

Fleshers' Planned Gift to Extend Longtime Support of Washburn Law

Jack Flesher, '72, can trace his connection to Washburn University School of Law back to when he was growing up in Topeka a couple of blocks from the Washburn campus.

As a teenager, he would make his way to campus, to the area where the Washburn Law building now stands, and teach himself to play golf. "And that explains why I can't chip or putt very well," he said.

More than 50 years later, he and his wife, Kathryn, consider the law school an important part of their lives and have helped establish what could be the beginning of a family tradition. Two of their four children have Washburn Law degrees, and in May 2013, their oldest granddaughter graduated from the law school. With eight grandchildren, they hope to see more family ties to Washburn Law.

"Washburn has always been a big part of our lives, and we hope it will continue to be in the future," Jack said.

Committed to supporting the future of Washburn Law, the Fleshers recently decided to establish a gift annuity, which will benefit the law school as part of 150 Forward: The Campaign for Washburn University. Their gift will make an impact on generations of Washburn Law students to come.

Flesher said they made their gift in honor of the superb law education that he, their children, and their granddaughter received from Washburn Law.

"Given our long history with Washburn, we were proud to be able to make a significant contribution to Washburn University School of Law," he said.

Flesher received his bachelor of business administration in accounting from Washburn in 1964 while working at Goodyear and later earned his Juris Doctor while working as an Internal Revenue Service agent in Topeka.

He has practiced law since 1974 as a partner/member of the Wichita law firm of Bever Dye, LC, practicing primarily in the areas of taxation law, nonprofit organizations law, tax and estate planning, and wills and trusts. Flesher is among eight Washburn Law alumni at



Bever Dye. During the last three decades, the focus of his practice on charitable organizations law has gradually increased to the point that, today, it is most of what he does. He has served as a member of the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Board of Governors since 2012.

Flesher said the couple's continued interest in the law school can be attributed to the solid education he received and the career path it has provided him.

"It is important to us to support Washburn Law because it has played such a significant role in my career and in our family's lives," he said.

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Bever Dye, LC Sustains Law Scholarship

Many Washburn University School of Law students benefit from privately funded scholarships established by benefactors and firms such as Bever Dye, LC, based in Wichita. In 2008, the firm's partners established the Bever Dye, LC Law Scholarship to assist students with their legal education at Washburn Law.

The firm has provided legal counseling and representation to individuals and businesses throughout the region for more than 70 years. The firm specializes in taxation, estate planning, trusts, employee benefits, real estate, business and commercial transactions, charitable planning, and organizations. Bever Dye, LC has several Washburn University School of Law alumni who know firsthand how valuable a scholarship can be in successfully balancing rigorous coursework with financial obligations.

"We wanted to establish a scholarship fund to support students the same way other people helped us when we were attending law school. Becoming a lawyer is an expensive, intense endeavor. As a firm, we like knowing that our contribution makes it more feasible for someone else to pursue this rewarding profession," said **Bob Hughes, '82**, a lawyer with Bever Dye.

Jack McTernan, a 3L from Glendale, Ariz., said the Bever

Dye scholarship enables him to focus on classes to support an eventual career path toward estate planning. "It helps to not be distracted by a 9-to-5 job, and it's easier to pick classes since I'm not constrained by a full work schedule," he said.

McTernan chose Washburn University in part because of the resources offered to students, not only through scholarships but also through accessible professors and a commitment to ensuring student success, including initial 1L meetings that candidly discussed positive ways to cope with inevitable stressors.

"I think Washburn does a good job of placing realistic expectations on students, and my professors as a whole have been constructive and respectful," said McTernan. "Law school has given me a lot of fuel for self-growth. I've been impressed with my Washburn education, and I'm grateful for the scholarship assistance that helped relax my financial concerns."

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