

# Greetings Law Alumni

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As we continue the fundraising for a new law school building that will occupy the corner of Washburn Avenue and 21st Street, I am pleased to announce that the Washburn University board of regents has approved a new \$33 million budget for our building project and authorized architects to proceed with a redesign of a new law school building. Accordingly, we are working with the architects to redesign the building to meet the needs of our groundbreaking program of legal education. As you may know, Washburn University School of Law is the first law school in the country to permit law students to complete the third year of law school in the city or town where the student intends to practice after graduation and passing the bar. We call this innovative enrollment option our Third Year Anywhere. I have spoken about this curricular innovation at the ABA annual meeting and the AccessLex Annual Symposium. When I share what our faculty has done with this curricular innovation, I am met with much enthusiasm for our faculty's leadership in legal education. We have been referred to as the change legal education needs which should make us all very proud.

To be the success that we intend our new curriculum to be, we will need a new facility with state-of-the-art technology that includes a one button recording studio for faculty members to record and upload lectures for online courses. We will need classrooms with integrated technology that includes cameras and microphones that make synchronized broadcast of class sessions possible and that make lecture capture possible. We will not need a law library as large as originally contemplated because most research resources are now available electronically and we can be better stewards of financial resources by not duplicating all of those resources in print. Consequently, I am excited to have the faculty, staff and students give input to the architects to help them redesign a law school building that meets our needs and reflects the cutting-edge work that is being done by our faculty inside the building.

I want to say thank you to everyone who has contributed to the law school building campaign. All donors are listed at [wualumni.org/newlawbuildingdonors](http://wualumni.org/newlawbuildingdonors). This donor webpage will be converted to a donor recognition screen that will be in the new law school building. The University commitment to our project remains at \$20 million and we have raised more than \$10 million so far putting us only \$3 million away from our fundraising goal. This is the largest amount raised for a single project in the history of Washburn University. If you have not yet contributed to this campaign and would like more information, please email me at [carla.pratt@washburn.edu](mailto:carla.pratt@washburn.edu). I would be delighted to meet with you to tell you more about our vision for legal education and the new building. If you would like to make a donation to the building campaign, or increase your donation, please visit our website: [wualumni.org/give-to-school-of-law](http://wualumni.org/give-to-school-of-law) or mail your check to Washburn University Foundation at 1729 SW MacVicar Ave., Topeka, KS 66604. Thank you for being a partner in our effort to keep Washburn University School of Law at the forefront of legal education.

Sincerely,



Carla Pratt  
Dean, Washburn University School of Law



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