas, and Environmental Issues in Ghana"

2009 TAX LAW COLLOQUIUM

Each year, the Business and Transactional Law Center hosts a tax law colloquium. It provides the opportunity for tax scholars from around the country to discuss scholarly projects. During this informal setting, the participants exchanged ideas and provided feedback regarding scholarly works-in-progress. The tax law colloquium was held on March 27.

Participants were (left to right) Adam Rosenzweig, Washington University in St. Louis School of Law; Walter D. Schwidetzky, University of Baltimore School of Law; Bradley T. Borden, Washburn University School of Law; Gregg D. Polsky, Florida State University College of Law; Joshua D. Blank, Rutgers School of Law-Newark; and Thomas W. Henning, Allen Matkins Leck Gamble Mallory & Natsis LLP/ Loyola Law School Los Angeles.