

Student Perspectives

- 1 What activity at Washburn Law is helping you become practice ready?
- 2 Which course has been the most intriguing for you and why?
- 3 Describe your dream job.
- 4 What current legal issue in the news do you follow closely and why?

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1st Year
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- 1 I think the activity that has made me most practice ready isn't necessarily an activity but rather the memo and briefs we write for the legal writing class. In practice, we will spend a large portion of time working on legal writing, so these writings will make us that much more prepared for when we are drafting our own client documents.
- 2 I think the most intriguing course so far has been Constitutional Law because it always starts an interesting debate in class.
- 3 My dream job would probably include being a judge, but until that day arrives I would really like to be doing criminal prosecution.
- 4 I've been trying to keep up with news on the Brownback administration's efforts to modify the way we appoint judges from a merit system to an elective or federal system of appointment. This is a directly relevant topic for those of us going into law. The way judges are appointed could impact the decisions made by judges because of the political pressure placed upon them.

Michael Kitowski

2nd Year
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- 1 Washburn Law is helping me become practice ready by creating an atmosphere where I can interact with faculty and other students to develop important oral and written skills that I will use upon graduation. In the Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic, I was able to interact with local veterans, listen to their needs, and determine if we could assist them in writing a will, living will, and/or durable power of attorney.
- 2 I have been intrigued by every course I have taken at Washburn Law. Each course has taught me a different aspect of law. I found Decedents' Estates and Trusts particularly interesting because I think being able to give clients peace of mind on personal affairs is very rewarding.
- 3 My dream job in law encompasses my interest in Decedents' Estates and Trust. I would find it rewarding to use the skills and knowledge I have gained through my studies at Washburn Law to help clients plan and prepare for the future and put their personal affairs in order.

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- 1 In Advanced Oil and Gas Law, I was required to draft increasingly complex contract provisions. Washburn Law also provides a number of extracurricular opportunities, such as Moot Court Council and Trial Advocacy Competitions. The combined effect of in-class work and participating in extracurricular activities has helped me become practice ready.
- 2 I have found the study of Oil and Gas Law to be most intriguing because it combines the complex concepts and application of principles that are taught in the very first year of Law School. It is the one field where I am able to apply concepts from every course I have taken at Washburn Law.
- 3 My dream job is to work as an in-house counsel, preferably for an oil and gas company.
- 4 I have been following ethical issues faced by attorneys for quite some time. As a soon-to-be attorney, it is not only important to know the "dos and don'ts" but also to learn about creative and ethical ways to practice law, and advocate zealously for clients, yet fulfill all of our obligations to our chosen profession.