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A 21st Century Legal Education

As we begin the new academic year, I am again reminded of what an amazing place Washburn Law is for our students, faculty, alumni, and friends.

Washburn Law continues to meet the challenges of providing a 21st century legal education. We have expanded our nationally renowned Oil and Gas program, launched a new Law Early Admissions Program (LEAP) with Baker University, started a Rural Legal Practice Initiative with Kansas State University, and placed 11 students in externships in Western Kansas, thanks to a continuing grant from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation.

Our efforts are paying off in the national rankings. Washburn Law was ranked one of the Best Schools for Practical Training by The National Jurist, Top 16 in the nation for Trial Advocacy by *preLaw* Magazine, Top 11 in the nation for Taxation, and Top 17 in the nation for Business and Corporate Law by *preLaw* Magazine.

Washburn Law has outstanding students, an exceptional faculty, and exemplary programs. Still, it is time to lay a new cornerstone. To remain and advance as a premier law school, we need a building that is both functional and appealing. A new home will help us further strengthen our national reputation and attract the most highly talented students and faculty. The vibrant and flexible spaces will create a more productive environment for faculty, students, and staff, and a deeper and more connected student experience. At our new home on the corner of 21st and Washburn Avenue, we will be the cornerstone for Washburn's campus, Topeka, the state of Kansas, and the entire legal community.

To reach our \$40 million goal, we continue to work with alumni and friends to match the \$20 million that Washburn University and its Board of Regents has committed toward our new home. Our staff, faculty, and alumni volunteers continue to engage more of our loyal alumni and friends as we bring their passionate support for Washburn Law together with this transformative project.

We were very pleased with the recent generous challenge gift of \$1 million from Cynthia Heath. Cynthia and her late husband David, '76, have been great supporters of the Law School for many years. Cynthia's gift will match dollar for dollar each new or increased gift to the building campaign, up to \$1 million.

In closing, at the Dean's Circle dinner a few months ago, I announced I was stepping down as the Dean of the Law School in June 2018. Serving as your Dean has been my honor and privilege and the perfect capstone of my legal career. The median tenure for law school deans today is about 3 years. This is my eleventh year as Dean, and had you asked me when I started "how long do you plan on being Dean," I probably would have said three to five years. These years have gone by quickly. I look forward to visiting with many of you in my last year as Dean, and I know Washburn University will be diligent in finding the right person to lead Washburn Law into the future.

Thank you for all you do to help make Washburn Law what it is today, and what it can become going forward.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Romig
Dean and Professor of Law
Washburn University School of Law



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Grateful for Your Support

This fall is a time of excitement and opportunity for our alma mater, a time to be proud that we are Washburn Lawyers! I want to start this note by thanking our outgoing members of the Washburn Law Alumni Association Board of Governors: **John Duma, '81, John Frieden, '67, Jack Focht, '60, John Hamilton, '65, Ken Morse, '80, and Sue Jean White, '80.** To each, your time on the board was appreciated and your contributions will be felt for years to come. Thank you!

I would also like to take this time to thank Dean Thomas Romig for his dedicated leadership the last 11 years to the School of Law. His service to the Law School has resulted in high national rankings increasing the reputation of the school, and it's been an honor to work with him. I know Washburn University is dedicated to finding an exceptional leader for the next generation of students.

We are excited to welcome the new board members for 2017, highlighted in blue on the sidebar. Our new members will be joining a talented and dedicated team of Washburn Law alumni who comprise our board.

Our most important initiative is to support the fundraising efforts to construct a new law school building. We remain grateful for the strong support expressed by the Washburn Board of Regents and the Board of Governors for the new building on campus. The nature of legal education has changed over the years, and the nearly 50-year old law school building needs to be updated to better serve our students. It is our mission to secure the financial support necessary for a new building that will help attract the very best faculty and students, while cementing Washburn's place as a leading law school in the Midwest.

The Board is also proud to have helped realize a \$400,000 grant from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation in support of our fellow alumni practicing law in the rural areas of Kansas. Washburn alumni in Hays, Norton, Wakeeney, and eight other rural communities — shared their experience and expertise with our current students while having an opportunity to see if these young lawyers are a good fit for rural practice. You can read more about this program on page 25.

Washburn Law brings together the brightest and most committed student community possible, and we could not do this without you. Generous contributions from alumni and friends make it possible for the School of Law to award more than \$2.2 million annually in scholarships, with more than 60 percent of the student body receiving some form of support. We thank you for helping these students make their mark on Washburn Law and the legal community.

I look forward to the year ahead and encourage all alumni to stay connected to Washburn Law through membership, supported programs, and events. Thank you for your generous support.

Sincerely,



Jim Slattery, '75
Chair, Washburn University School of Law
Alumni Association Board of Governors



The Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Board of Governors was first created in 1952. Our mission is to promote the interests of the Law School by engaging our alumni through service to the Law School and the Association, participating in alumni events and programs, remaining connected, and assisting to further scholarship funding. Appointments run July through June.

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Dean Romig to step down in June

Romig will stay at Washburn Law as a member of the faculty following this year.

By Sarah Towle, BA '07 | stowle@wualumni.org

Thomas J. Romig, Dean of the Washburn University School of Law, announced at the annual Dean's Circle Dinner for donors that he will step down from his role as Dean in June 2018 at the end of the academic year. Romig joined the Washburn School of Law in 2007 after a distinguished career with the U.S. Army and the Federal Aviation Administration. Following this year, Romig is planning to stay on at Washburn Law as a member of the faculty.

"Dean Romig has been an inspiring leader for the law school and has helped increase the reputation and visibility of the school during his tenure," said Jerry Farley, president, Washburn University. "This is no small feat since the school was already a highly respected institution in the Kansas legal community when he joined the School of Law almost 11 years ago."

Romig built on the School's reputation, Farley said, and used his national contacts to bring national-level courts to Topeka to hear cases. He also established three joint degree programs with other schools within Washburn and expanded the summer study abroad program. Students can now study in the Caribbean, Germany, Spain, England, and the Netherlands. Romig recently signed an agreement for a program with Osaka University in Japan.

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*-Jerry Farley, president,
Washburn University*

"One of his most recent accomplishments was the establishment of an agricultural law program that has proven to be quite important," Farley said. "This program is a vital component of the Rural Legal Practice Initiative, which is a partnership with Kansas State University – an initiative aimed at addressing the dramatic shortage of lawyers in rural Kansas."

During his tenure, Romig has built the vision for the future of the Law School's programs and facilities, including developing the plan for a new Law School building that will meet the high standards of a 21st century legal education, according to JuliAnn Mazachek, vice president for academic affairs at Washburn.



"Dean Romig attracted some of the best and brightest faculty members from across the country to join Washburn Law, creating a faculty complement well positioned to serve the profession and the next generations of legal students at Washburn," she said.

Additionally, Romig oversaw the development of three new Centers of Excellence, with many of the initiatives and programs in the School of Law receiving national recognition.

"Dean Romig's reputation and legal credentials added prestige to our school, and under his leadership, law school rankings improved, resulting in recognition from numerous highly regarded publications," said **Paul Hoferer, '75**, Washburn University Board of Regents member and Washburn University Foundation director.

The Washburn University School of Law has been honored nationally for the exceptional quality of its legal writing program, practical training, and trial advocacy program during his tenure. Washburn Law was ranked 15th nationally in Legal Writing in *U.S. News & World Report's* Best Grad Schools, 2018 edition. The *National Jurist* in 2017 named Washburn Law as one of the nation's "Best Schools for Practical Training." Washburn Law's trial advocacy program was ranked among the top 16 law schools in the nation by *preLaw* magazine, winter 2017.

A national search for the dean position began earlier this fall.

Washburn trustee issues \$1 million challenge

All new and increased gifts designated to the new Law School building will be matched.

By Sarah Towle, BA '07 | stowle@wualumni.org

Cynthia Heath, BA '71, chair, Washburn University Foundation Board of Trustees, has issued a challenge match for Washburn alumni and the community of up to \$1 million to help build a premiere law school building at Washburn University.

Heath, senior advisor, executive compensation at Emerson Electric, has served on the board of trustees since 2007 and as a director since 2009. While she received her law degree at Washington University in St. Louis, she received her undergraduate at Washburn, and believes now is the time to make this commitment to build a new law building. The Cynthia Heath Law Building Challenge will match all new and increased gifts that are designated to the building, up to \$1 million. For increased gifts, only the amount of the increase will be matched.

"I'm excited to issue this challenge to all Washburn alumni and ask them to step up and help make this law building a reality," she said. "Even though I did not graduate from Washburn Law, I strongly believe in the quality of education it provides its students, and I believe the new building on Washburn's campus will only enhance this signature program for our future legal community."

She met her late husband, **David Heath, BA '70 and JD '76**, at Washburn. They were longtime supporters of the Washburn University School of Law, and she has continued this support. She received the Washburn University Alumni Association's 2013 Monroe Award, was inducted into the Washburn Athletics Hall of Fame in 2013, received an Honorary Life Membership award from Washburn Law in 2016, and she was selected as an Alumni Fellow in 2017.

"With the leadership and support of Cynthia for the Washburn Law building campaign, we are getting closer to meeting our goals to provide a building that matches the high-caliber education the law school provides its students," said Marshall Meek, president, Washburn University Alumni Association and Foundation. "We hope others will join her by meeting the challenge."



Cynthia Heath, ba '71.

After more than 50 years in the current facility, the current design is no longer suitable to promote the levels of interaction among students and faculty the modern legal environment requires. The new law school building will provide an increase in the number of classrooms and small group study rooms.

"Our new law school building will position Washburn Law as one of the premier venues in legal education," said Thomas Romig, dean, Washburn Law. "Cynthia's vision and commitment, along with many other committed alumni and friends, will make this possible."

Washburn has committed an unprecedented \$20 million to build the law school if \$20 million can be raised in private support. To date, the law campaign raised has raised more than \$6 million.

"Washburn is excited to make this investment in a 21st century learning and technology environment, and the challenge from Cynthia will ensure Washburn Law remains on the cutting edge of legal education," said Jerry Farley, president, Washburn University.

Rural Connection Runs Deep

Relationships with the community key to a successful rural practice.

By Leah Sewell, BA '11

Kerry McQueen, '65, H '17, has had a long and illustrious career as an attorney, but you wouldn't know it just by talking to him.

McQueen has devoted more than 50 years of his practice to civil litigation, antitrust, collective bargaining agreement arbitration, education, health, and workers' compensation law. He is a stockholder and president of Sharp McQueen, P.A., with offices in Liberal and Overland Park, Kan., and is listed in Best Lawyers of America and Kansas Super Lawyers Top 100. That's only a small fraction of his exemplary track record as an attorney.

But in conversation with McQueen about all he's accomplished through the years, he frequently deflects praise and turns his warm, friendly voice toward discussion of his time volunteering to teach Sunday school in his small town of Liberal, Kan., a town of 20,000 in the southwest part of the state.

"My graduation from Washburn Law created extraordinary opportunities for me. My success started there."

"I think it's imperative that someone who practices law in rural Kansas becomes actively engaged in the community," said McQueen. "For most lawyers living in a rural environment, their business comes from their friends and neighbors."

McQueen's life took root in the tiny hamlet of Kirwin, Kan., with a population of just a few hundred people at the time, near the northern central border of the state. He received a bachelor of science in business from Fort Hays State University in 1961, and then the aspirational young man set his sights set on joining the Naval Academy.

"When I was an undergrad, my career goal was to become a naval aviator," said McQueen. But his bid for a spot in the Navy wasn't immediately successful. "I considered alternatives. I took the LSAT exam at Washburn Law, and I was accepted."

McQueen dug in his heels and embraced his unexpected new turn as a law school student.

"After completing my first semester, but before the grades were posted, I got a call back from the Navy. At the time, your grade in a class was dependent on a single file," remembered McQueen. "I declined the offer from the Navy. Then grades were posted, and I'd made it through the semester. I continued on as a law student, and my career went from there."

Fresh out of law school, McQueen accepted a position as an associate at an established law firm in Kansas City. His career would change considerably over time, taking him from an urban to a rural locale, diversifying along the way.

"I started out like most associates at a law firm, doing general practice, but developed a strong emphasis in defending insurance companies," remembered McQueen. "Because of the association I developed with the insurance companies, that practice extended to medical malpractice defense. Then, because of that work, I was invited to become the general counsel for a regional hospital in southwest Kansas."

His relocation to the Liberal area came with a learning curve, but McQueen took it in stride.

"When I was just beginning my practice in southwest Kansas, that area was the setting of one of the largest natural gas reserves in the nation. I began doing defense for a number of class action cases on behalf of the oil and gas industries," said McQueen. "I had to bring myself up to speed on how to properly handle class action cases. There was a lot more research involved."

One strategy for learning the art of class action cases was to closely observe the competition.

"You can learn a lot from your opponents who are on the other side of the table from you," said McQueen.

When it comes to being successful in a mostly rural area, McQueen points to the necessity of forming relationships, not only in the community at large, but also in the law community.

"I believe it's important that lawyers practicing in a rural area have professional memberships involving the legal profession," said McQueen.



Left – President Jerry Farley, Kerry McQueen, '65, H '17, and Dean Thomas Romig. Photo by Earl Richardson.

McQueen served on many boards, including the State Committee of the American College of Trial Lawyers, the Kansas Chapter of the Association of the American Board of Trial Advocates, the Kansas Board of Examiners of Court Reporters, and the Kansas Bar Association, to name but a few.

When, in May of 2017, McQueen was honored by Washburn University School of Law with an honorary doctorate, he expressed his pleasure, but also his surprise.

“I was humbled,” he said. “I am associated with many other Washburn lawyers who deserved to receive the honor, too. As long as I’ve been practicing, I’ve been acquainted with a lot of Kansas lawyers, and I have a lot of respect for them.”

McQueen said he wouldn’t have achieved all that he has over the course of his career without his start at Washburn.

“My graduation from Washburn Law created extraordinary opportunities for me,” said McQueen. “My success started there.”

On his visit to accept his honorary doctorate at the May 2017 commencement ceremony, McQueen marveled at the changes to campus since his time at the school more than 50 years ago.

“In the early sixties, we were located in Carnegie Hall,” said McQueen. “Looking at the law school today—it’s outstanding. And it’s my understanding that there will continue to be big changes and improvements.”

Looking back through the years, McQueen recognizes that he’s mastered his field and worked hard to represent his clients to the best of his ability, gaining numerous accolades along the way.

But at the end of the day, it’s his involvement in Sunday school and church, his work for his city, friends, and neighbors, and his connection to his rural home that count as his most valuable accomplishments.

“Success in the practice is worth a lot more than money,” said McQueen. “There’s a whole lot more to life than how much you earn. I’ve had the opportunity to do a lot of worthwhile things in my community.”

Lessons in Dedication

Professor blazes trail while working on behalf of children of the world.

By Annie Flachsbarth, BA '07

Washburn University School of Law's Distinguished Professor **Linda Elrod, '72**, learned the importance of protecting children at the age of 12 when her parents divorced. She saw firsthand how hard it was for a single mother to cope with work and care for three children and how strongly she wanted to preserve the relationship with both parents while her younger sister was intensely angry with her father for several years.

"I saw divorce from a child's point of view, and I saw the differences in the way children reacted to divorce," said Elrod. She felt children deserved a voice.

Elrod spent every Saturday morning and most summers at her father's law office, answering phones and helping wherever needed. Her father had hired the first female attorney in Johnson County—Gwen Falkenberg, a married mother of two, who practiced family and real estate law and was on a board that helped teenage mothers. She became a role model of someone who "had it all"—challenging career and family. Those early encounters with lawyers, the law, and law practice set the stage for a lifelong love of learning and service.

Even with the seeds planted for a future in law, Elrod never intended to go to law school. Instead, she attended Washburn University to follow in her mother's footsteps by becoming an English teacher. When Dr. Eldo Bunge, head of the English department, refused to count a course from Copenhagen toward her major, her career path changed. Unable to begin working toward her Ph.D., she took the LSAT and applied to Washburn Law. Deans John Howe and Ray Spring let her enter as a provisional student in January 1969.

Standing out as the only woman among the 109 men in her class, Elrod also attracted attention because of her hard work and intellect. Even though she worked two jobs, one teaching ninth grade English in the afternoons, she was only the second female to receive the Nick Cossman Scholarship Award for highest grades in the freshman class. In presenting the award, Professor Jim Ahrens noted Elrod was "not only personable, but also perspicacious, perceptive, and persevering." It was likely these very traits that kept her on Spring's mind when, only a year after graduation in 1973, she was asked to teach summer school when a professor took a magistrate job. In March 1974,

when she was seven months pregnant and working for the Kansas Judicial Council, she filled in for an ill professor during her lunch hours. She was offered a full-time position a week later.

Elrod has taught many different classes over the years, but her impressive and extensive résumé extends well beyond her scholarly duties. She is the Richard S. Richter Distinguished Professor of Law and the director of the Washburn Law Children and Family Law Center. She has written countless articles for law reviews and authored a national family law treatise, a state family law treatise, and co-authored a family law textbook that has been used in 35 law schools. She is a sought-after expert for media interviews and has given more than 170 presentations at local, national, and international events—giving her the opportunity to speak and teach in places like Australia, Canada, England, France, the Netherlands, New Zealand, and Serbia. She was a Fulbright Senior Specialist in Ireland.

Elrod was the first female president of the Topeka Bar Association in 1986-87. She had a colleague, Jim Wadley, design a poster that lawyers gave to dozens of schools to celebrate the bicentennial of the Constitution. She became active in the American Bar Association (ABA) Family Law Section and from 1992-2016 was editor-in chief of the *Family Law Quarterly*, a national publication sent to 12,000 lawyers. In 2000-01, she was the sixth female president of the ABA Family Law Section. For many years, she served on the ABA Steering Committee on the Unmet Legal Needs of Children and on the Pro Bono Advisory Committee on Representing Children in Custody and Adoption. She has been on the U.S. State Department Advisory Committee on Private International Law since 2009.

Through it all, her inspiration for focusing on family law stems from her commitment to always do what is best for children.

"She is constantly motivated to improve the system," said **Ronald Nelson, '81**, a family law attorney in Overland Park, Kan. "Ultimately, she wants to improve the practice across the globe so that children are considered in everything that family lawyers do—rather than have it be done to them."

In fact, one of Elrod's favorite accomplishments was organizing and leading an international, multidisciplinary think tank called the Wingspread Conference. Family law professionals worked on ways to improve outcomes for children in high-conflict custody cases by improving the system, including giving children a voice. The white paper has served as a model for reform.

According to Thomas Romig, dean, Washburn Law, that intense passion she has for family law is what keeps her going.

"She has seen the significant needs in the law to protect children and help families," said Romig. "It is her mission to develop this area of the law, and people from across the world contact her for her expertise and advice."

As a professor, Elrod's credentials, teaching style, and commitment to the field are attractive to incoming students.

"I knew I wanted to go into family law, and Linda Elrod was the reason I came to Washburn," said former student **Ashlyn Yarnell, '13**, a family law attorney in Overland Park, Kan.

"She's the perfect marriage between a practitioner and a teacher and an advocate for family law practices across the country. If you have a tie to her, there is an expectation that you have been taught properly and know your stuff."

Elrod's accomplishments are impressive, to say the least, but also inspiring when considering she has raised two successful children, traveled the world, and remains a constant resource for others in the field.

"She does all of these different things, yet she's very focused," said Nelson. "She expects excellence of others, but at the same time, she is encouraging and enthusiastic about helping people be their best, get involved, and do as much as they can."

While some with her success may have been tempted to move to greener pastures, Elrod remains extremely loyal to Washburn Law.

"You've got to be ready to seize the opportunities when they present themselves," said Elrod. "Every time that I came up with an idea, Washburn has helped me and supported me, and that has made all the difference."

Photo by Doug Stremel





Photo submitted

Setting the Bar

From practicing law to competing in the National Senior Games, Thompson has done it all.

By Chris Marshall, BA '09

When college athletes choose to pursue the legal field over the football field, the workload that comes with the profession forces most of them to leave their playing days in the past.

But throughout law school, his early years as an attorney, and even now as the owner of his own law firm, **Fred Thompson, '66**, has always found the time and energy to compete.

Thompson played football at Ottawa University and coached at Washburn, and once his college eligibility expired, he took to the handball and tennis courts, where he claimed singles, doubles, and mixed doubles city titles.

A 1966 *Topeka Capital-Journal* headline proclaimed, “No Matter What the Sport, He Can Do Better Than You.” That statement still rings true to this day.

The founder of Fred T. Thompson Law Office has qualified for spots in the National Senior Games each of the past 20 years and traveled this June to Birmingham, Ala., to race other cycling and triathlon qualifiers from all areas of the country.

“You’d think at my age you’d start to slow down at some point,” Thompson said, “but I’ve stayed active, not just because of the Massachusetts Games, but because I just like sports.”

The 76-year-old is in his third year as president of the Massachusetts Senior Games, which organizes competitions in 24 different sports for ages ranging from 50 all the way above 100.

“Part of it’s about competition,” Thompson said, “but it’s also about good health, and the benefits it brings to senior citizens.”

While racing at the national level goes a long way toward satiating Thompson's competitive hunger, swimming, biking, and running are missing one of the key elements from his football days – the possibility of taking punishing hits.

To fill that void, Thompson teams up for whitewater rafting races with 53-year-old Charley Brackett, who Thompson said “keeps us in the under-54 division despite my advanced age.” The duo has won Northeast Canoe Whitewater championships each of the past six years.

“It's something I took up 12 to 15 years ago,” Thompson said. “It's a change because you don't have to run too far. You just have to know what you're doing in the water or you'll tip over and get crushed.”

His willingness to tackle a variety of challenges proves beneficial for his law career as well. In the small town of North Adams, Mass., Thompson said he has taken on a wide range of cases.

“I specialize in labor relations,” he said. “I also do family law and criminal law. I know everybody in this town. I've been trying to retire for about five years, but I'm always off meeting and talking with people or doing something in the community.”

Although he's happy with the balance between sports and law now, it's possible neither one would have been a part of his life were it not for a chance meeting in his hometown that led him to the Midwest.

“I was working washing dishes in the summer,” Thompson said. “I met a fellow from Ottawa who saw me throwing the football around, and he told me to come to Kansas and play football. I was about to go into the Air Force, but three weeks later, I was going to Ottawa.”

After his collegiate playing days ended, Thompson taught undergraduate physical education classes at Washburn and spent two years as an assistant football coach, including the 1964 team that ranked fourth in the nation.

He attempted to make football his full-time profession by trying out for the New England Patriots in 1963. When his NFL dreams fell short, he enrolled at Washburn Law and continued offering his assistance with the Ichabods, often suiting up as a scout team quarterback for Tuesday and Wednesday night practices.

“I'm not that big of a guy,” Thompson said. “I got knocked around quite a bit out there, and at one point, I lost a front tooth.”

Thompson's time in law school followed an unconventional pattern, consisting of two spring semesters and four fall semesters. Some believed the reason was because Thompson wanted to stay on campus for another year of football, which he doesn't deny.

“I played two years in college and coached three years at Washburn,” he said. “Then we had a team in intramurals playing for Phi Alpha Delta. People kidded me that I went to law school for an extra year longer just so I could play another season. I'm chuckling here, but they're all true stories.”

“When you're lucky enough to live as long as me, you've got a lot of stories. I'm thankful for my time at Topeka and Washburn, and I'll never forget the Sunday morning touch football games in front of the student union. We used to have a ball.”

Whether football was entirely his motivation, milking his time at Washburn could have had dire consequences. Thompson's graduation came in February 1966, just four months before the Topeka tornado reshaped the future of Washburn and so many of its students.

“I dodged a bullet,” Thompson said. “It hit my neighbors' houses to the left and right but not mine.”

He went back to Massachusetts for Christmas the year of his graduation, not intending to stay, but was hired as a labor relations counselor for Sprague Electric, where he worked for nearly 20 years before moving to private practice in 1986. Although his visits to Kansas since then have been rare—Thompson's last trip to Washburn was for a 40th anniversary celebration of his 1964 conference championship team—he said he still carries with him fond memories on campus.

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May It Please the Court

Twenty-five alumni sworn in to the Bar of the U.S. Supreme Court.

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Washburn University School of Law alumni and friends meet with Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg following the ceremony.

Twenty-five members of the Washburn Law family from across the globe were escorted into the courtroom of the U.S. Supreme Court on April 3, 2017, and seated near the front. All rose as the Justices entered and the nation's highest court was in session. Dean Thomas Romig approached the Justices and said:

“Mr. Chief Justice and may it please the court, I move the admission of the following attorneys.”

He read the names of the 25 who made the trip to Washington, D.C., and Chief Justice John Roberts granted the motion. They recited the oath of the Bar and were then sworn in — a prestigious honor that allows them to argue in front of the nation's highest court. Afterward, at a reception, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg presented Romig a signed copy of the day's opinions and posed for a picture with the group. The 25 new admittees and their families spent the rest of the day touring D.C. and celebrating with area alumni.

This was the seventh time Washburn Law presented alumni before open court for admittance to the Bar. In addition, two other alumni applied for admittance through a written motion.



Top – President Jerry Farley, Bruce Clark, '79, and Kristy Anderson. Bottom – Madison Montero, Michael Montero, '96, Jeanette Montero, and Meg Montero.



Top – Jeremy Kohn, '94, and Laura Graham, '93, in front of the Capitol. Middle – Vo-Laria Brooks, '10, and Astria Brooks. Bottom – Mike Fletcher, '66, and Chris Fletcher, '92, inside the library in the Army and Navy Club.

Top – A view of inside of the Capitol dome. Left – John Westerhaus, BBA '06, JD '12, Preston Nicholson, Alicia Stokes, Laura Mazingo, R.W. Mazingo, '06, Brent Williams, and Lauren Williams, '07. Right – Cliff Ritter, Alex Ritter, '04, John Shoemaker, '04, and Kelli Shoemaker.



Left – Margaret Oliver and Elizabeth Oliver, BPA '06, JD '09. Middle – Kent Smith, '66, Karen Smith, and Cynthia Heath, BA '71. Right – Nino Davila, '91, and Dean Thomas Romig. Bottom – Benjamin Burgess, '72, and Ken Hope, '74.

Taking Care of Business

Washburn Law's female professors lead the way for women attorneys.

By Annie Flachsbarth, BA '07

The area of corporate law conjures up images of boardrooms with men in high-backed chairs sitting around large tables, as it has traditionally been a male-dominated field. At Washburn University School of Law, however, women make up 80 percent of the tenured and tenure-track faculty who teach courses in business and transactional law, altering the gender dynamics and preconceived notions about this field.

“Just go to the closing of a deal and look around the room. You’ll see—it’s all men,” said Professor Amy Deen Westbrook, co-director of the Business and Transactional Law Center at Washburn Law.

In spite of near gender balance among law school students, women remain under-represented in the legal profession, particularly in corporate law. BTLC co-directors Westbrook and Professor Andrea J. Boyack model a new dynamic that isn’t so male dominated to a new generation of lawyers.

Women striving to succeed in transactional law have long battled stereotypes about their ability and accomplishments in the field. But Boyack knows the idea that women cannot be aggressive and effective corporate lawyers is “an outdated myth.”

“In transactional practice, you’re trying to achieve a ‘win-win.’ You’re trying to put together a deal—to imaginatively solve issues and negotiate,” said Boyack. “And many women are particularly skilled in this area—they have the creativity, communication, and people skills to excel.”

Boyack and Westbrook bring to Washburn Law their more than 20 years combined experience in corporate law practice in New York and Washington, D.C. Boyack spent more than a decade practicing structured finance, securitization, acquisitions, and real estate financing in some of the most prestigious national law firms and served as in-house counsel to a Fortune 500 company. Westbrook spent years structuring



Each of the eight female tenured and tenure-track professors who teach business and transactional law bring their own unique expertise to the classroom, expanding the learning opportunities for Washburn Law students. **From Left** – Mary Kreiner Ramirez, Emily Grant, Patricia Judd, Andrea J. Boyack, Aida Alaka, Lori A. McMillan, Janet Thompson Jackson, and Amy Deen Westbrook. Photo by Peggy Clark.

and negotiating international transactions, including project finance, acquisitions, joint ventures, and trade arrangements, representing both companies and sovereign nations.

“It’s very different from when we went to law school. When our students graduate, they’ve already seen a contract, they’ve already seen what the deal looks like, and what the paperwork looks like,” said Westbrook. “We’re not just explaining the business concepts, we’re showing them what the transactions look like—helping them to be fully equipped to get to work after school.”

Last fall, *preLaw* Magazine recognized Washburn Law as among the top schools in the nation in transactional legal education. The school was one of only 21 to receive the top ranking of “A” for its program of Business and Corporate Law and was one of 11 to receive an “A-” ranking in Taxation Law. *preLaw* noted the competition in the area of business and corporate law is particularly strong, as more schools offer concentrations in that area than any other specialty. Washburn Law’s high marks in this area are attributed to the breadth and quality of its transactional and business law curricular offerings and the Law School’s Small Business & Nonprofit Transactional Law Clinic, an integral part of the Business and Transactional Law Center and the only transactional law clinic in the state, led by yet another of Washburn Law’s talented female faculty, Professor Janet Thompson Jackson.

According to Boyack, the female faculty is helping to set a model for female attorneys to consider business and transactional law by showing women can excel in this area and are, in many cases, naturally suited to practice in business and transactional law. Half of the nation’s attorneys focus on transactional work, so creating pathways to this type of legal practice helps prepare law students for the real world and broadens their opportunities.

In addition to increasing student interest in transactional legal work and preparing them for law practice, Washburn Law’s female faculty also model work-life balance that makes a career in the law sustainable. That sustainability in a law career is challenging, particularly for women — women today are more than twice as likely to leave their firms seeking better work-life balance. But all eight of Washburn Law’s female business law professors model a professional life that includes both work and family.

“We all have kids, and we’re all showing that, yes, it is hard, but that you can balance both career and family,” said Boyack. “It used to be that you had to make a choice. But the world is changing, and we’re helping to give it a nudge.”

At a Glance: Areas of Expertise

Aida Alaka

Employment Law
Pre-Trial Advocacy
Legal Analysis, Research, & Writing

Andrea Boyack

Contracts
Debtor/Creditor Relations
Property
Real Estate Transactions

Linda Elrod

Family Law
Child Advocacy
Divorce Practice
Comparative Family Law
Family Law Seminar

Emily Grant

Legal Analysis, Research, & Writing
Decedents’ Estates and Trusts & Future Interests

Janet Thompson Jackson

Property
Race and the Law
Entrepreneurial Law
Small Business and Nonprofit Transactional Clinic

Patricia Judd

Intellectual Property
International Intellectual Property Law
Copyright Law
Advanced Intellectual Property Law
Global Intellectual Property Enforcement Law
Remedies

Lori McMillan

Business Associations
Comparative and International Taxation Law
International Taxation
Law and Economics
Taxation of Business Enterprises
Taxation of Individual Income
Tax Policy

Mary Ramirez

Criminal Procedure I & II
Criminal Law
Antitrust Law
White Collar Crime

Amy Westbrook

Business Associations
Financial Institution Regulation
International Business Transactions
Securities Regulation

Driven to Serve

Life-threatening moment shaped Nuby's career, passion for service.

By Leah Sewell, BA '11

Life has its twists and turns, and when a career path opens, it's usually only in retrospect that we're able to see the significance of our choices. One Washburn Law alumna discovered a way to travel that journey with confidence behind every step.

Cecilia (Brown) Nuby, '15, seizes every opportunity to its fullest. It's an approach she learned through a life replete with twists and turns, a chance meeting with a young student, and an uncomfortably close brush with death.

Brown grew up in Flint, Mich., but her family was Kansas-bound when economic depression hit the area and work opportunities grew scarce. Brown attended Shawnee Mission East High School, Prairie Village, Kan., and later graduated from the historically black college, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. Brown admits she wasn't the model student in those days.

"I would never go to class," said Brown. "But, thank God, I was able to catch on easily and ace a test even if I hadn't studied."

Brown's poor attendance record frustrated speech instructor Faye Hawks, who threatened to fail her from her class unless she held up her end of a bargain. With a keen eye to Brown's talent for oration, Hawks forced her reluctant student to join the debate team. The moment was deeply significant for Brown.

"I just fell in love with debate," said Brown. "It intrigued me competitively, but more than that, I recognized I had a skill for persuasive speech. One day, I called my debate coach and asked, 'What can I do so that I can be in debate for the rest of my life?' She told me, 'You can be a lawyer.'"

And with that, Brown's path forward was inevitable. She crammed for the LSAT and soon found herself on a waiting list for Washburn University School of Law and accepted into New England Law School in Boston, Mass. But before she could make the choice about where to attend law school, Brown found herself at an abrupt roadblock.

In April 2012, doctors discovered she had a life-threatening blood clot that would require surgical removal of half a lung. Alone for a moment in her hospital bed, she gathered her will to survive the ordeal and made a solemn promise.

"I prayed and said, 'God, if you let me live, I will give myself to every opportunity that presents itself,'" said Brown. "And here I am today, living that promise."

For Brown, survival meant persisting in her dream to attend law school and to ultimately practice law emphasizing compassionate service. Brown made the choice to stay closer to home and family. When Washburn Law called with an acceptance, she threw herself into life as a law student.

"I couldn't have asked to be at a better school," said Brown. "It's like a family there. I wouldn't have been able to get that same closeness if I had gone to Boston."

Brown remembers her self-confidence growing through participation in Moot Court and the Trial Advocacy Program at Washburn Law.

"What I learned through Trial Advocacy and Moot Court was invaluable. When I have to cross-examine a witness, I feel like I'm ahead of the game. As an attorney today, I have no insecurities walking into a courtroom," said Brown.

Brown is a busy Kansas City attorney specializing in employment litigation, criminal defense, and family and traffic law. She established her own firm, Cecilia Nuby & Associates L.L.C., in May 2016, just one year after her graduation from Washburn Law.

Brown had help along her journey from her debate coach, her mother, and through her faith. She also received financial help through the generous scholarship funds made available at the law school.

"I needed all the help I could get," said Brown. "I was grateful for that scholarship."

During her first year of practice with Stacy Shaw & Associates in Kansas City, Brown mentored an intern from Washburn Law. That intern was **Stephen Grafelman, '16**.

"Stephen was smart, talented, and super professional," remembered Brown.



Photo by Youko Kerr

Brown recognized Grafelman's last name as synonymous with a family she sent correspondence to in appreciation of a gift they made to the school, but thought it was only a coincidence.

"One day, Stephen came in with a picture of me and I said, 'Where did you get this?' And he said, 'You sent this to my father,'" said Brown. "We both knew in that moment that it was an awesome thing. Stephen's internship felt like a divine placement," said Brown.

By mentoring Grafelman, Brown said, "I could thank the family in a way where I didn't even realize I was thanking them."

Grafelman, in turn, is grateful for Brown's guidance.

"She is a wonderful person, and I owe her a lot," said Grafelman. "It was a great experience for me, and it was really my first baby step into the real world of legal practice."

The guiding principle of Brown's practice is "service is joy." Because of the help she received from people like the

Grafelman family, she feels compelled to give in service of others, and not just in the sense of typical client-attorney relationships.

"I've helped the homeless in Kansas City with pro-bono work. Homeless people can't afford attorneys, and they're often exposed to conditions that can get them ticketed for things like panhandling and loitering," said Brown. "I know these people can never pay me, but I know I make a difference in their lives."

She also frequently volunteers at her alma mater when help is needed in Trial Advocacy or Moot Court, those places where, as a student, she found her own sure footing on the path to her career.

"The key to life is to serve others," said Brown. "Service is what brings joy, not money, accomplishment, or titles. The key is helping others accomplish who they need to be."

Investing in Her Roots

Alumna makes scholarship gift to impact lives of future students.

By Leah Sewell, BA '11

Jenifer L. Lucas, '75, knows firsthand the transformative power of education. Lucas reflects over her long career to find that one of the most influential touchstones in her life came with her first exposure to higher education as a freshman at Washburn University in 1963.

That milestone represents the place where Lucas, a timid young woman from small town Kansas, got a wider view of the world, and today she remains indelibly grateful for the scholarships she received, both as an undergraduate and as a law student. Lucas recently decided to reciprocate by pledging half of her estate to fund a scholarship to aid another young student at Washburn Law, where she received her juris doctor in 1975.

"I was a spoiled only child from a small town, and had never been away from home on my own," remembered Lucas. "When I started at Washburn, I was prepared academically, but mentally, I was not prepared."

But at Washburn, she found nurture through scholarships and sorority membership. Lucas pledged Kappa Alpha Theta and began making life-long friends. Following her freshman year at Washburn, Lucas transferred to the University of Tulsa, from which she received a bachelor of science degree in English and education in 1967. She taught high school English in Oklahoma for five years. During that time, she also earned a master's degree in education and English from the University of Central Oklahoma in 1972.

However, during her teaching career, she had a revelation. "I hated teaching. I really didn't understand what I was getting into," admitted Lucas. "So I decided to go to law school, although again, I had no idea what I was getting into!" It proved to be a good decision.

Lucas applied and was welcomed back into the familiar fold at Washburn, this time at the School of Law. During her early years as a lawyer, she also taught English or corporate law as an adjunct to help repay her law school loans.

Her legal career in the energy field began at the Kansas Corporation Commission, where she served as an Assistant



General Counsel for two years. Following that, she served in the legal divisions of Cities Service Gas Company in Oklahoma City and Cities Service Company in Tulsa. She later served as the Contracts Manager for the Natural Gas Liquids Division of Cities Service Company. During the 1980s, Lucas served on the Washburn

Law School Board of Governors, and she was appointed by the Governor of Oklahoma to serve as the public member of the Oklahoma Board of Public Accountancy.

Lucas remained active in Kappa Alpha Theta, too, ultimately serving as the legal advisor to Theta's Grand Council for 12 years. In 1990, she moved to Washington, D.C., where she served as an advisory attorney for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, from which she retired in 2015. She currently resides in Kansas City, in closer proximity to her Kansas roots.

Her gratitude to Washburn never waned.

"After my parents and my Grandmother Lucas, the two things that have helped me to have a good life are my associations with Washburn and Kappa Alpha Theta," said Lucas. "Because of my law degree, I've been able to do things that otherwise wouldn't have been available, and my membership in Theta allowed me to have a huge circle of friends all over the country. The other half of my estate will go to the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation to fund a need-based scholarship for another young Theta."

In establishing her estate plan, Lucas is confident that she will be able to make a positive impact on the lives of future students.

Embracing Technology

Dynamic experiences lead Stremming to believe in importance of new building.

By Leah Sewell, BA '11

Troy A. Stremming's life is an embodiment of the word "busy." It's a word that gets thrown around a lot, but in Stremming's case, it's the kind of busy that happens inevitably when passionate people make those passions a priority. Regardless of life's demands, he has kept a passion for Washburn University alive through continued involvement and generosity.

Stremming, BBA '91 and JD '94, is a dynamic performer in his role as executive vice president of government relations and public affairs for Pinnacle Entertainment, a multi-state casino entertainment company based in Las Vegas. He lends his time and expertise through service on the boards of the Kansas City Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Mid America Minority Business Development Council and the American Gaming Association Task Force on Internet Gaming and Diversity. He has managed multiple professional investments deftly, most recently serving as co-chair of the task force to land the 2016 RNC Convention in Kansas City alongside Mayor Sly James.

He is also a devoted father to Jackson, 17, and Sydney, 15. He and his wife, Abigail, lead a bustling life that most parents of energetic teens will acknowledge requires high outputs of energy and commitment.

There may seem to be no affordable space in his life for dwelling on the past, but Stremming doesn't think of his time at Washburn as merely fond memories to occasionally glimpse in the rearview mirror. The business and legal educations he received were such huge factors in his success, that he's committed to staying involved and supporting the school in return.

"I'm a true Ichabod at heart, and had an excellent opportunity to get an education there," said Stremming, who, as an undergrad, played on both the baseball and basketball teams, and studied marketing and business before going on to graduate from the law school. "I've continued to try to stay involved with the university and, as a member of the board of governors, to provide a good environment for students at the law school."



With a recent donation of \$25,000 toward a new law school building, he ensures that untold numbers of future students become infected with enthusiasm for the Ichabod way of life.

The decision to back a new building made sense for Stremming, who observes the

importance of embracing technological advancements through his career in the casino industry.

"Offering a new, state-of-the-art law school to an already strong academic foundation will allow us to recruit the best of the best for years to come," said Stremming. "Law students spend an extraordinary amount of time in the law school itself, whether that's in the library, clinics or classrooms. As we settle into a new century, students need access to classrooms that are more flexible and outfitted with the newest technology."

Above all, he knows his financial and civic commitments to the school acknowledge his indebtedness to an education that paved the way to a busy life rich with the manifestations of his passions.

"I'm fortunate to be in the position to give back to an institution that not only afforded me an excellent education, but also fond memories for a lifetime," said Stremming. "It's invigorating to think I can touch the lives of so many future Ichabods. Someone did that for me before I became an Ichabod myself, and it's refreshing to pass that forward."

Polsinelli Conducts Renewable Energy Course

Washburn Law students benefit from the experts' on-the-job experience.

By Chris Marshall, BA '09

David Pierce, '77, has taught an energy regulation course at Washburn Law for almost 30 years, but a pair of visiting speakers in 2015 caused him to take a renewed look at the subject.

When Alan Anderson, vice chair of Polsinelli Law Firm's national energy practice, and his colleague, Luke Hagedorn, came to teach a session on renewable energy a couple of years ago, Pierce called it the highlight of the course.

"Students got the chance to learn firsthand from the lawyers who bring multimillion-dollar projects from client concept to the generation of electricity and revenue," Pierce said.

"A course like this would not be possible without practicing lawyers willing to share their time and expertise with our students. Not only do they learn the law and what lawyering is all about, they also witness the pride and dedication that each lawyer brings to his or her particular practice."

The duo's two-hour presentation on wind law left such an impression on Pierce and his students that it led to the creation of an entirely new course, taught primarily by Polsinelli lawyers, titled "Renewable Energy Law: Wind and Solar."

The one-hour course was offered from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on consecutive Saturdays in the fall semester, allowing the attorneys to travel to Topeka and present on their respective portions of the wind and solar development process.

"We worked with David to come up with a course that would be worth taking," Anderson said. "We didn't want to teach something just to teach it. It was a fun experience for us coming up with the components of the class and creating an agenda and curriculum."

Students learned how Polsinelli's attorneys implement the law through planning, procedures, and documents. Lectures also



David Pierce, '77. Photo by Jones Huyett Partners.

covered how financing and related government incentives drive much of the legal component of any major project.

"This is an area we all work extensively in," Anderson said, "so it was taught from the perspective of people who are currently in the field. We have practical advice and war stories we could share from our experiences."

Each phase of the development process was explored in the course by the lawyer who possessed the required expertise, with students examining the law — and the documentation used to implement the law — to accomplish the client's goals.

Polsinelli's national energy practice focuses on laws associated with the development of large-scale wind projects, solar, and other energy-generation projects. The firm has a long history of support for Washburn Law, and several of the company's 900+ lawyers nationwide have come from Washburn.

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Alumni Awards

Six people were honored by the Alumni Association on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017, for their service.

GRADUATE OF THE LAST DECADE (GOLD)



Mark Dupree, JD '07

Mark Dupree was sworn in as District Attorney of Wyandotte County, Kansas, on Jan. 9, 2017. He leads an office of 60 employees in Kansas' fourth largest county and focuses on equitably prosecuting crime, being proactive, and attacking violent crimes and crimes that affect the standard of living. Previously, he was an assistant prosecuting attorney in Jackson County (Missouri) and practiced in the firm, Dupree and Dupree, LLC, along with his wife, Shanelle Dupree, '07. Dupree speaks at numerous churches and schools and has sponsored legal clinics and shadow days. He is an associate pastor and ordained church elder, and a member of the Kansas Bar Association Board of Governors and the Kansas Legal Services Board of Directors.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT



Bob Hartsook, JD '79

Robert Hartsook has established himself as a leader in the field of fundraising and philanthropy consulting and an advocate for education of aspiring fundraising professionals. He founded Hartsook Companies, Inc., the world's largest fundraising consulting practice, in 1986. The company has helped more than 6,000 nonprofits worldwide. He has also invested personally in the field with the Hartsook Chair in Fundraising at Indiana University, Hartsook Institutes at Avila University (Missouri), and the Hartsook Centre for Sustainable Philanthropy at Plymouth University (United Kingdom). Indiana University gave him the Spirit of Philanthropy Award in 2004, and Avila University named him Philanthropist of the year in 2012. Hartsook has written numerous fundraising books on fundraising.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT



John Kemp, JD '74, H'03

John Kemp is a leading advocate for improving the lives of people with disabilities. He is president and CEO of The Viscardi Center (New York), a network of nonprofits providing services to educate, employ and empower individuals with disabilities. In 2006, he received the Henry B. Betts Award, regarded as America's highest honor for disability leadership and service. In 2014, Kemp received the Dole Leadership Prize at the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas. Dole, jd '52, ba '52, honorary '69, honorary '85, personally selected Kemp for the award. Kemp has served on the Medicaid Commission and U.S. State Department's Advisory Committee on Persons with Disabilities.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT



Jessie Junette Nye, JD 1912 (Posthumous)

Jessie Junette Nye came to Washburn in 1901 and graduated from Washburn Law in 1912. She is often cited as a pioneer for women in the law in Kansas and started the Kansas Women Lawyers' Association with two other alumnae in 1919 since women were not permitted to join the Kansas Bar Association (and wouldn't be able to until 1935). Upon graduation, Nye was docket clerk for the Public Utilities Commission. Not fully welcomed into the legal profession as a woman, Nye worked several jobs before establishing her own private practice in Newton, Kansas, in 1931. She worked there until retiring in 1970. Nye had no children of her own, but she influenced many in her extended family to follow in legal studies at Washburn.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE



Steve Cavanaugh, BA '71, JD '80

Stephen Cavanaugh graduated with honors from Washburn Law and joined the firm of Fisher, Ochs & Heck, P.A. The firm is now known as Cavanaugh, Biggs & Lemon, P.A., and he is Of-Counsel. He was president of the Topeka Bar Association and chaired the Bench and Bar Committee for 18 years, and he currently serves both on the Kansas Board for Discipline of Attorneys and as president of the Sam A. Crow Inn of Court. Cavanaugh has a long history as a supporter of Washburn Law and served as an adjunct professor for 11 years. He was also a member of the Alumni Association Board of Governors from 1998 to 2012, serving as president from 2010 to 2012. In addition, Cavanaugh was the president of the Washburn Law School Foundation Board of Directors for three years and served on the Board of Directors and Board of Trustees of the Washburn University Foundation from 2012 to 2015.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP



Dean Thomas J. Romig

Thomas J. Romig became Dean of Washburn Law in 2007 and announced recently this would be his final academic year as Dean. During his tenure, he established three joint degree programs with other schools within Washburn, expanded the summer study abroad program and an agriculture law program. The School has been recognized nationally for its legal writing program, practical training, and trial advocacy program. He graduated with honors from Santa Clara University School of Law (California). During his prestigious military career, he served four years as the 36th Judge Advocate General of the Army, supervising 9,000 personnel across 22 countries. He served as Chief of Army Civil Law and Litigation and Chief of Military Law and Operations. The Kansas Bar Association awarded Romig the Courageous Attorney Award in 2009 for his time as Judge Advocate General of the Army for positions against interrogation methods in violation of the Geneva Conventions and Uniform Code of Military Justice. His military service has earned him numerous decorations and badges.

News Briefs

Public Interest: First Scholarship Awarded to Edna Reyes



In 2007, faculty of the Washburn Law Clinic came together to establish the Washburn Law Clinic Public Interest Scholarship fund with the hope of helping future students in their final year of law school. Through the years, the scholarship fund grew with additional contributions from faculty and friends of the Clinic.

This past academic year, **Edna Reyes, '17**, was awarded the first Washburn Law Clinic Public Interest Scholarship for her commitment to public interest and her work in the Clinic.

“I have always felt a call to public interest work,” said Reyes. “I think it is because you get to see almost immediately the effect your work has on clients. The work is gratifying and reminds me of why I decided to go to law school in the first place—to help those who cannot help themselves. Receiving the Public Interest Scholarship was basically icing on the cake. When you invest time and effort into your clients, you do it for the impact it has on your clients’ life and for the experience, not for a reward. Nonetheless, I was thrilled to receive the scholarship while doing what I love to do.”

While at Washburn Law, Reyes received the Irvine E. Ungerman Award for Excellence in Clinical Practice. She served as president of the Hispanic-American Law Student Association, diversity chair of the Black Law Student Association, and as a member of the Washburn Law Trial Team. In the summer of 2015, Reyes interned at the 6th Judicial District Court, followed by a 2016 internship for the Department of Homeland Security.

“Attending Washburn Law has been one of my best journeys yet. The support I received from staff, professors, and friends at Washburn Law simulated the same support I received back home. I am a small-town girl and, like many, aspire to be part of something bigger in life. What seemed impossible three years ago finally became possible on May 13, 2017.”

Reyes, who is the first in her family to graduate, hopes to continue her public interest work and will begin her career as an associate immigration attorney at McDonald Tinker PA, a Wichita, Kan., based firm.

“Edna was truly deserving of this scholarship,” said Debi Schrock, managing director of administration, Washburn Law Clinic. “Edna has a real passion for public interest work. She was committed to her work in the Clinic and spent a considerable amount of time volunteering during her three years at Washburn Law.”

Government Legal Careers: Opportunities Abound

For the 10th straight year, members of nearly 30 agencies came together to discuss career opportunities and share their experiences with Washburn Law students. From the Federal Public Defender’s Office to the League of Kansas Municipalities to the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services to the Kansas Supreme Court, students spoke one-on-one with practicing attorneys and government officials at the 10th Annual Government Legal Careers Forum.

“We always have a tremendous response to this event, both from agency representatives and students,” said Tammy King,

director of professional development and pro bono. “Many of those who participate are Washburn Law graduates, but we certainly draw from a wide range of professionals with varied backgrounds and areas of expertise. They are excited to come and share their experiences and answer questions from our students.”

In addition to the networking opportunities, there is an Ethics Continuing Legal Education offering. This past year, the topic was Managing the Risk of a Data Breach: Ethical Obligations and Cybersecurity.

News Briefs

Expert Testimony: 2L Student Testifies before U.S. Senate Subcommittee

Chris Turner, JD candidate '19, brings a whole other career's worth of experience to his Washburn Law education. Turner is a 19-year veteran with the Kansas Highway Patrol and has reached the rank of captain.

It is because of this experience, Turner was chosen to represent law enforcement throughout the United States in his testimony before the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security. Turner's past experience includes his work on national Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program initiatives and his position as vice president with the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance.

Prior to testifying, Turner consulted with Washburn University School of Law Dean Thomas Romig, who served four years as the 36th Judge Advocate General of the Army and retired from the military after 34 years of service. Turner's testimony focused on how to improve commercial motor vehicle safety, stressing three main concerns: stable, long-term funding; exemptions; and motor coach safety.



Seldom is a law student invited to testify before a U.S. Senate subcommittee. "This was the most humbling experience of my life," Turner said. Being asked to testify triggered a complex set of events. The most challenging was getting up to speed on the issues involved; preparation for potential questions and possible political issues our alliance did not want to wade into; and writing and submitting my written testimony on such short notice. Preparation for my oral testimony was daunting especially knowing how to answer possible landmine questions that could have severe backlash."

Foulston Siefkin Lecture: Legal Expert Harold Hongju Koh Featured



Students and faculty alike filled a Washburn Law lecture hall this past spring as Harold Hongju Koh discussed "The Trump Administration and International Law." Koh is one of the country's leading experts and legal scholars in public and private international law, national security law, and human rights. He is a former dean of the Yale Law School, New Haven, Conn., where he is currently the Sterling Professor of International Law.

As the 40th annual Foulston Siefkin lecturer, Koh explored the key areas of U.S. foreign policy during the first months of the Trump administration, examining whether and to what extent the new administration can permanently change the nature of the U.S. relationship with international law and institutions.

Koh has a long and stellar career. He recently served as the 22nd legal adviser of the U.S. Department of State and as assistant secretary of state for the Democracy of Human Rights and Labor. As legal adviser, Koh received the secretary of state's Distinguished Service Award.

Koh has received 15 honorary degrees and more than 30 awards for his human rights work, including awards from Columbia Law School and the American Bar Association for his lifetime achievements in international law. He has co-authored eight books, published more than 180 articles, testified regularly before Congress, and litigated numerous cases involving international law issues in both the U.S. and international tribunals.

Foulston Siefkin LLP has sponsored this lecture series since 1978 to enrich the quality of education at Washburn Law. Articles derived from the lectures are published by the *Washburn Law Journal*.

News Briefs

Making a Difference: Law Students Lead the Way

Volunteering last spring at the SilverSparkle event, a pop-up prom shop in Topeka, to help young women find a prom dress at no charge, **Sarah Anderson, JD candidate '18**, was inspired.

“It was so touching to see these young women come in and find a prom dress they otherwise wouldn’t have,” Anderson said. “I realized the world is so much bigger than me. I grew up not having to worry about things like having a prom dress, so this was a new experience. It’s really broadened my perception of the world around me.”

Not surprising, Anderson, who will chair the 2017 Washburn Student Bar Association’s (WSBA) Barristers’ Ball, has selected Silverbackks as the recipient of next year’s Barristers’ Ball proceeds. Silverbackks, which sponsors SilverSparkle, is a grass-roots organization dedicated to serving the basics needs of the Topeka community—food, clothing, hygiene items, and so forth.

Anderson will have big shoes to fill as chair of the 2017 event. **Sarah Morrison, JD candidate '18**, was chair of the 2016 event. Under her leadership, the Barristers’ Ball committee raised more than \$10,000 for the Topeka Rescue Mission, with 250 people in attendance.

Following the longstanding tradition of the WSBA-sponsored event, Morrison and her committee, of which Anderson was a member, reached out to Law School faculty, alumni, and community organizations for donations for both a live and silent auction.

The committee is responsible for the entire event beginning to end. “One of the things that drew me to be chair is the combination of giving back and event planning,” Morrison said. “I did some of that as an undergraduate with my sorority, Alpha Sigma Alpha. Community service was an important part of what we did.”

Jalen Lowry, faculty advisor and associate dean, reiterated the amount of work that goes into the annual event. “I am very proud of how hard our students work on this event every year,” she said. “They find time to devote to this and make it a success year after year. It’s really gratifying to see them raise money for

worthwhile organizations in the community. Ms. Morrison did an amazing job last year, and I know Ms. Anderson will do so this year.”

In the past few years organizations such as Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Kansas Legal Services, the School of Equestrian Arts, Easterseals Capper Foundation, and the YWCA Center for Safety and Empowerment have been recipients of the funds raised via Barristers’ Ball.



Top – Sarah Morrison, left, and Monet Straub, right, present a check to Barry Feaker, executive director, Topeka Rescue Mission, the beneficiary of the 2016 Barristers’ Ball. **Left** – Sarah Anderson, chair of the 2017 Barristers’ Ball, and Sarah Morrison, chair of the 2016 Barristers’ Ball, are classmates and friends, both of whom entered their final year of law school this fall. Photos submitted.

News Briefs

New faculty



Michelle Y. Ewert joined the clinic in July 2017. Ewert was previously a clinical fellow at the University of Baltimore School of Law's Saul Ewing Civil Advocacy Clinic. Her career has focused on public interest law. She served as a staff attorney at HOPE Fair Housing in Wheaton, Illinois; staff attorney at Central California Legal Services in Visalia, Calif.; and staff attorney and housing law supervisor at the Homeless Persons Representation Project (HPRP), Baltimore, Maryland.



Mary Lynch Matthews, '91, joined the faculty as a visiting professor of law. She has been an adjunct professor at Washburn Law and in the Lawyering Skills program at the University of Kansas School of Law. Matthews has been a career law clerk to the Honorable James K. Logan of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit and a career law clerk to the Honorable Kathryn H. Vratil of the U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas.



Marsha Griggs is an associate professor of law and director of Academic Skills and Bar Passage. Griggs was the assistant dean for Academic Support and Bar Readiness at Texas Southern University's Thurgood Marshall School of Law and has worked in the area of standardized test and bar examination preparation for more than 20 years. She was inducted into the Texas Jury Verdicts Hall of Fame in 2014 and was selected as a 2016-17 administrator of the year by the Thurgood Marshall Student Bar Association.



Thomas Sneed, associate professor of law, is the newly named director of the Washburn Law Library. Prior career experience includes roles as the associate law librarian for research and electronic services at Emory University School of Law and reference librarian at Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. Previously, he served as a law clerk in the 4th Judicial Circuit of Kentucky and practiced for several years as a real estate and title insurance attorney.

Hansen Foundation provides grants for rural internships

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation has selected Washburn University School of Law to receive a grant to support an externship program as part of its Rural Law Program.

The opportunity to entice future lawyers to practice in rural America comes at a time when the number of lawyers available to serve people living in rural areas is disproportionately low. As reported in *The National Law Journal*, some residents of Nebraska have to travel 200 miles each way to reach the nearest lawyers, while Washington has one lawyer for every 12 people. Washburn Law is answering rural Americans' call to have increased access to justice by offering the Rural Law Program to its law students.

Students in the Rural Law Program are provided with an immersive externship experience in one of the 26 counties that the Hansen Foundation serves in northwest Kansas. Students

are enrolled in six hours of externship credit during the summer with full cost of tuition covered by the program. Because students are expected to live in their placement community, they also receive a living stipend of an additional \$5,000 to cover travel, housing, and related expenses during the program.

"The Hansen Foundation grant will allow Washburn Law students to try out rural law practice in these northwest Kansas communities," said Externship Program Director Shawn Leisinger. "Senior attorneys will get to share their experience and expertise while at the same time having an opportunity to see if these young lawyers might be a good fit for rural practice in their small towns. This is a wonderful program that will help to place law students and ultimately young lawyers in underserved rural areas, and is a win-win for the students, rural lawyers, and these communities."

Alumni Events

Government Legal Careers Forum

Feb. 15, 2017

Merideth Hogan, BA '13, JD '17, Jeff Morrow, JD Candidate '20, Katie McAfee, JD Candidate '20, Cleotha Daniels, JD Candidate '20, and Terri Savely, '86. Photo by Martin Wisneski.



Arizona Alumni Events

Phoenix & Tucson, Feb. 18-19, 2017

Top – Roberta Mather and Charley Laman, BA '76, JD '79, in Phoenix. Bottom – Patrick Mikesic, The Hon. Kyle Bryson, '88, Craig Kaufman, '82, Dean Thomas Romig, Lillian Brauner, '86, and Rich Madril, '91, in Tucson. Photos by Susie Hoffmann.



Eastern Kansas Trip

March 27-29, 2017

Top – Mike Crow, '73, The Hon. Gunnar Sundby, BBA '75, JD '78, Todd Thompson, '01, Karla Whitaker, Pamela Campbell Burton, '99, and Jordan Pemble, '15, in Leavenworth. Bottom Left – Cindy Loy, Professor David Pierce, '77, and Richard Dearth, '69, in Pittsburg. Bottom Right – Charles Baskins, BA '96, JD '99, and Don Cashman, BBA '61, JD '64, in Hiawatha. Photos by Alumni Relations staff.



Texas Alumni Events

Dallas & Houston, April 11-12, 2017

Left – Scott Seifert, '92, and Lori Reyes-Seifert, '92, in Dallas. Top Right – Brenda Kitchen, BBA '95, Steve Kitchen, H'05, BBA '70, and Amy Thornton, '00, in Dallas. Bottom Left – Pam Stabler, BA '77, JD '81, and John Stabler, in Houston. Bottom Right – Charles Stokes and The Hon. Charles Stokes, '82, in Dallas. Photos by Julie Olson.



Alumni Events

Spring Commencement

May 13, 2017

Top Left – The class of 2017 JD graduates walk across campus before the ceremony. Top middle – Nicole Pottroff, '17, and Collin Huerter, '17. Top right – Neal Ward, '17, Valerie Desroches, '17, and Stephen Young, '17. Bottom Left – Emily Beard, '17, and Brett Kuasnicka, '17. Bottom Middle Left – Jake Bielenberg, '17, Kaley Schrader, '17, Zachariah Zallo, BA '14, JD '17, and Ethan McInteer, '17. Bottom Middle – Washburn Law Golden Graduates, Bob Alderson, '67, Bill Fitzpatrick, '67, John Frieden, '67, George Scott, BA '64, JD '67, and Russ Davis, BA '50, JD '57. Bottom Right – Alosha Moore, BA '14, JD '17, Frosty, and Professor Craig Martin. Photos by Earl Richardson.



Topeka Alumni Event

April 20, 2017

Mark Works, '88, Tony Mattivi, '94, and Associate Dean Jalen Lowry, '87. Photo by Alumni Relations staff.



Los Angeles Alumni Event

June 11, 2017

Left – Rose Schneeberger and Edward Schneeberger, '73. Right – Host Charlie Manh, '88, and President Jerry Farley. Photos by Jeannie Shy.



Alumni Events

Denver Alumni Event

June 20, 2017

Left – President Jerry Farley welcomes alumni in Denver and shares updates about Washburn and Washburn Law. Top Right – Katie Gerth, '16, Ed Nichols, BBA '64, JD '71, and Meg Littlepage. Bottom Right – Mark Masters, '82, and Ken Hope '74.



Wyandotte County Alumni Event

Sept, 14, 2017

Candice Alcaraz, '16, John Jurcyk, '84, Fred Greenbaum, '80, Chris Korth, '85, and The Hon. Courtney Mikesic, '05. Photo by Alumni Relations staff.



Dean's Circle

Aug. 26, 2017

Top Left – Stu Entz, '65, and Elinor Entz. Bottom Left – Abby Hoelting, JD Candidate '18, and Richard Ross, BA '71, JD '75. Middle – Wayne Davidson, '60, Tony Caputo, Lewjene Schneider, '92, and Carolyn Davidson. Top Right – Bud Cowan, '74, Peggy Cowan, Dana Brewer, '77, and Tina Brewer. Bottom Right – Janet Loebel and Pedro Irigonegaray, '73. Photos by Julie Olson.



Alumni Events

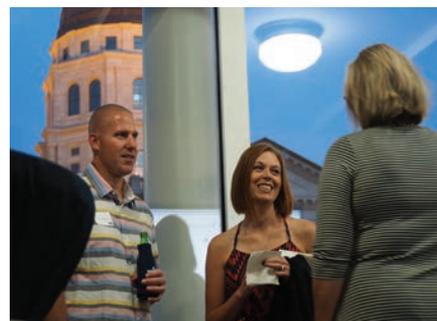
Alumni Weekend

Oct. 6-7, 2017

Alumni enjoyed a weekend gathering with classmates and other Washburn Law graduates for the annual Golf Classic, class receptions, tours of the law school, a CLE, a presentation from Dean Romig and Professor Concannon, and the Alumni Awards dinner.



Top left – Cliff Nye, '13, and Greg Nye, '78, pose with their late aunt, Jessie Junette Nye's, posthumous award. Top middle – John Kemp, '74 (center) poses for a picture with family and friends during the cocktail reception preceding the awards ceremony. Top right – Alumni Weekend attendees look at class photos. Bottom left – Thomas Sneed (far left) gives out information about the library to the classes of 1967, 1977 and 1982 during a stop on the law school tours. Bottom middle – Sarah Balderas, '18, Ethan McInteer, Rick Bailey, '83, and Craig Kreiser, '80. Middle right – Kimberly Moore, '87, Carolyn Simpson, '97, Debra Dorshorst, The Hon. Greg Dorshorst, '87 (red shirt), The Hon. Charles Stokes, '82, and Jalen Lowry, '87. Bottom right – Mark Dupree, '07, and The Hon. Bill Ossmann, '77.



Left – Jonathan Laurens, '92, Mindy Reynolds, '92, Suzanne Dwyer-Ailsieger, '92, Paul Ailsieger, '92, Kris Ailsieger, '00, Bruce Stubbs, '92, and Sinda Stubbs. Middle – Lawrence Domme, Jessica Domme, '07, Karla Whitaker. Right – Paul Hoferer, '75, and Steve Cavanaugh, '80,

Faculty Updates

Publications

Andrea Boyack – Published: “Equitably Housing (Almost) Half a Nation of Renters,” 65 Buffalo Law Review 109 (2017). Published “A New American Dream for Detroit,” 92 University of Detroit Mercy Law Review (2016).

Jeff Jackson – Published “Classical Rational Basis and the Right to be Free of Arbitrary Legislation,” 14 Georgetown Journal of Law & Public Policy 493 (2016).

Patricia Judd – Published “Response: Intellectual Property Shelters,” 91 Tulane Law Review Online 9 (2017).

Craig Martin – Published: “The Legitimacy of Informal Constitutional Amendment and the ‘Reinterpretation’ of Japan’s War Powers,” 40 Fordham International Law Journal 427 (2017).

Joseph Mastro Simone – Published: “Benchslaps,” 2017 Utah Law Review 331 (2017).

Roger McEowen – Published the book, Agriculture Law in a Nutshell (2017).

Mary Ramirez – Mary and Steve Ramirez’ book, The Case for the Corporate Death Penalty: Restoring Law and Order on Wall Street, was published in January, and is now available on Amazon.

David Rubenstein – Published “Immigration Exceptionalism,” 111 Northwestern University Law Review (2017).

Amy Westbrook – Published “Does the Buck Stop Here? Board Responsibility for FCPA Compliance,” University of Toledo Law Review (2017).

Conferences & Presentations

Linda Elrod – Presented “Searching for Federal Family Policy,” and served as moderator and facilitator of a panel on “High Conflict Divorce,” at the 16th World Congress of the International Society of Family Law, Amsterdam, Netherlands, July 25-29, 2017.

Emily Grant – Presented “Helicopter Professors” for the AALS Balance Section Topic conference call, April 12, 2017.

Burke Griggs – Was a panelist speaking on “Science in the Courtroom: How Groundwater Modeling is Changing the Game,” at the 10th Annual Water Law Symposium, the University of Denver, Sturm College of Laws, May 7, 2017.

Joseph Mastro Simone – Presented “Detangling Labor Law: The NLRB and Religious Educational Institutions” at the “Future of Labor and Employment Law” Symposium at Washburn University, Feb. 2017.

David Pierce – Was a panelist speaking on “The Future of Domestic Oil and Gas Law & Policy,” at the Oil and Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Journal Symposium, University of Oklahoma College of Law, Norman, Oklahoma, April 7, 2017.

David Rubenstein – Presented “Immigration Federalism Cake (Some Thoughts on Having it and Eating it Too),” at Immigration Federalism Symposium, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, Tucson, Arizona, February 2017.

Freddy Sourgens – Presented “A Global Faith - Good Faith and the Utility of Difference in Transnational Law,” at University of Oklahoma Law School, February, 2017.

Awards & Honors

Jim Concannon – Received the 2017 Kansas Bar Association Distinguished Service Award. The award has been presented annually since 1971 to a Kansas lawyer for “continuous long-standing service to the legal profession or public.” The award will be presented at the KBA annual meeting in Manhattan on June 8.

Linda Elrod – Linda recognized and honored for her 24 years as Editor in Chief of the Family Law Quarterly at

the ABA Family Law Council Meeting on Oct. 20, 2016, in Quebec City, Canada. She is also honored the 50 Family Law Quarterly 363 (2016), which contains the article: “Dedication to a Fearless Leader, Lawyer, Child Advocate, and Friend: Linda Henry Elrod by Hon. Gail D. Baker.

Service

Rory Bahadur – Was elected to the Chair of the AALS Section on Teaching Methods.

Gillian Chadwick – Provided testimony for the public hearings on SB 124, “Amending factors considered in determinations of child custody, residency and parenting time,” Kansas Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Feb. 16, 2017, and the Kansas House Committee on the Judiciary, March 14, 2017; in addition, she supervised her students provision of testimony for the public hearings on SB 101, “Amending the protection from abuse act and protection from stalking act to establish the protection from stalking or sexual assault act,” Kansas Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Feb. 16, 2017, and Kansas House Committee on the Judiciary, March 14, 2017.

Jim Concannon – Served as Commissioner from Kansas at the Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Law, San Diego, July 14-20, 2017.

Linda Elrod – Presented “Preventing Parental Child Abduction Using UCCJEA, PKPA and UCAPA” at the Cross-Border Family Law Issues CLE at the ABA Family Law Section Fall Meeting in Quebec, Canada.

Burke Griggs – Was named to the Faculty Network for the National Judicial College’s Dividing the Waters Program which helps to educate judges assigned to water rights disputed nationwide.

Class Actions

The following alumni are those whose updates were reported to the school from Sept. 16, 2016, to Sept. 14, 2017. Update your address at alumni@washburnlaw.edu and submit your news at washburnlaw.edu/alumni/classactions.

1962

Gerald J. Letourneau, Topeka, was honored by the Best Lawyers in America 2018 for his Tax Law expertise.

1963

Arthur E. Palmer, Topeka, was honored by the Best Lawyers in America 2018. Palmer was selected to Best Lawyers in 10 categories: Arbitration, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management, Litigation - Environmental, Litigation - Labor & Employment, Litigation - Real Estate, Litigation - Trusts & Estates, and Mediation.

1965

John R. Hamilton, Topeka, was again honored by Best Lawyers in America - 2018 edition. He was honored in the Section on Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law. He is a member of the Topeka, Kansas, and American Bar Association and Owner's Counsel of America. He is also on the Washburn Law School Foundation Board.

The Hon. Gary R. House, Independence, Kan., retired as district judge after serving eight years. House will reopen his private law practice in Sedan, Kan., and practice primarily in Montgomery, Chautauqua, and Elk counties.

1968

The Honorable Robert J. Fleming, Weir, Kan., was presented the Community Outreach and Education Award by the Kansas District Judges Association. Fleming retired from the Labette County District Court on July 14 after 21 years on the bench.

1969

Wesley A. Weathers, Topeka, was honored by the Best Lawyers in America

2018. Weathers was selected in the areas of Personal Injury Litigation – Defense and Product Liability Litigation – Defense.

1970

Lynn R. Johnson, Kansas City, Mo., was ranked as one of Top 50 Kansas City Lawyers in the 2016 Missouri and Kansas Super Lawyers nomination process.

The Hon. Glenn D. Schiffner, Colby, Kan., retired as chief judge of the western-Kansas 15th Judicial District.

1971

H. Philip Elwood, Topeka, was honored by the Best Lawyers in America 2018. Elwood was recognized in the areas of Corporate Law and Health Care Law.

1973

The Honorable Frank Yeoman Jr., Topeka, retired from the bench on Sept. 30, 2017. Yeoman was appointed as a district judge for the 3rd Judicial District in 1990.

1974

John T. Bird, Hays, Kan., received a Kansas Bar Association Outstanding Service Award.

David K. Duckers, Kansas City, Kan., has been selected to serve on the Ethics Commission for the Unified Government of Wyandotte County-Kansas City, Kan., by an Ad Hoc Ethics Commission Appointment Panel.

The Hon. Harold E. Flaigle, Wichita, retired after more than 30 years serving as a municipal court and district court judge. Before he was a district judge, Flaigle served as a municipal court judge and as a small claims judge. He also served in the Sedgwick County District Attorney's

Office and had a private law practice.

Patrick M. Salsbury, Topeka, was honored by the Best Lawyers in America 2018. Salsbury was honored for Workers' Compensation Law – Employer.

1975

The Honorable Robert J. Frederick, Garden City, Kan., was elected president of the Kansas District Judges Association.

1976

Chief Judge Larry T. Solomon, Kingman, Kan., retired. He has served in the 30th Judicial District since 1989. He has been chief judge since 1991.

1977

The Hon. Rebecca Crotty, Topeka, retired as Shawnee County District Judge after seven years on the bench.

Linda P. Jeffrey, Topeka, was honored as the 2017 Woman of Distinction by the American Business Women's Association Career Chapter of Topeka. Jeffrey has served as Topeka's city attorney, Shawnee County counselor, and assistant attorney general for the state of Kansas.

Michael C. Manning, Phoenix, Ariz., was named to Top 50 in Arizona list for 2017 by Super Lawyers. The ranking compiles Arizona attorneys who ranked top of the list during the 2017 Southwest Super Lawyers nomination and research process.

Patricia E. Riley, Topeka, was honored by the Best Lawyers in America 2018. Riley was named as the Topeka Lawyer of the Year for Labor Law - Management. She was also awarded for her work in Product Liability Litigation - Defense and Employment Law - Management.

Ronald D. Smith, Larned, Kan., has written a civil war novel, his second book, called

*Names in blue indicate Alumni Association members.

The Wastage. The novel was written under a pen name, Dean Halliday Smith.

The Hon. John L. Weingart, Hiawatha, Kan., of the 22nd Judicial District has been appointed to sit with the Kansas Supreme Court to review one case on the Court's summary calendar the final day of its January docket. Weingart joined Supreme Court Justices on January 25 as they deliberated a case on their summary calendar. He participated in the opinion drafting that followed.

1978

Bradley A. Bergman, Overland Park, Kan., was named one of Ingram's 250 Most Powerful Business Leaders in Kansas City.

Frank J. Ross Jr., Kansas City, Mo., was named one of Ingram's 250 Most Powerful Business Leaders in Kansas City.

1980

Joseph E. Cosgrove Jr., Austin, Texas, is serving as an adjunct professor of law at the University of Texas School of Law in Austin. Cosgrove is teaching Telecommunications Law and Policy.

Frederick J. Greenbaum, Kansas City, Kan., was named one of Ingram's 250 Most Powerful Business Leaders in Kansas City.

1982

Jeffrey L. Griffith, Derby, Kan., of Griffith & Griffith Law Firm has resigned as Derby Public Schools legal counsel where he has served for the last 35 years. He has closed his practice.

Kim T. Parker, Wichita, received the Kansas County and District Attorneys Association Lifetime Achievement Award.

1983

The Hon. Jennifer J. Lind-Spahn, Wichita, retired from the Wichita Municipal Court where she served since 1999.

1984

Cynthia J. Sheppard, Topeka, was honored by the Best Lawyers in America 2018. Sheppard was honored for Product Liability Litigation – Defense.

1986

Michelle M. Suter, Leawood, Kan., was ranked as one of Top 50 Women in the 2016 Missouri and Kansas Super Lawyers nomination process.

Barry K. Swanson, Lexington, Ky., has been selected as the University of Kentucky's new chief procurement officer (CPO). Barry Swanson assumed the CPO position at UK June 26. He comes to the university from the University of Kansas (KU), where he was associate vice provost for campus operations and CPO.

1987

Colonel Julia D. Rivera, Coppell, Texas, retired from Judge Advocate General after 28 years.

1988

Stephen B. Angermayer, Pittsburg, Kan., received a Kansas Bar Association Outstanding Service Award.

Christopher S. Conroy, West Des Moines, Iowa, is now vice president, Annuity Sales, for North American Company, Life and Health Insurance.

The Hon. Gregory D. Keith, Wichita, is now a Sedgwick County District Court Judge, Division 3.

1989

Natalie Camacho Mendoza, Boise, Idaho, received the Mary Helen Moore 2016 Ambassador of the Year Award from Philanthropy Northwest, Seattle, Wash. The award recognizes an individual or organization who has demonstrated remarkable leadership and made personal contributions beyond financial support that benefits the entire Philanthropy Northwest network. Camacho Mendoza was also elected to join the Board of Directors of the Montana & Idaho Community Development Corporation.

1990

T. Lynn Ward, Wichita, was ranked as one of Top 50 Women in the 2016 Missouri and Kansas Super Lawyers nomination process.

1991

Timothy E. Keck, Topeka, was approved by the Kansas Senate as one of Gov. Sam Brownback's three cabinet nominees. Previously, Keck served as chief counsel for the office of the Lt.

Rhonda K. Mason, '96, first African-American Judge in Johnson County



In January, **Rhonda K. Mason, '96**, was sworn in as a judge in the 10th Judicial District of Johnson County, Kan., becoming

the first African-American judge in Johnson County and the second African-American female judge appointed at the state

level. Mason, who lives in Olathe, Kan., was selected by Gov. Sam Brownback from a field of three finalists chosen by the Johnson County Judicial Nominating Commission.

Following her graduation from Washburn Law, Mason worked as a law clerk for Jackson County Circuit Judge Thomas Newton. From 1998 to 2003, she served as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Jackson County, becoming a trial team leader,

taking on general crimes, drug cases, and domestic violence cases.

Mason's career path led her to a stint at Allstate and the Kansas City, Mo., law firm of Foland, Wickens, Roper, Hofer & Crawford, P.C.

In 2011, she joined Geico as a managing attorney. Mason also had a solo practice, the Mason Law Office, LLC, in Overland Park, Kan., focusing on personal injury litigation and appeals.

Mark Dupree, '07, new District Attorney in Wyandotte County



In January, **Mark Dupree, '07**, took office as district attorney in Wyandotte County, Kan., after defeating the incumbent

Jerry Gorman in the primary election. Gorman had held the office for more than a decade. Dupree is the first African-American district attorney in

Wyandotte County. Dupree was sworn into office by his older brother, **Tim, '04**, a Wyandotte County judge.

Dupree ran his campaign on a four-point platform he intends to carry out now that he is in office—smart prosecution, a community prosecutor's unit, fiscal responsibility, and investment in youth. The platform reflects Dupree's commitment to delivering justice equitably, and

proactively confronting violence and crime that affect the standard of living throughout the community.

Prior to becoming district attorney, Dupree and his wife **Shanelle, '07**, were partners in the firm of Dupree and Dupree, LLC—Attorneys at Law in Olathe, Kan. Dupree also served as public defender in the Johnson County, Kan., and assistant prosecutor in the Jackson County prosecutor's office.

Governor, and the deputy chief counsel at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). As a member of the leadership team at KDHE, he worked closely with KDHE Secretary Susan Mosier on a variety of issues impacting the aging and disability communities.

Kurt P. Kerns, Wichita, received a Kansas Bar Association Outstanding Service Award.

1992

Jeffrey P. DeGraffenreid, Wichita, has rejoined the Foulston Siefkin LLP law firm as a partner. DeGraffenreid began his legal career at Foulston Siefkin in 1992 and left the firm in 2008 to spend nine years at Spirit AeroSystems, Inc., where he most recently served as Deputy General Counsel.

Kenneth R. Newton, Wichita, has joined Cameron & Herrman, P.A.

1993

Shawn R. DeJarnett, Wellington, Kan., was named Wellington city attorney by the city council.

Michael L. Leyba, Garden City, Kan., was hired as a contract attorney with the Department of Children and Families Child Support Services Young Williams.

The Hon. Cheryl A. Rios, Topeka, received the Topeka Bar Association Honorable E. Newton Vickers Professionalism Award. This award recognizes a member of the Topeka Bar Association who, by his or her conduct, honesty, integrity, and courtesy, best exemplifies, represents, and encourages other lawyers to follow the highest standards of the legal profession,

including those contained in the Topeka Bar Association's Creed of Professional Courtesy.

1994

Kelly A. Ricke, Kansas City, Mo., was ranked as one of Top 50 Women in the 2016 Missouri and Kansas Super Lawyers nomination process.

1996

Michelle E. Bowman, Council Grove, Kan., was appointed as Kansas State Bank Commissioner.

Kip D. Johnson, Hays, Kan., and **Colton D. Eikenberry** have combined their solo practices to form Johnson Eikenberry.

Patrick J. Meyer, Detroit, Mich., Kresge Law Library Director and Associate Professor of Law at the University of Detroit Mercy Law, has been awarded faculty tenure and celebrated his five-year anniversary there on June 1.

Chris L. Patterson, American Fork, Utah, was appointed as COO of ForeverGreen Worldwide Corporation.

The Hon. Brad Urrutia, Austin, Texas, has been elected Judge of the 450th Judicial District Court of Travis County, Austin. The 450th is a court of general jurisdiction focusing on felony criminal matters. Prior to running for the 450th, Urrutia was in private practice specializing in criminal defense. As a defense lawyer, he tried more than 100 felony trials including six capital murder cases. His term began in January 2017.

1997

Jack C. Morgan III, Fort Myers, Fla., a commercial litigator with a focus on liability litigation and construction defects, has left a partner position with the Fort Myers office of Roetzel & Andress to join another practice, Aloia, Roland & Lubell PLLC. Morgan joined Aloia, Roland & Lubell as an equity partner. The firm changed its name to Aloia, Roland, Lubell & Morgan.

Joseph S. Passanise, Springfield, Mo., has been selected as a Best Lawyer in America for his 10th consecutive year, recognizing his work in the areas of white collar, non-white collar, and DUI defense. Passanise also has been given the 2016 Lawyer of the Year Award for his excellence in Criminal Defense: General Practice. This follows Passanise's 2015 Lawyer of the Year Award in the area of White Collar Criminal Defense. His firm, Law Offices of Dee Wampler and Joseph Passanise, has been recognized as a Best Law Firm by U.S. News & World Report.

1999

The Hon. Kevin N. Berens, Saint Francis, Kan., was named chief judge of the western-Kansas 15th Judicial District. District 15 includes Cheyenne, Logan, Sheridan, Sherman, Rawlins, Thomas, and Wallace counties.

Natasha K. Riffel-Kuhlmann, Hutchinson, Kan., is now with Martindell Swearer Shaffer Ridenour LLP.

2000

The Honorable Jason E. Geier, Topeka,

was chosen by Gov. Sam Brownback to fill a vacancy on the Shawnee County District Court.

The Hon. Jared Smith, Tampa, Fla., is the new judge on the Hillsborough County Court.

2001

The Hon. Eric N. Williams, Wichita, was elected as a Sedgwick County Judge.

2002

Jennifer L. Lautz, Hutchinson, Kan., is now a partner with Corcoran, Goff & Lautz, Strong Point Law.

The Hon. Kelly K. Mahoney, Sioux City, Iowa, was appointed federal magistrate judge for the Northern District of Iowa.

2003

Robert L. Choromanski, Lenexa, Kan., has been hired as executive director of the Kansas Organization of State Employees.

Gregory C. Graffman, Kingman, Kan., was named to the board of directors for the City Attorneys Association of Kansas. Graffman is one of only two board members to represent smaller communities. He serves as city attorney for the towns of Kingman, Cunningham, Spivey, and Turon.

The Hon. Jennifer L. Myers, Kansas City, Kan., was sworn in as a Wyandotte County District Court Judge.

Tiffany D. Tant-Shafer, Tullahoma, Tenn., joined Legal Aid Society's Tullahoma office with a focus on family, health and benefits, and juvenile law. Prior to joining the Legal Aid Society, she established her own firm where she was a sole practitioner primarily advocating for children as a court-appointed guardian ad litem.

Gabriela A. Vega, Manhattan, Kan., has merged with Bruce Barry to form Barry Vega Law Group. The practice will focus on the areas of family, bankruptcy, and immigration law.

2005

Monique K. Centeno, Wichita, has opened Centeno Law, LLC.

Todd Hiatt, Topeka, is now of Counsel for Harris & Hart, LLC., Leawood, Kan.

Tammie L. Lord, Topeka, was promoted to the general counsel, GHQ Legal Section at the Kansas Highway Patrol. As general counsel, Lord will serve as the GHQ Legal Section Head and continue to handle primarily personnel and civil matters, as well as overseeing the Records section.

Jeffrey N. Lowe, Wichita, is now a member of the International Academy of Family Lawyers.

2006

Charles F. Kitt, Topeka, who left the Shawnee County district attorney's office last year to become chief of prosecution for the city of Topeka, is returning to the district attorney's office.

Nicole M. Romine, Cheyenne, Wyo., is an assistant U.S. Attorney for the Criminal Division in the District of Wyoming.

Richard A. Samaniego, Wichita, has joined Gilliland & Hayes, LLC.

Karan M. Thadani, Topeka, is now the chief prosecutor for the City of Topeka.

2007

John Paul D. Washburn, Topeka, is a 2016 Topeka's Top 20 Under 40 honoree.

2008

Krystal M. Dalke, Wichita, is working remotely as a law clerk for The Honorable Carlos Murguía, Kansas City, Kan.

Lisa K. Garza, Kansas City, Mo., was sworn in as president-elect of the Wyandotte County Bar Association on Jan. 28, 2017.

Shawn C. Jurgensen, Topeka, was named as special counsel to Kansas Supreme Court Chief Justice Lawton Nuss. Jurgensen will essentially be the representative of the state's judiciary in the Statehouse.

Lane R. Palmateer, Wichita, is now at the Law Office of Lane R. Palmateer.

The Hon. Shawn R. Showers, Washington,

Iowa, was appointed judge to the District Court in the 8th Judicial District.

Eryn A. Wright, Salina, Kan., is now the USD 305 executive director of human resources. Wright was previously general counsel.

2009

Timothy M Belsan, Washington, D.C., has been promoted to deputy chief for the National Security & Affirmative Litigation Unit within the Department of Justice's Office of Immigration Litigation.

Danielle R. Hall, Topeka, is now a deputy disciplinary administrator with the Kansas Disciplinary Administrator's Office.

William K. Schmidt, Kansas City, Kan., is now the clinic director for the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic at Kansas Legal Services. The clinic is a state-wide organization that handles tax controversies for low income taxpayers.

Ashley S. Turner, Jefferson City, Mo, is now with the United States Attorney's Office.

2010

Jeremy D. Koop, Wichita, is now a Sedgwick County assistant district attorney.

Kursten, A. Phelps, Washington, D.C., has joined the executive team at Tahirih Justice Center as Director of Legal and Social Services. Tahirih Justice Center is a national, non-profit organization that protects courageous immigrant women and girls who refuse to be victims of violence by elevating their voices in communities, courts, and Congress to create a world where women and girls enjoy equality and live in safety and with dignity.

Shane A. Rosson, Wichita has become a member of the law firm of Triplett, Woolf & Garretson, LLC. Rosson joined as an associate in 2010 and will continue to focus his practice in the areas of general civil litigation with emphasis in business litigation, employment litigation, and estate and probate litigation.

Britain D. Stites, Junction City, Kan., is now the Junction City municipal prosecutor.

2011

Aaron R. Bailey, Topeka, has been named a partner of the Sloan Law Firm. Bailey engages in a general practice of law, including civil litigation, business transactions and litigation, estate planning and probate, and real estate matters.

Samuel R. Foreman, Wichita, is now with Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, L.L.C.

Erin Sommer Good, Wichita, was elected to the board of directors for League 42, which has a mission to provide every child in Wichita the opportunity to play youth baseball.

2012

Lisa M. Brown, Topeka, was named a 2017 Topeka's Top 20 Under 40 by the Jayhawk Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Whitney L. Casement, Topeka, has joined Goodell, Stratton, Edmonds & Palmer, LLP.

Christopher J. Corwin, Naples, Fla., is now associate general counsel at Arthrex, Inc.

Vincent J. Garcia, Wichita, received a Kansas Bar Association Pro Bono Award.

Kelly A. Navinsky-Ward, Manhattan, Kan., is now with the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

Robert J. Rojas, Kansas City, Mo., is now with Littler Mendelson PC. Rojas

spent the last four years as an attorney at Husch Blackwell. He has experience defending claims of discrimination, harassment, and retaliation.

2013

J.D. Hatcher, Carthage, Mo., is now with the Jasper County Prosecutor's Office.

Allison L. Koehn, Topeka joined Newbery, Ungerer & Hickert LLP.

William R. Lawrence, Lawrence, Kan., is the chief of staff for Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley.

Angel Romero, Topeka, is now the vice president of resource development for the United Way of Greater Topeka.

2014

Jenna E. Morgan, Wichita, is now with the Sedgwick County Court Trustee's Office.

Matthew A. Tate, Prairie Village, Kan., is an associate at Waldeck & Patterson. Tate has experience in civil litigation, oil & gas law, contract law, and contract drafting."

Kate Wary, Great Bend, Kan., became a Partner at Bauer, Pike, Bauer & Wary, LLC.

Lisa M. Williams-McCallum, Topeka, has been named a Super Lawyers 2017 Rising Star.

2015

Jesse A. Burris, Mulvane, Kan., was elected to the Kansas House District 82 seat.

Jason G. McIlrath, Topeka, has joined the Shawnee County District Attorney's Office.

Coleman J. Younger, Marysville, Kan., has joined Galloway, Wieggers & Brinegar, P.A.

2016

Lauren E. Amrein, Topeka, has been appointed as an Assistant District Attorney for the Shawnee County District Attorney's Office.

Aaron C. Boswell, Wichita is an associate with Larson & Brown, P.A.

Ben Carmichael, Wichita, has joined Depew, Gillen, Rathbun & McInteer, LC.

Victoria Lynn Eck Johnson, Wichita, has joined the Law Office of Jennifer L. Stultz, LLC.

Anastasia R. Leininger, Newton, Kan., has joined CornerStone Law.

Nathaniel T. Martens, Wichita, is an associate at Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, L.L.C.

Robert J. McFadden, Wichita, has joined Foulston Siefkin LLP.

2017

Jennifer E. Spangler, Topeka, is now with Free State Law.

Lisa L. Martin, Wichita, has become associated with Triplett Woolf Garretson, LLC.

In Memoriam

Washburn Law mourns the passing of the following alumni whose deaths were reported to the school from Sept. 16, 2016, through Aug. 15, 2017.

The Hon. Thomas C. Raum, '49, Wichita, on Sept. 4, 2016, at age 91

Donald B. Clark, '50, Wichita, on Jan. 4, 2016, at age 92

Orlen D. Foltz, '50, Port Townsend, Neb., on Jan. 31, 2017, at age 94

Charles D. Green, '50, Manhattan, Kan., on April 20, 2017, at age 91

Charles G. Niernberger, '50, Manhattan, Kan., on Aug. 13, 2016, at age 91

Col. Hollis B. Logan, '51, Topeka, on Jan. 19, 2017, at age 94

Robert F. Stover, '51, McPherson, Kan., on June 18, 2017, at age 91

The Hon. Thomas A. Bush, '52, Wichita, on May 12, 2017, at age 91

Dan Pinick, '52, Yarrow Point, WA, on June 23, 2017, at age 89

The Hon. Michael A. Barbara, '53, Wichita, on Aug. 25, 2016, at age 94

C. Bruce Works, '53, Topeka, on March 31, 2017, at age 87

Brad Post, '54, Eastborough, Kan., on April 22, 2017, at age 88

Kent Frizzell, '55, Claremore, Okla., on Oct. 26, 2016, at age 87

Joe W. Peel, '55, Naperville, Ill., on June 11, 2017, at age 88

Elwin F. Cabbage, '56, Hutchinson, Kan., on August 22, 2017, at age 87

Dale E. Dixon, '57, Mission Viejo, Calif., on Nov. 5, 2016, at age 84

Stephen A. Tillotson, '57, Woodbury, Tenn., on Feb. 2016, at age 91

Lewis C. Carter, '59, Topeka, on April 26, 2017, at age 93

Jack C. Lorenz, '59, Chesterfield, Mo., on June 22, 2017, at age 87

Gale S. Newton, '60, Lakeside, Ariz., on May 22, 2017, at age 86

W. Frank Ragland, '62, Farmers Branch, Texas, on May, 29, 2017, at age 82

Gene M. Olander, '63, Topeka, on August 24, 2017, at age 84

James C. Wright, '63, Topeka, on March 16, 2017, at age 78

Russell E. Grant, '66, Eastborough, Kan., on Dec. 13, 2016, at age 78

William J. Brady, '68, Atchison, Kan., on Feb. 12, 2017, at age 74

The Honorable Philip R. Shaffer, '69, Salina, Kan., on July 31, 2017, at age 75

James M. Guy, '70, Wichita, on Feb. 23, 2017, at age 71

Bruce E. Miller, '70, Portal, Ariz., on March 20, 2017, at age 77

John C. Roberts, '70, Plevna, Kan., on April 10, 2017, at age 86

Grace A. Schroer, '73, Manhattan, Kan., on July 3, 2017, at age 87

Dr. John W. Stone, '73, Topeka, on August 30, 2017, at age 95

John T. Suter, '73, Hutchinson, Kan., on June 2, 2017, at age 70

Richard C. Mabry, '74, Abilene, Texas, on Dec. 1, 2016, at age 67

Steven W. Graber, '75, Hutchinson, Kan., on Feb. 9, 2017, at age 66

Timothy J. Carmody, '76, Shawnee Mission, Kan., on Jan. 18, 2017, at age 70

Richard G. Knowles, '76, Wichita, on Sept. 7, 2016, at age 69

Francis G. Mathias, '76, El Dorado, Kan., on Nov. 13, 2016, at age 74

Donald J. Easley, '78, Wichita, on Feb. 17, 2017, at age 69

William K. Rork, '79, Topeka, on May 31, 2017, at age 62

Karl V. Cozad, '80, Kansas City, Mo., on Jan. 13, 2017, at age 71

Michael W. Farmer, '80, Topeka, on Oct. 30, 2016, at age 69

Philip S. Milone, '82, Stewart Manor, N.Y., on Sept. 23, 2016, at age 60

Carey S. Carr, '83, Denver, Colo., on Dec. 2, 2016, at age 58

Marta L. Linenberger, '85, Carbondale, Kan., on Feb. 9, 2017, at age 65

Nancy R. Ryan, '85, Shawnee, Kan., on August 26, 2017, at age 58

Raymond K. Schultz, '88, Mascoutah, IL, on August 22, 2017, at age 54

Steven W. Wilhoft, '92, Parsons, Kan., on April 18, 2017, at age 58

William C. Reppart, '93, Grove, Okla., on July 23, 2017, at age 63

Wade H. Bowie, '99, Hoover, Ala., on March 31, 2017, at age 73

Dawn M. Manning, '01, Topeka, on Oct. 20, 2016, at age 50

Dean J. McWilliams, '02, Topeka, on Nov. 11, 2016, at age 51

Kevin D. Chambers, '06, Hutchinson, Kan., on March 21, 2017, at age 36

Richard B. Courson, '09, Overbook, Kan., on Dec. 2016, at age 60

Myles D. Jennings, '12, Anthony, Kan., on Nov. 28, 2016, at age 29

Remembering Ronald Dees, '09



With heavy hearts and gratitude for our time with **Ron Dees, '09**, the Washburn Law community recognizes the lasting

contributions of an exemplary faculty member, father, husband,

and sportsman who passed away August 2, 2017, in Topeka. He was 47.

Dees served as the assistant director of academic skills and bar passage from 2011-2017, and throughout his career, he devoted himself to work that left a marked impact on hundreds of law students. Prior to his career

at the law school, Dees was a Sergeant in the U.S. Marines from 1988-1996 and served in the Persian Gulf War.

Funeral services were held August 5, 2017. Memorial contributions can be made to the Dees' Children's College Fund and sent in the care of Davidson Funeral Home.



SAVE *the* DATE

U.S. Supreme Court Swearing-In

WHO: Washburn Law alumni and friends

WHAT: U.S. Supreme Court Swearing-In trip

WHEN: Monday, June 10, 2018

WHERE: Washington, D.C.

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DECEMBER 2017

- 5 President's Holiday Party in Kansas City
- 6 President's Holiday Party in Wichita
- 8 After Hours in Topeka
- 15 Commencement

JANUARY 2018

- 10 Washburn Wednesday in Kansas City

FEBRUARY 2018

- 9 After Hours in Topeka
- 14 Washburn Wednesday in Kansas City
- 15 Alumni Reception in Kansas City
- 17 Alumni Reception in Phoenix
- 18 Alumni Reception in Tucson
- 27 Alumni Reception in Wichita

MARCH 2018

- 2 Alumni Reception in Topeka
- 3 Board of Governors Meeting
- 9 After Hours in Topeka
- 14 Washburn Wednesday in Kansas City
- 26-28 Kansas Tour Part 1

APRIL 2018

- 4-5 Kansas Tour Part 2
- 11 Washburn Wednesday in Kansas City