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Thomas J. Romig

Dear Alumni and Friends,

In our feature story in this issue of the *Washburn Lawyer*, we share with you our redesigned pro bono program. The program encourages students to understand and embrace their future professional obligations by providing legal services to those with limited means. Whenever a Washburn Law graduate succeeds or helps others succeed, as in our pro bono work, it reflects on the value of what we do here each and every day. I hope you will read more about the celebration and some of the pro bono projects involving alumni, beginning on page 30.

Also in this issue is our annual Donor Honor Roll, highlighting those who provided financial support during this past fiscal year to improve the law school in countless ways. Our sincere thank you goes out to these donors for their support.

Washburn Law welcomed an impressive class of 151 students this fall. Applications rose 25% over the previous year. With the benefit of scholarships, we were able to increase the published LSAT scores of the incoming class by two points from a year ago.

Speaking of scholarships, we are facing an immense challenge — recruiting the best and brightest students while also ensuring that their debt load does not hinder them from pursuing their desired professional opportunities. As the competition among law schools continues to heighten, the need for additional funding remains a constant challenge.

To address this need, we have launched the “Students First” Scholarship Campaign, a strategy to improve the academic credentials of incoming classes. During 2009-10, Washburn Law awarded scholarships in excess of \$1.8 million. It is projected that another \$200,000 to \$300,000 is needed for next year to remain competitive with our scholarships. The time is right for us to take this step forward. We know this can be possible with your assistance.

Alumni support comes in a variety of ways. Each time you mentor a law student, attend a program, provide a lecture in your area of expertise, join us for an alumni reception in your community, or make a financial contribution — you are contributing to our law school. Another area where your help can be invaluable is in assisting our students and recent graduates in finding jobs. Our professional development staff works tirelessly on their behalf, but particularly in these challenging times, it would be helpful if you would please keep them in mind whenever opportunities are available within your organization.

This fall featured yet another slate of impressive events at the law school. Our four Centers for Excellence continue to enrich our students’ law school experience. The Business and Transactional Law Center and the *Washburn Law Journal* sponsored “The Future Course of Oil and Gas Jurisprudence II” in October. The Center for Law and Government and the Center for Excellence in Advocacy hosted the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims in late September. Read more about these and many other events at the law school in this issue of the *Washburn Lawyer*.

As you can see, the life of the law school continues to be busy and exciting. Your support and commitment to our law school is, as it always has been, indispensable to our success. By working together, we will share the pride, shape our future, and shine the light on Washburn Law.

Sincerely,



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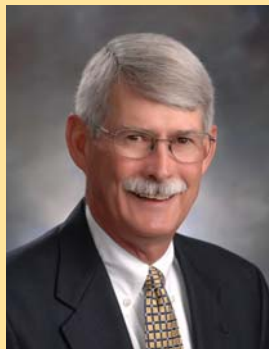
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Alumni Association

The June 18 Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Awards Luncheon was a proud day. Nearly 200 alumni, family, and friends filled the Sheraton Overland Park, Kan., ballroom to celebrate the annual awards ceremony. The spotlight was shining brightly on our law school as the Alumni Association honored Professor Sheila Reynolds with an Honorary Life Membership and **Bill Buntin, '56**, with the Distinguished Service Award. Eleven alumni, whose careers have been highly distinguished, and whose achievements and contributions are widely recognized as significant and outstanding in their field of endeavor, were honored with Lifetime Achievement Awards. Read more about these recipients starting on page 9 of this issue.

Presenting the Lifetime Achievement Awards was a particularly humbling and emotional experience for me and for **Paul Hoferer, '75**, chairman of the awards committee. Among those accepting awards bestowed posthumously were family members who traveled from as far as Seattle, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. We were pleased to have **Andrew "Jack" Focht, '60**; **Gerald "Jerry" Goodell, '58**; and **Dr. Bill Roy Sr., '70**, present to receive their awards. The recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Awards have distinguished themselves in civil rights, business, government, education, politics, private practice, and the judiciary. The far-reaching impact that Washburn Law alumni have made across the United States and in numerous diverse fields of endeavor is impressive indeed.

The contributions made by Washburn lawyers in the *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* case have long been recognized. Through the research and selection process for the Lifetime Achievement Awards, we learned that our graduates played a highly prominent role in the civil rights movement, perhaps much earlier than previously thought. The impact of Washburn-educated lawyers in fair housing and school desegregation has been dramatic. Those attending the awards luncheon left with the knowledge that they were a part of a proud, distinguished legacy of Washburn lawyers. Not just lawyers, but "Washburn lawyers."

Stephen W. Cavanaugh

Fall 2009 Entering Class

AUGUST 21, 2009



New law students and their families are welcomed by Washburn Law faculty and staff at a picnic at Lake Shawnee on August 21.

151 students from 22 different states • 65% are from Kansas • Two are from Russia and two are from China • 57 different undergraduate schools, with the top three being University of Kansas (33), Kansas State University (17), and Washburn University (15) • Other undergraduate schools include Brigham Young, Emory, Fordham, Notre Dame, Southern Virginia, South Florida, Southwest Baptist, University of Washington, and Xavier • 8% have post-graduate degrees • Average age is 25 years old • Various backgrounds and experiences: college debater, two college newspaper editors, forensic nurse, homecoming king, mock trial competitors, national champion livestock judging team member, Peace Corps volunteer, real estate management group president, sports radio talk show host, stockbroker, student body president, teacher, and volunteer who trained missionaries in Argentina • “Sporty” class is full of collegiate athletes, including enough college soccer players to form a small co-ed team, college tennis player, golfer, football player, baseball and softball athletes, and Big 12 regional champion in women’s equestrian competition.



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Emily Anne Yessen
Business and Transactional Law

Certificates earned are indicated by italics.

List includes December 2008 graduates.

Legacies



Chief Justice Kay E. McFarland, Ret., '64, was the speaker at the 104th commencement.

104th Commencement

The 104th Washburn University School of Law Commencement Ceremony was held on the evening of Saturday, May 16, in Lee Arena, on the Washburn campus. Kansas City St. Andrews Pipe and Drums led the processional with Professor Myrl L. Duncan, J.S.D., as grand marshal. Speakers at commencement were: Dean Thomas J. Romig; Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Sheila Reynolds; **Moshe Malashock, '09**, president of the Washburn Student Bar Association; and **Stephen W. Cavanaugh, '80**, president of the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association. Presentation of the Honorary Doctor of Law Degree was made by Washburn University Board of Regents Chair, **Bob W. Storey, '63**. **The Honorable Kay E. McFarland, '64**, was the 2009 recipient of the Honorary Degree. McFarland also gave the commencement address to the Class of 2009. Conferring of degrees was led by Jerry B. Farley, Ph.D., president of Washburn University. A champagne reception to congratulate the graduates was held at the Memorial Union.

Each year, the graduating class votes to honor a member of the faculty as the William O. Douglas Outstanding Professor of the Year. John J. Francis received this award. The Adjunct Professor of the Year was given to **C. William "Bill" Ossmann, '77**.

During the May commencement, 137 students graduated, with 49 receiving Certificates of Concentration in one or more of the following areas: advocacy, business and transactional law, estate planning, family law, international and comparative law, natural resources law, and tax law.



Ryan Hellmer and his father, Jerome Hellmer, '74



*Edward Kainen, '88,
and his stepdaughter, Racheal Mastel*



Curtis McBride, '72, and his son Mason McBride



Clayton Kerbs and his father, Glenn Kerbs, '78



Aaron Martin and his father, Thomas Martin, '77



Alan Rupe, '75, and his stepdaughter, Jordan Wills



Sisters Carol and Anna Krstulic



*Jessica Gregory and her father-in-law,
Lewis Gregory, '83*



COMMENCEMENT

CLASS OF 2009

McFARLAND AND SLOAN RECEIVE *Honorary Degrees*

MAY 16, 2009

The honorary doctorate is the highest academic recognition Washburn University bestows. Candidates for this degree generally have significant ties to the state of Kansas or to Washburn University through birth, residence, education, service, or notable achievement. This past May, the law school was pleased to have two of its graduates receive this esteemed award.



CHIEF JUSTICE KAY E. MCFARLAND, RET., BA '57, AND JD '64, RECEIVES THE 2009 HONORARY DOCTOR OF LAW PRESENTED AT THE SCHOOL OF LAW CEREMONY

Following law school, McFarland was in private practice in Topeka until 1971. She was the first female elected to a judgeship in Shawnee County when she became the judge of the Shawnee County probate and juvenile courts. Two years later, McFarland became judge of the newly-created Fifth Division of the District Court of Kansas. In 1977, she was appointed to the Kansas Supreme Court, having the distinction of being the first woman justice. She was Chief Justice from 1995 until her retirement in January of this year.



JAMES W. SLOAN, BA '50, AND JD '52, RECEIVES THE 2009 HONORARY DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS PRESENTED AT THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES CEREMONY

Sloan retired last year after 56 years with the Topeka law firm of Sloan, Eisenbarth, Glassman, McEntire, and Jarboe LLC. He is currently serving as a trustee for the Washburn Endowment Association. In addition to being a founding member of the Friends of Mabee Library, Sloan has given extensive service to numerous groups in Topeka and on the Washburn campus. He established the James W. Sloan Law Scholarship, Floyd A. Sloan Endowed Law Professorship, James W. Sloan Scholarship Fund for Golf, James W. Sloan Men's Tennis Scholarship, and the Jeanne Bosman-Wohlberg Drama Scholarship.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Awards

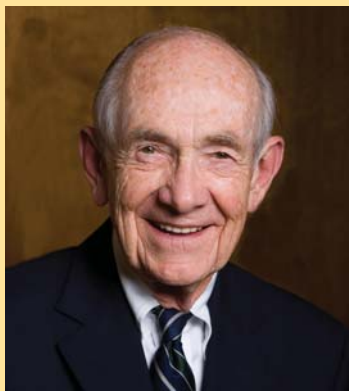
The Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Board of Governors presented its annual awards during the Washburn Law luncheon at the Kansas Bar Association's annual meeting in Overland Park on June 18, 2009.

Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is bestowed on graduates of the School of Law who have particularly distinguished themselves and brought recognition to the school through their service to Washburn University School of Law, the legal profession, their community, or public service.

William D. "Bill" Bunten, '56, was President of INTRUST Bank, N.A (formerly The First National Bank) of Wichita from 1982 until his retirement in 1996. His previous banking positions were as executive vice-president of United Central Bank, Des Moines (1979-82); Merchants National Bank as president from (1967-79); and vice president of National Bank of Detroit (1957-67). Bunten has provided his leadership to several boards: vice chairman, 1st Financial Corporation in Wichita (1982-96); vice chairman, 1st Bancorp Kansas; and Topeka's American Home Life Insurance Company (1974-99). He is licensed in Kansas and Michigan.

His service to Washburn has been extensive, including Washburn Law School Foundation's Board of Directors, currently serving as treasurer; Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Board of Governors (2002-08); Washburn Endowment Association trustee (1990-present) and director (2006); Washburn University Alumni Association (1989-92), president (1991-92); Board of Advisors, Business and Transactional Law Center (2004-present); chairman of the steering committee for the Washburn University School of Law Centennial Celebration (2003-06).



William D. "Bill" Bunten, '56

AB, Baker University, 1953
LLB, Washburn University, 1956
MBA, Wharton School of Finance, 1958

Honorary Life Membership

The Honorary Life Membership is awarded annually to a non-graduate. The recipient of this honor is someone who has provided exemplary service to their profession, community, and to Washburn University School of Law.

Professor Sheila Reynolds majored in Oriental Languages and East Asian Studies in college and was a Woodrow Wilson Fellow at Harvard University from 1966-67, studying Chinese literature. She returned to Kansas for her J.D., was admitted to practice law in Kansas and Missouri in 1971, and worked as a legal services staff lawyer in both states.

Reynolds has been on the Washburn Law faculty for 30 years. During 2008-09, she was Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, in addition to having this responsibility from 1985-91. She has supervised students in family law cases in the Law Clinic for 28 years, and taught Professional Responsibility, Legal Malpractice, Research and Writing, and family law courses.

In 2008, Professor Reynolds received the Robert Gernon Award for Outstanding Service to Continuing Legal Education in Kansas. In 2007, the Kansas Bar Association (KBA) presented her with a Pro Bono Certificate for legal representation of indigent persons without charge, and in 1999 she received the KBA's Outstanding Service Award.



Professor Sheila Reynolds

BA, University of Kansas, 1966
JD, University of Kansas, 1971

Lifetime Achievement Awards

The Lifetime Achievement Award is bestowed upon graduates whose careers have been highly distinguished, and whose achievements and contributions are widely recognized as significant and outstanding in their field of endeavor, whether it be in the practice of law, the judiciary, business, public service, education, or otherwise.

While all graduates of the law school will be eligible for consideration, in general those nominated should be persons whose professional careers have been substantially completed, and who clearly will represent the very best and most accomplished of the law school's many outstanding graduates.

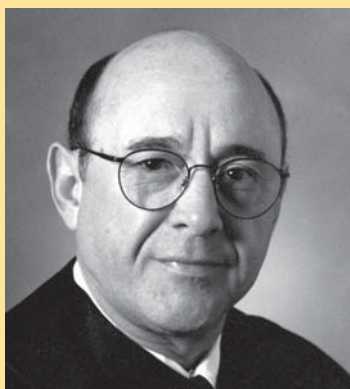
The Hon. James D. Buchele, '66, was

best known in Shawnee County as a district court judge for 18 years. For five years, he was in charge of the county's domestic case docket and was instrumental in forming the first Child Support Guidelines Commission, which revamped the county's child support enforcement policies. Buchele also co-authored *Kansas Family Law* with

Linda Elrod, ba '69, and **jd '71**, Washburn University Richard S. Righter Distinguished Professor of Law. He often lectured and wrote on family law issues. Judge Buchele also handled a number of noteworthy civil and criminal cases during his time on the bench.

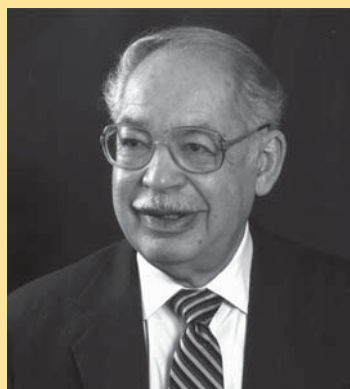
Buchele was one of the youngest candidates in history to win a seat in the Kansas House of Representatives. He served in the legislature from 1965-72. For four years, Buchele was Topeka city attorney, and then became administrative assistant to Congresswoman Martha Keys in 1975. President Carter appointed Buchele to be the United States Attorney for Kansas in 1977, a position that he held throughout the Carter Administration. Kansas Governor John Carlin then appointed Buchele to the district court.

Judge Buchele served in leadership roles for a number of civic and professional organizations, including the Kansas District Judges Association, the Kansas Bar Association, and the American Judicature Society. As a senior judge, he frequently sat with panels on the Kansas Court of Appeals. After his retirement from the bench, Judge Buchele worked as a mediator and arbitrator for business and family disputes.



Philip L. Burton, '48, was a renowned Seattle,

Washington, civil rights and equal employment opportunity lawyer. After law school, he maintained a law practice with Charles M. Stokes (later Judge), a University of Kansas School of Law graduate. Burton and Stokes were two of only a few African American lawyers practicing in Seattle in the late 1940s and early 1950s.



Burton was instrumental in the desegregation of Seattle's schools, pressing the lawsuit in 1963 that led to the Seattle school district's first program for voluntary transfers to achieve racial parity. Another lawsuit was filed in 1966 on behalf of 30 African American students, which was followed by a successful school boycott. Still another lawsuit was filed in 1977, which ultimately resulted in a consent decree in the United States District Court in 1979, under which the school board adopted a citywide mandatory desegregation plan – the first and largest metropolitan school district in the nation to abolish public school segregation without a direct order by the federal courts. In 1967, Burton worked for the enactment of the state's Fair Housing Act.

When he died in 1995, Burton was praised by Seattle's mayor as "first and foremost a champion of civil rights and the rights of human beings." He was one of the most articulate spokespersons for all disadvantaged individuals. Although an extremely modest man, Burton was the recipient of many honors and awards. Burton was the second Washburn graduate selected for the National Bar Association Hall of Fame.

The Hon. James D. Buchele, '66

Born: Sept. 25, 1941 - Cedar Vale, Kan.
Died: May 29, 2003 - Topeka, Kan., at the age of 61

Philip L. Burton, '48

Born: Oct. 15, 1915 - Topeka, Kan.
Died: July 30, 1995 - Seattle, Wash., at the age of 79

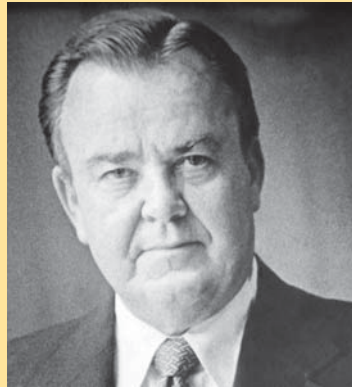
William A. Buzick, '50, known to everyone as “Bill,” was born in the quaint township of Sylvan Grove, Kan., a small community that was actually named by Bill’s grandfather A. R. Buzick, a cattle rancher and founder of the Sylvan State Bank. Bill was an only child, and his parents dedicated themselves to continuing the family ranching and banking business while encouraging their son to do the same. As a young boy, his first job was horseback riding and mending fences on the cattle ranch. During his teenage years, Bill began working in the bank. These experiences, among others, led Bill to earn an undergraduate degree in history from the University of Kansas in 1942. During World War II, Buzick served in the U.S. Navy as a lieutenant and gunnery officer on the U.S.S. *Destroyer Devey*, in the third fleet under Admiral Halsey, a ship on which Bill survived the infamous Philippines Sea Typhoon on December 18, 1944. After the close of the war, Bill enrolled at Washburn University School of Law.

His education and experience prepared him to become president of The Shasta Beverages

Company, a company he inherited from his maternal grandfather E.P. Hickman. It was during the 1950s that Bill transformed The Shasta Beverages Company from its then state of near bankruptcy to a nationally recognized financial success. Bill guided Shasta to become the first company in history to offer soft drinks in a can. Additionally, Bill pioneered a then entirely new market, “diet soda.”

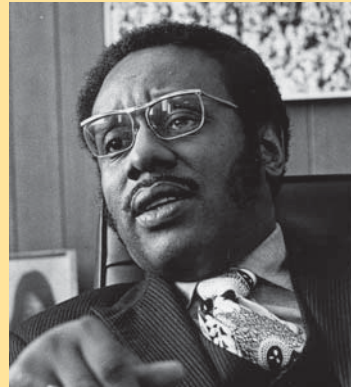
In the mid-1960s, Bill sold the successful Shasta Company to the Chicago-based conglomerate, Consolidated Foods, which later became the international corporation Sara Lee. Bill quickly rose within the company to the position of chairman of the board and chief executive officer. He remained there until 1976.

Bill became dean and professor at Fresno State (Calif.) University’s business school, where the students voted him



“most popular professor.” His vision and leadership were instrumental in the modernization of the business school, and his legacy and impact there continues to be recognized to this day. Over the years, Bill served on the boards of various banks and corporations, while consulting for numerous businesses and professionals. In 1970, he was Washburn University’s Honorary Doctor of Law recipient.

Samuel C. Jackson, '54, was a lawyer, civil rights advocate, and spokesman for higher education. He graduated from Topeka High School and received his bachelor’s degree from Washburn in 1951. After graduation from Washburn University School of Law, he served in the United States Air Force as a Judge Advocate General’s Corps Officer until 1957,



when he joined the Kansas law firm of Scott, Scott, Scott, and Jackson. He was also the attorney for the Kansas State Welfare Department. In 1965, at the request of President Lyndon B. Johnson, he served as one of the original members of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Three

years later, he was appointed vice president of the American Arbitration Association’s Center for Dispute Settlement. President Richard M. Nixon appointed Jackson as assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in 1969. He contributed an article to the *Washburn Law Journal* that year.

Jackson became a partner in the New York law firm of Stroock, Stroock & Lavan in 1973. Eight years later, Jackson was appointed to the Presidential Housing Commission by President Ronald Reagan. He served on the boards of several banks, corporations, and universities. His memberships included the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, National Urban League, Operation PUSH, Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, and the National Bar Association, in addition to numerous other organizations.

William A. “Bill” Buzick, '50

Born: Nov. 4, 1920 - Sylvan Grove, Kan.
Died: Dec. 28, 2000 - Fresno, Calif., at the age of 80

Samuel C. Jackson, '54

Born: May 8, 1929 - Kansas City, Kan.
Died: Sept. 27, 1982 - Washington, D.C., at the age of 53

Lifetime Achievement Awards

Andrew "Jack" Focht, '60, has almost 50 years of experience as an attorney, and is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

He graduated from Southwestern College (Winfield, Kan.) with a B.A. degree in 1957. At Southwestern, Focht was president of his sophomore and senior class, and president of the student body during his junior year. Focht then attended Washburn University School of Law, where he was on the Moot Court team and the Board of Editors for the *Washburn Law Journal*, president of the law school student body, and justice of the Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity. He received his law degree, with honors, in 1960.

Focht's practice has ranged from high-profile criminal cases to complex civil litigation. He has directed the defense of numerous individuals and companies targeted for investigation by agencies of the state and federal government. In 1974, as a special prosecutor, he gained national prominence for the first successful prosecution in the United States of a murder case without a body. Two years later, Focht was presented with an Outstanding Citizen Award from the Wichita Police Department for risking his life to aid in the capture of the Holiday Inn Sniper.

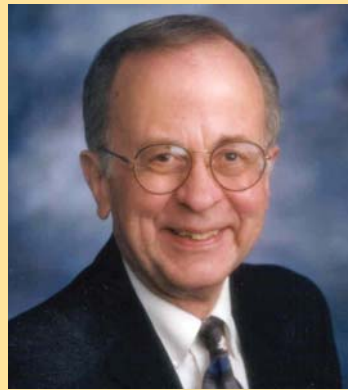
Focht currently practices as special counsel to Wichita's Foulston Siefkin LLP's health care and litigation practice groups in the areas of health care law, fraud and abuse, white collar crime, civil rights, employment law, professional responsibility, government investigations, and business litigation. He holds *Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory's* highest "AV" rating for lawyers and is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*, *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers*, and *Chambers USA* as a leading general commercial litigation attorney. He has been involved on a number of boards and commissions, such as the Kansas Board of Law Examiners and president of the Kansas Appleseed, Inc.



Andrew "Jack" Focht, '60

Born: June 20, 1934 - Omaha, Neb.

Gerald "Jerry" Goodell, '58, is the recipient of three Washburn University degrees: a Bachelor of Business Administration, a Juris Doctor, and the 2002 Honorary Doctor of Law. Since 2003, he has served as of counsel to the Topeka firm of Goodell, Stratton, Edmonds & Palmer. He is currently listed as a leader in the field of real estate law in *The Best Lawyers in America* and represents real estate brokers, developers, and lenders.



Goodell's leadership has touched numerous organizations, including roles as president of the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association, president of the Washburn Law School Foundation, chairperson of Washburn Endowment Association, president of the Kansas Bar Association, president of the Topeka Bar

Association, and chairperson of the Kansas Board of Bar Examiners. Goodell currently serves as a member of the Kansas Judicial Council, chairperson of the Kansas Judicial Council Probate Committee, and a member of the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission.

Washburn University School of Law honored him with the 1982 Alumni Distinguished Service Award. Goodell was the recipient of the Kansas Bar Association's Distinguished Service Award in 1993, and the Topeka Bar Association's Warren Shaw Award in 1998. In June 2007, Goodell received the Justice Award from the Kansas Supreme Court. Goodell has taught classes on trial techniques and real estate mortgages, in addition to participating on numerous professional panels.

Gerald "Jerry" Goodell, '58

Born: July 31, 1932 - Topeka, Kan.

Richard Brooke McEntire, '34, graduated from Topeka High School, Washburn University, and Washburn University School of Law. After law school graduation, he became a partner in the firm of Claussen and McEntire in Topeka, specializing in motor carrier work before the Kansas Corporation Commission. McEntire was named a United States Commissioner for the District of Kansas in 1935. Four years later, he was appointed a special attorney by the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC), and the following year was named secretary of the agency. In 1943, McEntire became the KCC's general counsel, and during 1944 he was named chairman of the Commission. While at KCC, he presided over the proration of the vast Hugoton, Kan., gas fields.

McEntire also served on the executive committee and on the special gas committee of the National Association of Railroad and Utilities Commissioners. He was secretary to the Kansas Day Club from 1939-45.

In March 1946, a predecessor at the Commission returned from war service. McEntire felt so strongly that returning veterans

should be reinstated to their old jobs that he resigned from the KCC and returned to private practice. Within a few months, however, President Harry Truman appointed him to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), which was in Philadelphia. He was reappointed in 1948. Two years later, he served as an adviser to United States Treasury Secretary John Snyder at the World Bank and Monetary Fund Conference in Paris. His work was instrumental in the implementation of a Canadian extradition treaty, which ended fraudulent securities offers by promoters of Canadian mining ventures. He became vice chairman of the SEC in 1950 and also served as acting chairman. He resigned from the SEC in 1953 to pursue the private practice of law.



Margaret McGurnaghan, '27, was born in India. As a young child, she and her family first lived in Florence, Kan., before making Topeka her home. At the age of 49, she received an LL.B. *cum laude* from Washburn University School of Law. She had spent the previous 25 years with a Topeka law firm (then known as Wheeler, Hunt, & Brewster) as a stenographer and being trained in title standards before entering law school. Later, she became a managing partner of the firm. In addition to becoming the first female partner in a large law firm in Topeka, she became one of the first women admitted to practice law in Kansas and also one of the first women to join the Kansas Bar Association. McGurnaghan was prominent in legal aid work for members of the armed forces. She practiced for 33 years before retiring at the age of 84.



She was the chair of the first Title Standards Committee of the Kansas Bar Association, and published a number of articles in the *Judicial Council Bulletin* on title, real estate, and probate issues. McGurnaghan was also an active member of the American Bar Association. From 1945-49, McGurnaghan

was secretary-treasurer of the Topeka Bar Association, in addition to serving on the standards for title examination committee. McGurnaghan was national treasurer of Phi Delta Delta women's legal fraternity for 16 years and served as president of the Kansas Women Lawyers Association. At the time of her death, she was honorary vice president of the Association.

She began teaching at Washburn as a lecturer on Abstracts of Title and Conveyancing in 1936, continuing to teach most years through 1959. Never having married, McGurnaghan considered her students to be like her children and spent considerable time with them.

Richard Brooke McEntire, '34

Born: Feb. 19, 1911 - Topeka, Kan.
Died: Feb. 17, 1958 - Bethesda, Md., at the age of 46

Margaret McGurnaghan, '27

Born: May 3, 1876 - India
Died: Jan. 5, 1963 - Topeka, Kan., at the age of 86

Lifetime Achievement Awards

The Hon. Loren R. Miller, '28, was one of the most prominent figures in the history of the civil rights movement in California. Born the son of a former slave in Pender, Neb., he moved to Kansas as a boy, and graduated from Highland (Kan.) High School. After graduating from Washburn University School of Law, he was admitted to the Kansas Bar and worked as a lawyer in Topeka before moving to California to pursue his interest in journalism.

After Miller's cousin from Kansas City, Kan., started a weekly black newspaper, the *Los Angeles Sentinel*, he worked there for a time in the early 1930s. Later, writer Langston Hughes and Miller traveled to the Soviet Union. Miller served as legal counsel for Hughes several times. Miller returned to the legal profession in 1933, after passing the California Bar.

Much of Miller's practice was dedicated to representing clients who were fighting discrimination in housing, especially after World War II, when many blacks sought economic opportunities in California. Miller was named co-chair of the West Coast legal committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). In that capacity, he became the first attorney to win an unqualified verdict outlawing residential restrictive covenants in real estate sales that involved Federal Housing Administration (FHA) or Veterans Administration (VA) financing.

In 1951, he bought the *California Eagle*, the oldest newspaper in Los Angeles for the black community. This newspaper continued to press for the complete integration of African Americans in every sector of society, and to protest all forms of Jim Crow laws. He also contributed numerous articles to such journals as *The Crisis*, *The Nation*, and *Law in Transition*.

Two of three cases he argued before the United States Supreme Court involved racially restrictive covenants, including the landmark case, *Shelley v. Kraemer*, in which both Miller and Thurgood Marshall presented arguments, and the case of *Barrows*

v. Jackson. He joined as counsel on the briefs in *Brown v. Board of Education* and on *amicus curiae* briefs in civil rights and First Amendment cases on behalf of the NAACP, the ACLU, and the National Lawyers Guild.

Miller's book, *The Petitioners: The Story of the Supreme Court of the United States and the Negro*, was written in 1966. He was vice-president of the NAACP, a member of the NAACP's legal committee, and a member of the Civil Rights Committee of the State Bar Association. It is believed that Miller explored the possibility of running as a Democrat for Congress, a prospect that excited many in the black community.

In 1964, three years before his death, former governor Edmund G. Brown of California appointed Miller to the Superior Court of California. The Loren Miller Bar Association was founded in August 1968 in Seattle, Wash. The prestigious Loren Miller Legal Services Award, created in 1977 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the State Bar of California, is given annually to a lawyer who has done significant legal work to assist the poor.

With her judicial appointment in 2003 to the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, Robin Miller Sloan (Miller's granddaughter) became the first third-generation judge in the history of the California court system. Judge Sloan's father, Loren Miller Jr., served on the bench from 1975-97.

Mary M. "Billie" Parr, '47, was elected as a representative to the student council while at Washburn Law. Parr's husband was career military with frequent moves overseas until his retirement in 1968 when they made Lawrence, Kan., their home.



After a long career as a litigator working at the Topeka Legal Aid office, Parr joined the Washburn University School of Law faculty in the summer of 1971 to teach courses in the Law Clinic as assistant director. Parr was the second member of the

The Hon. Loren R. Miller, '28

Born: Jan. 20, 1903 - Pender, Neb.
Died: July 14, 1967 - Los Angeles, Calif., at the age of 64

Mary M. "Billie" Parr, '47

Born: Jan. 24, 1920 - Topeka, Kan.
Died: Nov. 13, 1986 - Lawrence, Kan., at the age of 66

Clinic's faculty. She was known for her ability as a litigator and was extraordinary in helping her students improve their courtroom skills. In 1978, Parr was appointed as the first woman assistant dean for the law school, working with a student body of 625 and a faculty of 28 members. Parr's knowledge of the Kansas legal community, and the respect that she had from the community were valuable assets to the law school. Her true passion was teaching third-year students how to practice law and how to take care of clients. Even after retiring from the law school in 1983, she returned as acting associate dean when her successor in that position, Professor Bill Rich, was granted a sabbatical in 1984.

Dr. Bill Roy Sr., '70, received a Bachelor of Science degree from Illinois Wesleyan University in 1946, and an M.D. from Northwestern University Medical School in 1950. Shortly after law school graduation in 1970, Roy, opposed to the Vietnam War and concerned about civil rights and establishing universal health care, changed parties and challenged a three-term incumbent in the historically Republican Second Congressional District of Kansas. Dr. Roy won in the fall and was reelected in 1972.

In 1974, he received more than 49 percent of the votes running against fellow Washburn Law alumnus **Bob Dole, '52**, for the United States Senate. From 1975-78,

Roy served as a medical educator at Topeka's St. Francis Health Center. He practiced medicine for the next 10 years until his retirement.

Dr. Roy wrote and passed legislation that increased the number of nurses and primary care physicians, promoted emergency care and health planning, and established the National Cancer Institute. In 1973, he was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies of Sciences. In 1976, he gave the Shattuck Lecture of the Massachusetts Medical Society, later published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.



Dr. Bill Roy Sr., '70

Born: Feb. 23, 1926 - Bloomington, Ill.

He has received two honorary doctorates and has served on the Washburn Board of Regents, the Kansas Board of Regents, and the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences, the military's medical school. As honorary visiting professor, he enjoys conferring with political science students.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION AWARD

• NOMINATION FORM •

Please submit by January 15, 2010

The Lifetime Achievement Awards are bestowed upon graduates whose careers have been highly distinguished, and whose achievements and contributions are widely recognized as significant and outstanding in their fields of endeavor, whether they be in the practice of law, the judiciary, business, public service, education, or otherwise. Up to 12 awards will be given annually. Deceased Washburn Law graduates may also be considered for this award.

These awards are presented at the annual Alumni Association meeting/Kansas Bar Association (June 11, 2010). Additional announcements will be made in the *Washburn Lawyer*, press releases, and on the television monitor in the law school building.

I wish to nominate the following Washburn Law graduate:

Name of Nominee: _____

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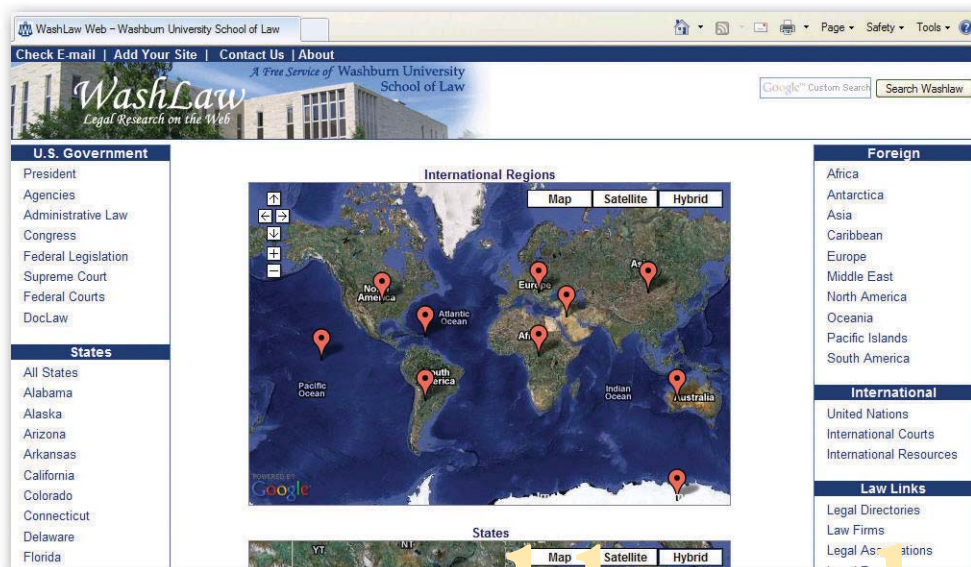


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www.washburnlaw.edu/alumni/

WASHBURN LAW *Library*

RESEARCH PORTAL REDESIGNED

WashLaw, one of the first portals for legal research on the web, unveiled a redesign earlier this year. The new look incorporates maps to provide an alternative method of navigation. In addition, links to resources for another 68 foreign jurisdictions were added to WashLaw's foreign law coverage. The internet is one of the best places to find foreign law resources and sometimes the only place. Links on WashLaw are reviewed and selected by law librarians, making them more relevant than results from a traditional search engine. WashLaw currently has links to more than 20,000 resources.



Also this year the Washburn Law Library began partnering with the New England Law Library Consortium (NELLCO), a group of academic law libraries, in a grant-funded project to develop Universal Search Solution. This solution will enable users to access library bibliographic records, vendor databases, NELLCO's cooperative institutional repository, and selected free web legal research resources, all within a single search. These significant improvements contributed to WashLaw's being sought to partner as the base of the free web resource component.

COURT DECISIONS ON THE WEB

Washburn Law Library staff members continue to oversee web publication of Kansas appellate court decisions and the Kansas Attorney General's opinions, and also make available daily opinions of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

PRINT AND DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

Beyond the usual growth of the library's print collections, major additions to Washburn Law Library's digital collections include the following HeinOnline libraries:

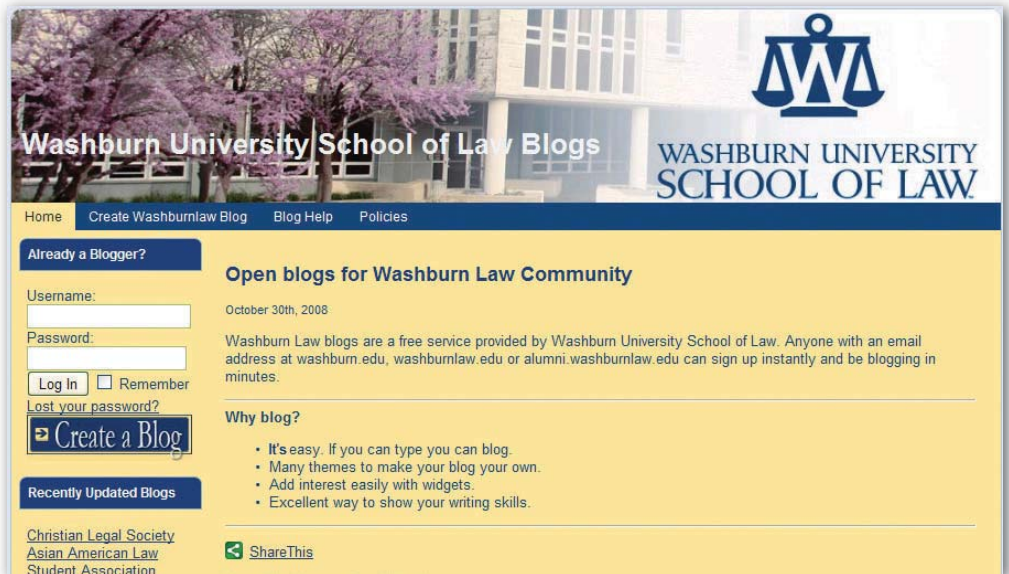
- United Nations Law Collection
- National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws
- National Moot Court Competition Briefs
- Subject Compilations of State Laws Database

Bibliographic records for the 21,810 titles in the Making of Modern Law digital collection were added to the ATLAS (Associated Topeka Libraries Automation System) online library catalog, with direct links to the corresponding pdf images. The Making of Modern Law is also available campus-wide, and as with most of our other electronic resources, from off-campus.

As part of the ATLAS consortium, the law library introduced the Encore search platform as an additional option to its library catalog users. Encore uses a single search box and displays results in a style similar to those found on Amazon or Google.

BLOGGING

Blogging software is now available and enables students, student organizations, law school departments, and alumni to enhance their web presence. The Professional Development Office has created “Come Here, Career!” which provides tips for interviewing, clerkships, travel, references, and many other topics. Student groups are also using the blogging software to promote their organizations’ goals, make announcements, and share information.

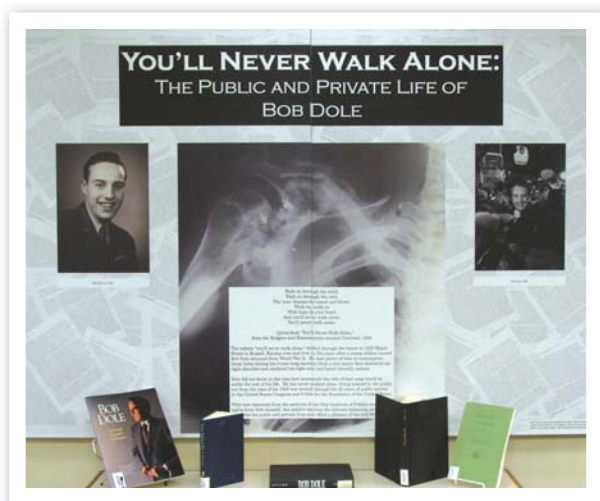


Washburn Law Blogs are available to members of the Washburn Law family. Alumni are encouraged to create their own blogs.



Visit <http://blogs.washburnlaw.edu> to get started.

See the Washburn Law Blogs homepage for some of the blogs available.



“YOU’LL NEVER WALK ALONE: THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LIFE OF BOB DOLE”

Last fall, the Washburn Law Library displayed, “You’ll Never Walk Alone: The Public and Private Life of Bob Dole,” a 15-panel traveling exhibit about the life of one of Washburn’s most distinguished law alumni, **Bob Dole, ’52**. On loan from the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas, this display included aspects of his 35 years in Congress and his vice presidential and presidential bids.



LIFETIME E-MAIL ADDRESSES AND WASHBURN LAW BLOGS

Lifetime e-mail addresses for alumni have been created to help strengthen ties between our alumni and the law school. Your e-mail address is provided free of charge.

Contact the alumni office at (785) 670-1011 or alumni@washburnlaw.edu to obtain your username and initial password.

LAW SCHOOL STAFF RETIREMENTS

The law school community wishes the best to the following staff members on their retirements: Mary Beth Bero, Pat Dodds, Vicki Doze, Rachel Olson, and Tonya Worley.

CENTERS FOR *Excellence*

BUSINESS AND TRANSACTIONAL CENTER HOSTS "THE FUTURE COURSE OF OIL AND GAS JURISPRUDENCE II: A SYMPOSIUM"

The Business and Transactional Law Center and the *Washburn Law Journal* sponsored "The Future Course of Oil and Gas Jurisprudence II" on Oct. 2-3. The symposium was modeled after a 1994 symposium of the same name, which was also held at Washburn Law. Much has changed in the field of oil and gas law in the last 15 years; much has stayed the same.

Ten active oil and gas law professors teaching at U.S. law schools assembled to explore the various aspects of oil and gas jurisprudence.

Presenters included:

- Owen L. Anderson, University of Oklahoma College of Law
- Robert E. Beck, Southern Illinois University Law School
- Keith B. Hall, Loyola University College of Law in New Orleans
- Bill Jeffery, University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law
- Kendor P. Jones, University of Denver Sturm College of Law
- Bruce M. Kramer, Texas Tech University School of Law and McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, L.L.P.
- John S. Lowe, Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law
- Thomas A. Mitchell, S.J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah
- Phillip E. Norvell, University of Arkansas School of Law (Fayetteville)
- **David E. Pierce, '77**, Washburn University School of Law

Twenty renowned oil and gas practitioners, including several Washburn Law alumni, served as responders and shared their views, along with an audience that deals with oil and gas issues on a daily basis.



Professor David Pierce, '77, presents on the topic of "Royalty Jurisprudence: A Tale of Two States" during the oil and gas symposium. Approximately 100 participants attended the two-day symposium.

Responders included:

- **George A. Barton, '77**, Law Offices of George A. Barton, P.C.
- David E. Bengtson, Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP
- **John W. Broomes, '03**, Hinkle Elkouri Law Firm LLC
- Howard Bunch, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7
- Mark D. Christiansen, Crowe & Dunlevy
- Dale E. Cottingham, GableGotwals
- Gregory R. Danielson, Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP
- **Diana G. Edmiston, '91**, Hinkle Elkouri Law Firm LLC
- Steven D. Gough, Withers, Gough, Pike, Pfaff & Peterson LLC
- James C.T. Hardwick, Hall Estill
- Teresa J. James, Martin, Pringle, Oliver, Wallace & Bauer, L.L.P.
- Thomas C. Jepperson, Questar Corporation
- **Jeff Kennedy, '84**, Martin, Pringle, Oliver, Wallace & Bauer, L.L.P.
- Ann E. Lane, Williams Production RMT Co.
- **Timothy E. McKee, '70**, Triplett, Woolf & Garretson, LLC
- John C. Peck, University of Kansas School of Law and Foulston Siefkin, LLP
- Milam Randolph Pharo, St. Mary Land & Exploration Company
- Keith D. Tooley, Welborn Sullivan Meck & Tooley, P.C.
- Mary A. Viviano, EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
- **Sue Jean White, '80**, Shell Oil Company

The attendees once again met in an environment where they could focus on oil and gas legal issues throughout the two-day event. Symposium articles will be published in the *Washburn Law Journal*, volume 49, issue 2.

U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS HEARS ORAL ARGUMENTS



The panel of three judges — standing left to right, Judge Robert N. Davis, Judge Bruce E. Kasold, and Chief Judge William P. Greene Jr. — heard oral arguments in the case of Hickson v. Shinseki. Students were able to listen to the arguments and ask questions of the judges afterward.

The United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims heard oral arguments on Sept. 29, in the case of *Arthur Hickson, Appellant v. Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Appellee*. Counsel for the appellant was **Kenneth M. Carpenter, '73**.

The question before the Court was whether the Board of Veterans' Appeals, after determining that new and material evidence has been presented and reopening a claim, can review the merits of the claim without sending the matter back to the Veterans Affairs regional office for an initial adjudication. The argument was hosted by the Center for Law and Government and the Center for Excellence in Advocacy.

Fall 2009 Center Events

SEPTEMBER

- 15 CEA Lunch & Learn: **Pedro Irigonegaray, '73** ~ "Ethical Advocacy in High Profile Cases"
- 21-23 CFLC Distinguished Practitioner in Residence: Carlton Stansbury ~ "The Perils of Oral and Written Agreements: Property Related Challenges for Non-married Couples"
- 22-23 CEA Affirmative Action: Requiem or Renaissance Conference. Keynote Speaker: Gerald Torres, Bryant Smith Professor of Law at the University of Texas and co-author of *The Miner's Canary: Enlisting Race, Resisting Power, Transforming Democracy*
- 29 CEA Lunch & Learn: Kyle Smith, legal advisor to the Topeka Police Department ~ "Advocating and Advising Law Enforcement Agencies"
- 29 U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. The Court heard arguments in *Arthur Hickson v. Eric K. Shinseki*, secretary of Veterans Affairs. Counsel for the appellant was **Kenneth M. Carpenter, '73**. CLG and CEA
- 30 Lunch & Learn: Kansas Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert E. Davis ~ "Lawyer, Counselor, and Advocate: Cultivating Professional Excellence through Service"
CLG and J. Reuben Clark Law Society

OCTOBER

- 2-3 "The Future Course of Oil and Gas Jurisprudence II: A Symposium" ~ BTLC
- 6 CEA Lunch & Learn: **Rebecca Woodman, '87**, and **Jared Maag, '95** ~ "First Tuesday – Advocating Before the Supreme Court"
- 13 CEA Lunch & Learn: **Scott Logan, '80** ~ "Demonstrative Aids – Cutting Edge v. Tried and True Displays"
- 14 CFLC Noon Presentation: Court Appointed Special Advocates

OCTOBER, continued

- 15 BTLC Classroom Presentation: **John Wood, '78** ~ "International Business Transactions"
- 19 CLG Lunch & Learn: "Attorneys in Combat"
- 21 CEA Noon Presentation: "Street Law" ~ Panelists included **Jason Belveal, '07**, Captain Peggy Fox, Professor Mary Kreiner Ramirez, and Kyle Smith
- 22 BTLC Lunch & Learn: Burke Griggs, staff attorney for the Kansas Department of Agriculture ~ "Business Transactions and Water"
- 26 BTLC Lunch & Learn: Rick LeJuerne, Small Business Development Center ~ "Advising the Entrepreneur and Small Business Client"
- 28 CFLC Lunch & Learn: **Alan Alderson, '74** ~ "Running a General Practice"

NOVEMBER

- 5-6 CEA Practitioner in Residence: **Patrik Neustrom, '77** ~ "Taking the Case, Settlement, or Going to Trial?"
CLE: "Winning Damages in the Era of Tort Reform"
- 9 CLG Lunch & Learn: **Jim Slattery, '75** ~ "Health Care Reform: The View from the Hill"
- 12 BTLC Practitioner in Residence: **Efrain Soto, '04** ~ "A Successful Profession: Transitioning from Law School to a Legal Career"
- 18 CFLC Lunch & Learn: "Mediation in the Family Law Context"

BTLC - Business and Transactional Law Center
 CEA - Center for Excellence in Advocacy
 CFLC - Children and Family Law Center
 CLG - Center for Law and Government

Washburn Law

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ERIN BRUCE AND LARRY CROW EARN THE SPRING 2009 IRVINE E. UNGERMAN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL PRACTICE



Erin Bruce



Larry Crow

The Irvine E. Ungerman Award for Excellence in Clinical Practice is awarded twice yearly to legal interns who have distinguished themselves by providing highly competent representation to clients in a manner exemplifying the ideals of our profession: “pursuit of the learned art in the spirit of a public service.”

Two students in the Small Business and Transactional Clinic shed an unusual amount of blood, sweat, and tears in order to prepare and file a federal tax-exempt application for a client. On the positive side, the client, a civil war reenactment group, was made up of a great group of men who love to portray Union soldiers from the civil war period. On the not-so-positive side, they had been operating for almost 5 years before coming to us to seek a federal tax exemption (the target window for applying for the exemption is about 2.5 years). In normal circumstances this can be a prolonged and very exacting process. In this case, it took all of the fall 2008 semester for one lead student, Erin Bruce, to start untangling a web of facts. A second lead student, Larry Crow, continued the untangling process during the spring 2009 semester, while Bruce (a directed intern) reviewed and deciphered mounds of tax information that had to be resolved before the application could be submitted.

During the fall 2008 semester Bruce worked under the supervision of **Professor Joe McKinney, '75**, who has described her as one of the most enthusiastic students

he has had — “a real go-getter” in his words. While she continued her work on the tax matters, with Professor McKinney’s invaluable guidance, Crow worked under the supervision of Professor Janet Thompson Jackson during the spring 2009 semester and did a superb job of getting up to speed on this project and taking it to the finish line. But they couldn’t have accomplished this without working as a team.

The Irvine E. Ungerman Award for Excellence in Clinical Practice is sponsored by the law office of Ellis, Zolotor & Peters of Spring Hill, Kan., and Mark Iola and Randall Iola, grandsons of **Irvine E. Ungerman, '30**.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR SUMMER INTERNS

The Swearing-In Ceremony for the summer 2009 interns was held in the Shawnee County District Courthouse.

The Honorable Cheryl Rios Kingfisher, '93, presided over the ceremony and administered the oath. Judge Kingfisher, in her address to the interns, underscored the need for attorneys and legal interns to conduct themselves in a professional, ethical manner. She also discussed the importance of providing legal services to people with limited means so that all will have access to justice. Judge Kingfisher is a Law Clinic alumna and expressed to the interns what a great decision they made to enroll in Clinic.

CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERT E. DAVIS PRESIDES OVER FALL SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

On August 27, the Law Clinic held its Swearing-In Ceremony for interns. Presiding over the ceremony and administering the oath to the interns was Chief Justice Robert E. Davis of the Kansas Supreme Court. Davis, who has been on the Supreme Court since 1993, became Chief Justice earlier this year.

Chief Justice Davis called the Swearing-In Ceremony a momentous event for the interns, second only to being sworn into practice after passing the bar. Davis also

reminded the interns that representing clients through the Law Clinic is an invaluable service not only to their clients but to themselves as well. Washburn University School of Law has always focused on practical learning, not just theory, and Chief Justice Davis congratulated the interns on their decision to obtain their student practice license. The Law Clinic is very fortunate to have had such a prominent member of the Kansas legal community preside over the ceremony.

HAVING IT ALL IN A SMALL TOWN



*Steven Ellis, '06, Marlea James, '06,
Erin Riffey, '03, and Paul Kitzke, '05*

During the fall 2009 semester, the Law Clinic, in connection with the Professional Development Office, hosted a luncheon entitled “Having It All In A Small Town.”

Panelists from Kansas communities included **Steven Ellis**, Spring Hill; **Marlea James**, Belleville; **Paul Kitzke**, Hugoton; and **Erin Riffey**, Concordia. After brief introductions and an explanation of their practice areas and locations, the panelists fielded questions from students. Many students were interested in learning what the social life is like in a small community and if there is enough work to make a living. The panelists agreed it is possible to “have it all” in a smaller community, but networking and getting involved in the community is a must.

CUTTING EDGE CRIMINAL APPELLATE ADVOCACY

Last spring, **Ashley Oppenheim, '09**, a student in the advanced topic section of Criminal Appeal Advocacy, was assigned an appeal involving a drug conviction stemming from a car stop and subsequent search incident to arrest. On April 21, after Ashley had been working on the brief a few weeks, the United States Supreme Court

decided *Arizona v. Gant*, which substantially limited law enforcement officers from making searches incident to arrest and fishing for evidence that was unrelated to the arrest. Suddenly, Oppenheim’s case looked like a clear winner. The facts of her case and *Gant* were almost exactly on point. In fact, when the state filed its response, it admitted that the search violated the Fourth Amendment.

But the state did not concede that the conviction should be reversed. Citing a post-*Gant* Tenth Circuit case, the state argued that the exclusionary rule should not apply in Ashley’s case. Because of the importance of the issue, the case has been transferred to the Kansas Supreme Court and will be argued by Professor Randall Hodgkinson this December. Other courts, notably the Ninth Circuit, have disagreed with the Tenth Circuit’s rationale and the issue seems likely to be taken up by the United States Supreme Court to resolve the conflict. This is a prime example of a real case with a real client being decided based on United States Supreme Court case law developing even as the student worked on the brief.

A PRACTITIONER’S PERSPECTIVE



*Cody Robertson, '07, Mike Heptig, '07,
Martha Ortiz, '98, and Scott Taddiken, '03*

The Law Clinic welcomed alumni **Mike Heptig**, **Martha Ortiz**, **Cody Robertson**, and **Scott Taddiken** as panelists during a large group class. The alumni discussed their practice areas, how they balance personal and professional life, and how they handle certain difficult circumstances when working with opposing counsel and clients. Interns learned that their reputation as attorneys begins on their first day of practice.

INSTITUTE FOR *Law Teaching and Learning*

Washburn Law and Gonzaga University School of Law co-sponsor the Institute for Law Teaching and Learning. The Institute was established to assist law teachers in providing a learning environment that helps students achieve the highest academic standards and prepares students to assume their responsibilities as effective, moral attorneys. The Institute is co-directed by Washburn's Michael Hunter Schwartz and Gonzaga's Gerry Hess.

The Institute publishes *The Law Teacher* newsletter, and provides teaching ideas and full-text resources through its website, www.lawteaching.org. The Institute also hosts an annual conference on law teaching. The 2009 conference, "Implementing Best Practices and Educating Lawyers: Teaching Skills and Professionalism Across the Curriculum," was held June 23-24 at Gonzaga University School of Law in Spokane, Wash.

BENEFITS TO PARTICIPANTS: IMPROVING TEACHING AND LEARNING

During the conference, participants explored various concepts relating to teaching skills and professionalism in law school. The ultimate goal of the conference was to help the participants improve their teaching and their students' learning, and to further their schools' efforts to better prepare students for practicing law.

CONFERENCE STRUCTURE: TAILORED TO SUIT INTERESTS

The conference included eight workshop sessions. During each session, five workshops ran simultaneously. Participants were able to tailor the conference to fit their individual interests by choosing which workshop to attend during each session. The workshops dealt with:

- Innovative teaching materials
- Alternative teaching methods
- New educational technology
- Ways to enhance student learning in all types of courses
- Ideas and tools for restructuring legal education to foster healthy, productive lawyers

Washburn Law Professor Aida M. Alaka presented "Phenomenological Practitioner Research: How to Study Your Students' Problems to Improve Your Teaching." Phenomenological research explores the lived reality of subjective experience and helps investigators identify problems encountered by research subjects in achieving their goals. This type of research can provide insight to instructors who are interested in discovering problems students are experiencing in their courses so that they may improve their teaching practices. After an introduction to phenomenological inquiry, workshop participants designed a plan of phenomenological inquiry, focusing on problems they believe are important in their own classrooms or institutions. Workshop participants considered how to draft pertinent questions, select appropriate subjects, collect and analyze data, and draw practical conclusions.

Washburn Law Professor Rory Bahadur presented "Everything We Need to Know About Teaching We Learned in Pre-school: Active Learning and How to Not Teach to Engage Students." This workshop was designed for professors who wish their upper-division students were as excited and enthusiastic in class as those new, incoming, bright-eyed and eager 1Ls. The workshop tangibly explored an active learning-based, alternative pedagogy that maximizes law student engagement in the classroom. Session participants were exposed to the pedagogy as it is currently utilized both in an upper-division and in a first-year course. Participants precisely articulated any learning strategies identified, hopefully rethinking the relationship between teaching and learning. Participants left the workshop prepared to implement the techniques in their own classes.



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47 **The Hon. Joseph W. Morris,** '47, was named to *The Best Lawyers in America* (2010). Judge Morris began his career at Shell Oil Company, where he later returned to serve as vice president and general counsel from 1978-83. He worked as the associate general counsel and general counsel of Amerada Petroleum Corporation from 1960-72. In 1972-74, he served as the dean of the University of Tulsa College of Law before his appointment as chief judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma. He has been with the Tulsa, Okla., office of Gable Gotwals since 1984.

49 **Alfred O. "Al" Holl,** '49, Oklahoma City, Okla., was honored for his 60 years of membership in the Kansas Bar Association.

66 **William H. "Bill" Kurtis,** '66, Chicago, Ill., received the Spirit of Erikson Institute Award from Erikson Institute, a graduate school in child development located in downtown Chicago.

68 **The Honorable Thomas F. Richardson,** '68, retired after serving 14 years as district court judge for the 25th Judicial District in Kansas. Richardson plans to travel to Boston, New York City, and other areas of the United States. He's also thinking about getting a part-time job, just to keep busy in between playing a few rounds of golf.

72 **Joseph W. Zima,** '72, has retired after 21 years as attorney for the Topeka public schools.

73 **Jan M. Hamilton,** '73, Topeka, was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy.

2009 Alumni Fellows

On October 16, Paul Hoferer, '75, and John Wood, '78, were honored as 2009 Alumni Fellows at a luncheon on the Washburn campus.



Paul Hoferer

University of Southern California,
Institute of Business Economics and Management, 1979
Washburn University School of Law, J.D., 1975
University of Central Missouri, B.S.,
Business Administration, 1972

Paul Hoferer, '75, Topeka, Kan., was honored as the recipient of the 2009 law school's Alumni Fellow. He joined the law firm of Lathrop & Gage, L.C. after retiring last year as vice president and general counsel for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company, Fort Worth, Texas. In addition to supervising in-house counsel and the general claims department, he was responsible for nearly 3,000 lawsuits handled by more than 100 law firms throughout the United States and Canada.

Hoferer currently is vice president of the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Board of Governors and chair of the awards committee. He and his wife, Jeanne, established a law scholarship for non-traditional students.



John B. Wood

Washburn University School of Law, J.D. 1978
University of Kansas, M.B.A.,
Accounting and Finance, 1975
Washburn University, B.B.A.,
Business Administration, 1973

John B. Wood, '78, Bronxville, N.Y., was honored as the 2009 business school's Alumni Fellow. Wood is an attorney and partner in the law firm of Thompson & Knight, where he leads the New York City commercial real estate group. For more than 30 years, Wood has represented owners in the design and negotiation of commercial leases covering in excess of 50 million square feet of retail, office, and mixed use space projects.

He is a fellow of the American Bar Foundation, an American Association National Neutral arbitrator, and was named to *Who's Who in American Law* and *Who's Who in Real Estate*. John met his wife, **Teri, '78,** during law school. She is the associate general counsel at the international headquarters of IBM in Armonk, New York.

76 **J. Michael Kennalley,** '76, Wichita, is president of the Wichita Bar Association.

77 **Carl W. "Bill" Ossmann,** '77, of Topeka, served on the faculty of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy

Midwestern Regional Building Trial Skills Program earlier this year at Loyola University Chicago School of Law. • **Patricia E. Riley,** '77, Topeka, has been inducted into the Litigation Counsel of America.

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78 **Thomas D. Arnhold, '78**, Hutchinson, Kan., completed the Boston Marathon in April with a time of 3 hours, 41 minutes, which qualifies him to compete in the 2010 Boston Marathon.

• **Kevin Carver, '78**, is a senior attorney for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) in Dallas, Texas. His primary responsibilities are with closed failed banks. Previously, Carver was with the FDIC/Resolution Trust Corporation in Kansas City, Chicago, and Dallas, along with employment at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Fort Worth, Texas.

80 Board of Directors for the Kansas City, Kan., law firm of McAnany, Van Cleave & Phillips includes president, **Frederick J. Greenbaum, '80**, of Prairie Village, Kan., and Secretary **Carl A. Gallagher, '81**, of Lawrence, Kan.

• **Bradley E. Haddock, '80**, formerly the executive vice president, general counsel, and secretary of Koch Chemical Technology Group, LLC, has formed his own firm and teamed with Biggs Law Group, LC of Wichita. While at Koch, Haddock served as lead counsel for several key businesses, including Koch's refining, chemicals, and asphalt businesses. • **Bradley G. Rigor, '80**, a partner in the law firm of Quarles & Brady LLP's Naples, Fla. office, was named a 2009 Florida Super Lawyer by *Law & Politics Media*. His practice specializes in estate planning and estate and trust settlement.

82 **Todd Richard Harmon, '82**, Topeka, was selected as a member of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Kansas program. He has a solo law practice and is on the Topeka City Council.

83 **Bryce D. Benedict, '83**, Topeka, is the author of *Jayhawkers: The Civil War Brigade of James Henry Lane*, published by the University of Oklahoma Press. • **Nancy Goodall, '83**, published a book, *Demystifying Living Trusts*, and has donated a copy to the Washburn Law Library.

84 **Laura Ice, '84**, Wichita, received the 2009 Jennie Mitchell Kellogg Attorney of Achievement Award from the Kansas Women Attorneys Association. This award is given annually to a lawyer who has achieved professional excellence and advanced opportunities for women in the legal field. Jennie Mitchell Kellogg was the first woman licensed to practice law in Kansas.

85 **Jerry H. Schemmel, '85**, Littleton, Colo., is Colorado State University's play-by-play announcer for football and men's baseball broadcasts. He is probably best known for his work with the NBA's Denver Nuggets. • **Steve Sanford, '85**, was recently announced as president and chief operating officer for Preferred Physicians Medical. Based in Shawnee Mission, Kan., the company is national in scope and insures anesthesia practices in over 30 states with premiums approaching \$38 million. • **Trisha A. Thelen, '85**, of the Wichita office of Foulston Siefkin LLP, is this year's chair of the executive committee of Urban League of Kansas.

86 **Randy Brinegar, '86**, of Danville, Ill., was elected state attorney of Vermillion County, Ill. He worked in private practice for eight years and as an assistant prosecutor for 14 years.

• **Shannon S. Crane, '86**, has opened the Hutchinson (Kan.) Legal Clinic.

87 **Lanny D. Welch, '87**, Wichita, has been appointed as the interim United States attorney in the district of Kansas. He was appointed by the U.S. Department of Justice, and will be responsible for the offices in Topeka, Kansas City, and Wichita. Since 1989, he has worked for the U.S. Attorney's office.



WHO ARE THEY?

The first five alumni to correctly name anyone in this photo will win a Washburn Law t-shirt. The first person to identify all four men, including graduation years, will win a Washburn Law sweatshirt.

Submit your answers to Carolyn Barnes, alumni director, at carolyn.barnes@washburn.edu or (785) 670-2013.

89 **Joseph S. Spence, '89**, Shorewood, Wis., won the 2009 Best Christian Poetry Award by Christian Story Tellers for his second book, *Trilogy Moments for the Mind Body and Soul*.

90 **Christopher D. Sanders, '90**, a district magistrate judge in Garden City, Kan., was up for consideration by the Governor for the position vacated due to the retirement of **Thomas F. Richardson, '68**.

91 **Diana G. Edmiston, '91**, is with Hinkle Elkouri Law Firm L.L.C., in Wichita.

40 Under 40 Honors

The *Wichita Business Journal* recently honored five Washburn Law graduates in their “40 Under 40” publication. Selected by their peers as business leaders in the community were:

Amy J. Liebau, '97
Hinkle Elkouri Law Firm L.L.C.

Scott E. Sanders, '98
McDonald, Tinker, Skaer, & Herington, P.A.

Richard W. James, '00
McDonald, Tinker, Skaer, & Herington, P.A.

Michelle M. Carter-Gouge, '99
Preferred Health Systems

Paula D. Langworthy, '06
Triplett, Woolf, & Garretson, LLC

92 William R. “Bill” Thornton, '92, Atchison, Kan., was named acting secretary of commerce by Gov. Mark Parkinson in late October. Thornton had previously served in leadership roles at MGP Ingredients, Hallmark Cards, and as an attorney with Duncan-Senecal Law Offices in Atchison. He is a member of the Kansas Board of Regents, and a former chairman of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce.

93 Bertrand C. Harry, '93, was elected as district counselor for the 2nd District of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Harry lives in Sicklerville, N.J.

94 Chambers and Partners 2009 edition of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers of Business*, included the names of **S. Doug Mackay, '94**, and **Alan Rupe, '75**, from the Wichita firm of Kutak Rock LLP. The firm has offices in Atlanta, Chicago, Denver, Des Moines, Fayetteville, Irvine, Kansas City, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Oklahoma City, Omaha, Philadelphia, Richmond, Scottsdale, Washington, D.C., and Wichita.

95 Margaret “Peggy” Meiering Graham, '95, joined the law offices of Bannerman & Williams, PA, in Albuquerque, N.M. She practices health care law, employment law, professional licensing, and general litigation.

96 Patrick Hurley, '96, Overland, Park, Kan., was named chief counsel to Kansas Governor Mark Parkinson. • **Kari L. Milliken-Gilliland, '96**, Saint Francis, Kan., is a Cheyenne County attorney.

97 Joseph Passanise, '97, Springfield, Mo., received the “President’s Award” at the Missouri Bar Association in St. Louis. He was one of six attorneys to be recognized for this honor. Passanise’s name was also included in this year’s *Super Lawyers* by *Law & Politics* magazine. His practice focuses on criminal defense at the federal, state, and municipal levels.

00 Scott W. Hildebrand, '00, of Rochester, Minn., is a professional standards manager for the City of Rochester Police Department. • **Jason M. Stone, '00**, a member of the Greater

Des Moines Leadership Institute class of 2008-09, presented the Institute with a \$2,500 donation for a beautification project benefiting a local medical center’s mental health services. Stone is a shareholder of the Davis Brown Law Firm in the business law division.

01 Heath M. Anderson, '01, Prairie Village, Kan., has been promoted from associate to shareholder at the Kansas City, Mo., firm of Polsinelli Shughart, PC. His trial practice is focused on business and construction litigation. • **Kitra R. Schartz, '01**, is a partner in the law firm of Morrison, Frost, Olsen & Irvine LLP in Manhattan, Kan.

02 Sean Harlow, '02, of Houston, Texas, is the associate director of alumni affairs at Rice University. • **Anthony L. Springfield, '02**, Shawnee, Kan., of Polsinelli Shughart, PC office in Kansas City, Mo., has been promoted to shareholder. Springfield’s specialization is in toxic tort matters. • **Jamie Trueblood, '02**, and her husband, Nate, of Ankeny, Iowa, celebrated the birth of Maggie Jay on Sept. 30. She joins her big sister, Tatum Savannah, who is 2.

03 Eric R. Bidwell, '03, will serve as the 2009-10 president-elect of the Iowa Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Division. Bidwell is a partner with the law firm of Boliver & Bidwell in Marshalltown, Iowa. • **Gabriela A. Vega, '03**, Manhattan, Kan., has opened a law practice concentrating on immigration and family law areas.

04 Laura H. Lewis, '04, Dodge City, Kan., is a Meade County attorney. • **Peter C. Robertson, '04**, Leavenworth, Kan., is with the law firm of Crow and Associates.

05 Brian C. Perkins, '05, a Wichita native, joined Congressman Jerry Moran’s Washington, D.C., staff as a legislative assistant. • **Edward L. Robinson, '05**, Wichita, has joined Joseph & Hollander, PA. Robinson’s primary practice areas

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are environmental, consumer protection, real estate, and construction law. •

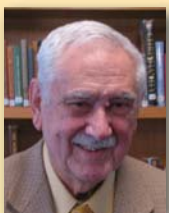
Anthony E. Valenti, '05, Kansas City, Mo., has been the assistant prosecuting attorney with the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office for the past three years.

06 Travis B. Harrod, '06, Lawrence, Kan., serves as an assistant attorney in the Kansas Attorney General's Office.

07 Molly McMurray, '07, of Tucson, Ariz., accepted a position with the Department of Justice's Honors Program. McMurray will be an assistant United States attorney doing federal criminal prosecutions.

08 Stephen R. Allred, '08, of Lehi, Utah, is an associate at the Zabriskie Law Firm in Provo, Utah. • **Paige J. Eichert-Zolotor, '08**, joined the law firm of Scott, Quinlan, Willard, Barnes & Keeshan in Topeka. She previously had an internship at the office of the *guardian ad litem* at the Jackson County Family Court, Kansas City, Mo. • **Therese M. Hartnett, '08**, Garden City, Kan., is a public defender at the Western Kansas Public Defender's Office.

09 Alexandria S. Dunn Morrissey, '09, Holton, Kan., is a partner in the Dunn & Morrissey Law Office. • **Eric Fournier, '09**, Garden City, Kan., is the assistant county attorney for Finney County. • **Nicholas Means, '09**, Wichita, has been hired by Maughan & Maughan LC as an associate.



Faculty

James R. Ahrens, longtime Washburn Law faculty member, celebrated his 90th birthday this summer at his home in Topeka.

Kansas City's Best of the Bar Honorees

The *Kansas City Business Journal* announced their 8th annual recipients for the "Best of the Bar." This honor is given to Kansas City's best lawyers as chosen by a jury of their peers.

Timothy Aylward, '82
Horn Aylward & Bandy, LLC

Henry Cox, '81
Henry R. Cox Law Office

Elizabeth Reid Dotson, '01
McAnany, Van Cleave & Phillips, P.A.

Peter Goss, '05
Wendt Goss, P.C.

Lynn Johnson, '70
Shamberg, Johnson & Bergman, Chtd

Christopher Korth, '85
Law Offices of Christopher S. Korth

Sheryl Nelson, '90
Corporate Counsel Group, L.L.P.

Kevin Regan, '81
The Regan Law Firm, LLC

Patricia Sexton, '94
Polsinelli Shughart, P.C.

Samuel Wendt, '01
Wendt Goss, P.C.

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ALUMNI *In Memoriam*

Washburn Law mourns the passing of the following alumni, whose deaths were reported to the school since the date of our last publication.

37 John Elliott Shamberg, '37, of Prairie Village, Kan., on June 9, 2009

48 John Edward Weeks, '48, of Pocatello, Idaho, on Sept. 9, 2009

50 Charles Donald Anderson, '50, of Cheney, Kan., on May 3, 2009

51 Lieutenant Duane Alvin Bush, '51, of Bonita Springs, Fla., on Jan. 2, 2009 • Norton Clay Frickey Sr., '51, of Golden, Colo., on June 14, 2009 • Sidney C. Hunt, '51, of Overland Park, Kan., on Dec. 5, 2008 • Edwyn Reuben Sherwood, '51, of Bellevue, Wash., on May 28, 2009

52 The Honorable Robert Aaron "Bob" Thiessen, '52, of Wichita, on March 16, 2009

55 Floyd Dale Sorrick Jr., '55, of Washington, Kan., on May 31, 2009

56 Hugh D. Mauch, '56, of Great Bend, Kan., on August 5, 2009

58 George Dean Wagstaff, '58, of Tecumseh, Kan., on May 11, 2009

61 David Donelle Gaumer, '61, of Lawrence, Kan., on March 27, 2009 • Richard Paul Senecal, '61, of Atchison, Kan., on April 23, 2009

62 Franklin Kenneth Crews Jr., '62, of Hutchinson, Kan., on March 11, 2009

67 Terry T. Messick, '67, of Anthony, Kan., on July 27, 2009

68 Robert D. Ochs, '68, of Topeka on Aug. 15, 2009

73 Georgann Rausch Mefferd, '73, of Des Moines, Iowa, on Jan. 8, 2009 • C. Perry Murray, '73, of Gold Canyon, Ariz., on June 15, 2009

74 Philip A. "Phil" Harley, '74, of Piedmont, Calif., on July 2, 2009 • David M. Jancich, '74, of Lenexa, Kan., on July 5, 2009

75 Jerome K. "Jerry" Osburn, '75, of Las Vegas, Nev., on July 27, 2009

76 Sondra Juanita Hammons Newsom, '76, of Topeka on May 16, 2009

79 Ronald R. "Ron" Gooding, '79, of Topeka on July 4, 2009

81 John O. "Jack" Mingle, '81, of Laramie, Wyo., on Oct. 10, 2009

85 Duke Nguyen Browning, '85, of Katy, Texas, on September 23, 2009

86 David J. Dunlap, '86, of Topeka on September 27, 2009

88 Eric Lee Whitner, '88, of Omaha, Neb., on Aug. 29, 2009

A Tribute to Duke Nguyen Browning (Duc Ngoc Nguyen), '85

by Professor Myrl Duncan

More than any other student I have taught in 32 years at Washburn University School of Law, Duke personified the infinite resiliency of the human spirit. As a teenager in Vietnam during the war, he worked as a military photographer and in 1975 faced certain death at the hands of the victorious North Vietnamese. With ingenuity and luck, and dodging mortar shells, he managed to escape on one of the last helicopters to leave Saigon. Eighteen years old, with only a few years of formal education and knowing only a few English words, he made his way to the United States.

With the help of those who recognized his native intelligence, he received equivalency education and graduated from college. By way of the Council on Legal Education Opportunity he arrived at Washburn, where his unshakeable optimism, hard work, determination and pure grit won him the love and affection of the law school community. When he became a naturalized U.S. citizen during his first year, his classmates carried him from the courthouse on their shoulders — and then presented him with an apple pie. He dreamed of being able to use his law degree to help tend to the legal needs of the Vietnamese community in Houston, Texas, and he simply refused to let the obstacle of a bar exam in his second language stand in his way. He went on to become a successful attorney and businessman in Houston. Duke enriched — even changed — the lives of those who knew him, and he brought great credit to Washburn Law.

JOHN ELLIOTT SHAMBERG
1913 - 2009

Giving Back

John Elliott Shamberg, ba '34, and jd '37, was born July 15, 1913, in Fremont, Neb., and was raised in Hutchinson, Kan. John earned both his bachelor's degree in political science and his juris doctor from Washburn. He joined the Kansas City, Kan., firm of Cohen, Schnider & Weinstein in 1949, and was soon named as a partner. The firm today is known as Shamberg, Johnson & Bergman, Chartered. John was one of the premier civil trial attorneys in the nation. During the period 1983-2000, he was named in every edition of *The Best Lawyers in America (Civil Litigation)*.

In 1989, he received the highest honor conferred by the Kansas Bar Association, the Distinguished Service Award. Also in 1989, he was the first recipient of the Kansas Trial Lawyer Association's Art Hodgson Award. In 1997, the Kansas Bar Association awarded him the KBA 60-year pin for 60 years of practice. Also in 1997, the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association conferred on him the "Dean of the Trial Bar Award." To be considered for this award, an attorney must have been in practice for 30 years and be distinguished by his accomplishments and his reputation in the profession. John Shamberg was the first Kansas attorney to receive this award.

In 2000, he received the Justinian Award for Professional Excellence, the highest honor granted by the Johnson County Bar Association. The award is given to an attorney who has exemplified integrity, service to the



community, service to the legal profession, and professional qualities of warmth, friendliness, and camaraderie.

John Shamberg was, throughout his distinguished life, an enthusiastic and generous supporter of our law school. He spearheaded the entire fundraising campaign to rebuild

the School of Law after the 1966 tornado. John served as President of the Law School Alumni Association from 1965-69. He was on the Board of Advisors for the Center for Excellence in Advocacy from 2006 until his death. John received the Distinguished Service Award from the Washburn Law School Association in 1970. In 1984, he was awarded the Honorary Doctor of Law from Washburn University.

"John Shamberg was a tremendous supporter and advocate of Washburn University School of Law," said Dean Thomas J. Romig. "His legacy at Washburn Law will continue to benefit the law school and our students for many years to come. We mourn the loss of such a great friend."

Shamberg passed away July 9, 2009, in Prairie Village, Kansas. He will be missed by all of us at the law school and by the many Washburn Law alumni and friends across the country.

Alumni and friends who are interested in joining Shamberg in shining the light on Washburn Law through trusts, estates, and other planned gifts are encouraged to contact Martin Abrens, advancement and planned giving officer, Washburn University School of Law, at (785) 670-2781 or mabrens@wea.org.

John D. and Sameta B. Kemp Law Scholarship



John D. Kemp, '74, recipient of the 2003 Washburn University Honorary Doctor of Law degree, is the epitome of a person with an energetic, positive upbeat personality. His career is one of remarkable successes. John has served as Chief Executive

Officer of the United Cerebral Palsy Association, Very Special Arts, and Half the Planet Foundation. He has served as general counsel and vice president of development for the National Easter Seal Society. Currently John is a principal in the Washington, D.C., firm of Powers Pyles Sutter & Verville PC.

You might not know that John has a challenging physical disability unless you saw him motoring to his next

appointment in his electric powered chair. John was born with no arms below the elbows and no legs below the knees.

With the establishment of the John D. and Sameta B. Kemp Law Scholarship, law students with disabilities will be assisted. Kemp said, "Each of us is an advocate. Each of us has many different ways we can serve. Commit to making something good and productive and meaningful happen every day." John and Sameta's scholarship will assure that young Washburn attorneys will continue to do just that.

"John Kemp is an inspiration to us all," said Dean Thomas J. Romig. "Because of the scholarship he and Sameta created, law students with disabilities will have opportunities they might not otherwise have had."

Elwood Slover Law Emergency Fund



Philip M. Knighton, '71, is currently an "inactive" lawyer after 38 years of practice. He and his wife, Chris Dilts Knighton, now devote their time to geological prospecting. Knighton's final year of law school was a stressful time. He worked weekends at the State Highway Department Research Lab, late afternoon hours inspecting pier borings for new buildings, making coffee at 5:00 a.m. in

the student lounge, teaching evening geology courses at Washburn, and managing the Washburn Law Clinic during the day.

Among all these other responsibilities, Knighton was enrolled as a full-time student. Around the middle of his final year of law school, Knighton realized he would be lacking about \$700 to \$900 to finish the last semester. With a bit of trepidation, he approached Dean John E. Howe, inquiring if an emergency fund was available for special circumstances. Knighton was advised there was an ad hoc "slush fund" for this purpose, so he made his request to Assistant Dean Elwood Slover, who assured him that the committee would review it. The following day, Slover presented Knighton with a certified check, with the explanation that it was a non-interest bearing loan. No papers were signed; it was verbally agreed that he would pay the money back at his earliest opportunity.

After graduation and passing the bar, Knighton set up a law practice in Wichita, specializing in oil and gas regulatory law. When he returned to campus in the fall to attend a seminar, Knighton was pleased that he could repay the loan. When asked to whom the check should be made payable, Slover simply replied, "Oh, just make it out to Elwood Slover." At that moment, Knighton realized it was a one-person committee who provided this critical source of funds. Knighton thanked him enthusiastically; he never forgot the kindness shown to him when he really needed it.

Knighton believes having this emergency financial support is essential for third-year law students. In gratitude, the fund is named after Assistant Dean Elwood Slover. Knighton is making the appeal to other graduates, who may also have experienced this unique generosity, in the hope of increasing its contributions. Repayment and the continuity of this fund rest solely on the sense of honor of the recipients.

"The Elwood Slover Law Emergency Fund will enable third-year law students who encounter financial hardship to finish law school," said Dean Thomas J. Romig. "Philip Knighton's generosity in starting this fund has created a lasting legacy to the kindness and charitableness of Dean Slover."

If you would like to provide financial assistance, please contact Joel Lauer, director of advancement, at (785) 670-1702 or jlauer@wea.org.



PRO *Bono*

The Washburn Law Pro Bono Program, first developed in 2006, recently underwent a substantial redesign. Margann Bennett, director of professional development and pro bono, was appointed to develop and direct a new program to engage students in this important professional obligation. She worked with a faculty committee appropriately chaired by Associate Professor **Lynette Petty, '87**, a recipient of numerous awards for her own pro bono work.

The new program encourages students to understand and embrace their future professional obligation to provide legal services to individuals of limited means. The Pro Bono Program, through the Director of Pro Bono and a Pro Bono Advisory Council, promotes the importance of law-related public service through the administration of several pro bono initiatives within the law school. These initiatives include the Pro Bono Honors Pledge and Recognition, a speaker series, and efforts to recognize and support pro bono activities in the law school and greater legal communities.

Definition of Pro Bono

The definition of “pro bono” is modeled on the definition in the Model Rules of Professional Conduct and includes work which is law related and benefits individuals of limited means; work which is law related and benefits organizations seeking to secure or protect civil rights, civil liberties or public rights, or charitable, religious, civic, community, governmental and educational organizations in furtherance of their organizational purposes; work on projects which improve the law, the legal system, or the legal profession; and up to six hours spent in training for pro bono service projects. Students may not receive academic credit or compensation for pro bono service.

Pro Bono Opportunities

Pro bono opportunities will be posted through the Professional Development Office or students may identify and propose projects that meet the definition of pro bono. Existing approved projects include work with Kansas Legal Services, private attorneys who are appointed through KLS or by the courts, Court Appointed Special Advocates, Topeka/Shawnee County Youth Court, and other organizations.

Voluntary Recognition Program

The centerpiece of the Pro Bono Program is a Pro Bono Honors Pledge and Recognition program. All students are encouraged, but not required, to participate in a pro bono initiative that rewards pro bono work with recognition at graduation. Students are rewarded at two levels, after completing 50 or 100 hours of pro bono service.

Alumni Involvement

If you have an idea for a project that may be appropriate for inclusion in this program, please contact Margann Bennett at (785) 670-1703 or margann.bennett@washburn.edu.

ALICE FITZGERALD, '79

Senior Counsel, The Western and Southern Life Insurance Company



Alice Fitzgerald, '79, has been involved with the Volunteer Lawyers for the Poor (VLP) project in Cincinnati, Ohio, for the past 26 years.

She has worked in house for The Western and Southern Life Insurance Company since 1981. She handles discrimination complaints, including conduct, discrimination, and sexual harassment. The company has 181 district offices operating in 22 states and the District of Columbia.

The Volunteer Lawyers for the Poor project began in 1982, and she became a volunteer the following year. In all but a few of the past 26 years, Fitzgerald has handled two cases per year.

"Initially I handled divorce cases," she said. "In those early days, divorce issues were not often complicated and cases went very well. As the years went by, the divorce cases entailed more difficult issues, including custody and support orders and even safety issues for the spouse and children. Although I received assistance from other attorneys and Legal Aid, I decided it would be better for me to handle cases closer to my corporate legal position, which at that time and still is, employment law.

"In October 1993 I changed my involvement to investigating whether discrimination cases warranted an effort by VLP to seek a volunteer attorney to represent the client in filing a lawsuit. I do not personally represent any clients in court. Over the last few years, I have been getting cases to investigate for representation after they have been filed *pro se* by the clients."

Fitzgerald reviews cases that have been dismissed by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), the agency that enforces federal employment discrimination laws, to see if they should obtain a lawyer. In most cases, she concurs with the EEOC that discrimination did not occur, but there have been some cases where she recommended pursuing the case in court.

One part of her job is to explain to clients that, even though they may have been treated badly (or think they were), it wasn't discrimination. That's where her involvement ends. If the client pursues the case in court, they will work with a new attorney. Fitzgerald feels fortunate that her employer has allowed her to take on these cases.

"My company generously allows me take regular work time to meet with clients and review files. It allows my secretary to assist me with correspondence and keeping my files," she said. "My company has been very supportive."

There are 680 attorneys currently participating in the Volunteer Lawyers for the Poor project.

LYNETTE PETTY, '87

Assistant Dean for Accommodation
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Lynette Petty, '87, is past-president of the Board of Kansas Legal Services (KLS) and has worked for 17 years in the Washburn Law Clinic. Pro bono work is important to her.

"I try to impress upon students the importance of taking pro bono cases as part of our professional obligation

EMBRACING A PROFESSIONAL OBLIGATION TO GIVE BACK

for the privilege of practicing law,” Petty said. “I believe strongly we should give back.”

Petty takes on one case at a time through KLS and tries to always have an open pro bono case, which usually results in about three or four cases per year. The cases are mostly divorces, and almost all involve abuse. Since the Law Clinic’s malpractice insurance does not cover pro bono work, these KLS cases are covered by its own insurance.

Nationwide, the American Bar Association is encouraging law schools to provide opportunities for pro bono work. Petty says the expanded opportunities Washburn Law will provide through its structured program will be exciting, and that students will want to be involved. The program also recognizes the students for their work. Professor Petty is chair of the Washburn Law faculty pro bono committee.

T. LYNN WARD, '90

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T. Lynn Ward, '90, (far right) is pictured with client Maryclare McAdams and her daughter who decorated a “thank you” cake for Lynn.

Lynn Ward, '90, Wichita, went to law school because she wanted to help people.

“I went to law school because I love to work with people, and I love to help people,” she said. “Serving others is an obligation I feel as a Christian. Doing volunteer work is a big part of my heart and my life.”

She has volunteered in the “Protection from Abuse” docket, representing plaintiffs. In 2005, she helped her nephew get custody of his three sons. They were living with their mother, had been evicted from their house,

and were living in a vehicle. She and her husband Dale now mentor the youngest of the three sons during the summer, giving him a chance to discover opportunities available to him. He serves as a runner in Lynn’s law office.

Over the past five years, her pro bono work has consisted mostly of uncontested divorces, with one big exception.

In 2006, she took on a case of a mother who wasn’t able to see her daughter. Maryclare McAdams, who is friends with members of the same church as Lynn, didn’t have money to hire a private attorney, but turned to Kansas Legal Services for assistance. Eventually, the mutual friends asked Lynn to take the case. It went to trial in the summer of 2006, and Maryclare was awarded shared residency of her daughter. The case has continued since 2006 and litigation is likely to continue, on and off, for the next decade, until the minor child is 18.

Ward admits that she gets personally involved in her cases. “One of the things I like about family law is that I get to know my clients personally. I’m helping them through huge transitions in their lives.”

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATION

THE TERM PRO BONO is a phrase derived from the Latin meaning ‘for the public good.’ The cover illustration captures the idea of lawyers contributing not only their time, but also passion for their work, an openhanded approach, and goodwill toward their own communities.

AMANDA WARREN is a Lawrence, Kan., based illustrator and designer. Her work is symbolic, textural, and inspired by the forms and colors of nature. Ideas and concepts that words alone cannot communicate are brought to life through this unique mixed-media/assemblage technique. More of her work can be viewed at www.amandawarren.com.



The annual National Pro Bono Celebration was October 25-31. Sponsored by the ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service, the celebration is a coordinated national effort to showcase the great difference that pro bono lawyers make to the nation, its system of justice, its communities and, most of all, to the clients they serve. The week was also dedicated to the quest for more pro bono volunteers to meet the ever-growing legal needs of this country's most vulnerable citizens.

NATIONAL PRO BONO CELEBRATION WEEK EVENTS AT WASHBURN LAW

Washburn Law launched the Pro Bono Program and celebrated law-related community service during National Pro Bono Celebration Week.

PRO BONO PROGRAM LAUNCH Oct. 27



The Honorable David Bruns, '84, of the Third Judicial District (Shawnee County) discussed the benefits of law-related public service for law students. His comments included an overview of opportunities available with the Topeka/Shawnee County Youth Court Program, which needs volunteers to assist with the program.

The Topeka/Shawnee County Youth Court Program is a diversion program led by teenagers. First time offenders with misdemeanor traffic or vandalism charges agree to stipulate to the facts and have their cases heard by Youth Court. The judge, prosecutor, defense attorney, jurors, bailiff, court clerk, and defendants are all teenagers. The jurors decide the sanctions to be imposed, which can include community service, a written or oral apology to the victim or others, an essay related to the offense, or grade improvement.

To learn more about the Topeka/Shawnee County Youth Court, visit www.topekayouthproject.org/youthcourt.html.

Margann Bennett, director of professional development and pro bono, gave an overview of the newly-redesigned

Pro Bono Program at Washburn Law, through which the law school promotes law-related community service and students can receive recognition upon graduation.



www.washburnlaw.edu/students/probono/

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC SERVICE WITH KANSAS LEGAL SERVICES Oct. 30

Attorneys from Kansas Legal Services (KLS) discussed the benefits of serving the public through their statewide, non-profit, legal services firm. Opportunities exist within KLS for students to gain practical experience and for practicing attorneys to give back to their community.

The panel (at right) included Ty Wheeler, managing attorney, Emporia office; **Lynette Petty, '87**, past-president of the Board of KLS and professor in the Washburn Law Clinic; and Marilyn Harp, KLS executive director.



Kansas Legal Services, a statewide non-profit organization, helps low income Kansans meet their basic needs through the provision of essential legal, mediation, and employment training services. KLS tries to eliminate the causes of poverty and mitigate its effects by helping individuals achieve and maintain self-sufficiency and family supporting employment.

KLS needs volunteers who can deal directly with clients and others to do research. Wheeler encouraged students to get involved, stating that not only is working with KLS enjoyable, but volunteers have the opportunity to spend time in the courtroom, gaining valuable experience. In addition, the cases involve individuals under the poverty level who have the need for assistance.

"These are the people that need our help the most," said Wheeler.

To learn more about Kansas Legal Services, visit www.kansaslegalservices.org.

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I originally applied to Washburn Law with the intention
 of helping to foster change within our legal system and
 to be able to represent the interests of under-privileged
 groups. Two years later, thanks in large part to my
 experiences in Professor Michael Kaye's Trial Advocacy
 class, my volunteer experiences in New Orleans, and my
 work in the Washburn Law Clinic this fall, my conviction
 to be an advocate for the poor has only gotten stronger.

Washburn Law has a way of bringing out the best in
 its students. The law school is progressive in the sense
 that it encourages student activism regarding a broad
 spectrum of issues. Washburn Law's faculty skillfully
 uses its students to provide additional perspectives and
 insight into the law. It is particularly refreshing to be
 surrounded by professors, as well as many law students,
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The Alumni Association welcomes four new members to the Board of Governors leadership.

Christina Collins Apperson, '97, Chapel Hill, N.C., is counsel for the North Carolina Medical Board. She was previously with the American Medical Association in Washington, D.C., where she focused on legislative and administrative advocacy. While at the AMA, she served on the HHS Subcommittee on Privacy, Confidentiality, and Security for Health Information Technology and the Policy Advisory Board to the National Practitioner Data Bank. Christina was also previously with the Kansas Medical Society and the Topeka firm of Frieden, Haynes & Forbes. She served on the Washburn Student Bar Association, *Washburn Law Journal*, and the Moot Court team in addition to being a member of the Order of the Barristers. She earned her Bachelor of Arts (with honors) and Masters from Wichita State University. She is licensed in Kansas and North Carolina.

Saul Arceo, ba '91, and jd '94, Dallas, Texas, is the director of sales for Latin America for Bombardier

Aerospace, the third largest civil aircraft manufacturer in the world. Saul has worked with Bombardier for over 13 years holding different levels of responsibility, from legal counsel to U.S. sales to director of international contracts in Montreal, Canada. He graduated from law school with honors. In addition to Kansas, he is licensed to practice in California and Texas. His undergraduate degree in Finance is also from Washburn University.

Eric S. Heath, '96, San Francisco, Calif., is the director of legal, product at LinkedIn Corporation, an interconnected network of experienced professionals from around the world, representing over 50 million users in 170 industries and 200 countries. Eric's in-house practice focuses on domestic and international legal compliance, including transactional counseling with particular emphasis on privacy, communications, and copyright. Previously, he worked as a senior legal director at Yahoo! Inc. Prior to Yahoo!, Eric served as senior attorney and director and attorney for Sprint Nextel in Las Vegas and San Francisco. He received his Bachelor of Arts (history and German) *cum laude* from

the University of Notre Dame. Heath is a member of the Kansas and California Bars, the Federal Communications Bar Association, and the Association of Corporate Counsel.

Kelly Elliott Mahoney, '02, Boone, Iowa, is an assistant United States attorney for the Southern District of Iowa in Des Moines. She was previously with the Jordan & Mahoney Law Firm, PC in Boone, Iowa, and the District Attorney's Office for the 18th Judicial District in Wichita, Kan. Kelly received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Kansas State University. She is a member of the Iowa, Boone County, and Kansas Bar Associations.

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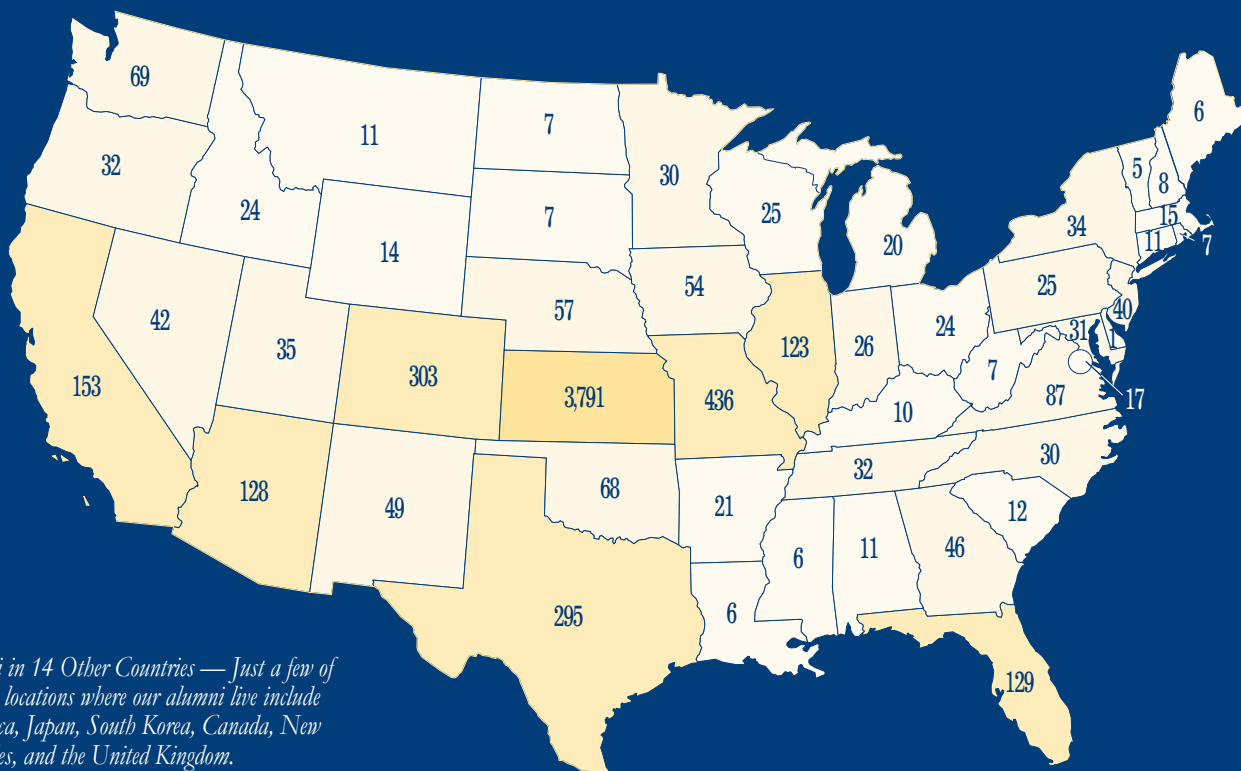
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Hosted by Marianne Deagle, '95 (front row – far right), and her husband, Professor Rogelio Lasso (back row wearing a Washburn Law shirt), along with The Hon. Stacy Cooper, '84 (front row – far left).

Where Washburn Law Alumni Reside in the United States



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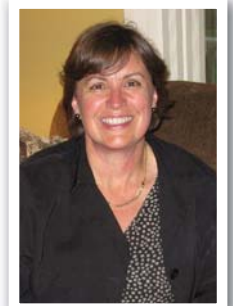
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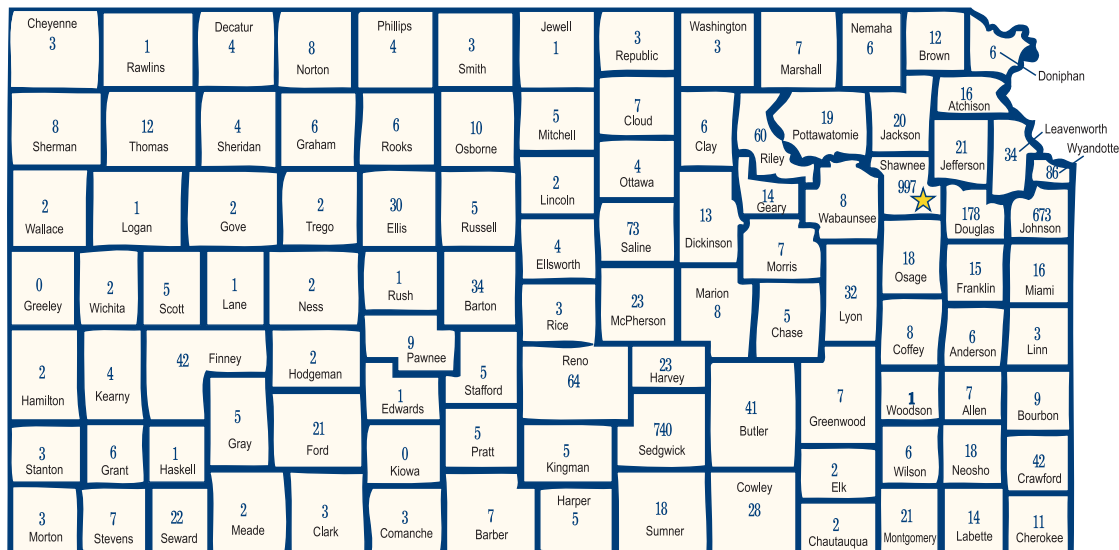


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FACULTY News



Carl C. Monk
B.A., Oklahoma State University, 1965
J.D., Howard University School of Law, 1971

Carl C. Monk returns to Washburn University School of Law from his position as Executive Director of the Association of American Law Schools. In this capacity, he spoke throughout the world on the role of voluntary associations in improving the quality of legal education and the legal profession. He is licensed to practice in the District of Columbia and the State of New York.

He has written in the field of Constitutional Law, with an emphasis on the First Amendment. Professor Monk has lectured on Constitutional Law in Europe, South America, and Asia. He has chaired the American Bar Association Affirmative Action Committee. He was Dean of Washburn University School of Law from 1978 to 1988, and then served as Deputy Director of the Association of American Law Schools in Washington, D.C., from 1988 to 1990.

This fall he is teaching Constitutional Law II and Comparative Constitutional Law. In the spring 2010 semester, Monk will teach Civil Procedure I and Comparative Media Law.



Amy Deen Westbrook
A.B., Harvard College, 1987
J.D., Harvard Law School, 1992

Amy Deen Westbrook is the co-director of Washburn's Business and Transactional Law Center. Her teaching and research focus on financial, international, and transactional subjects. Her current work focuses on whether U.S. securities laws require disclosure of companies' operations in countries that sponsor terrorism. She also continues her long-standing work on legal education for transactional practice.

In her previous position at the University at Buffalo Law School, Professor Westbrook was the Director of the University at Buffalo New York City Program in International Finance and Law. She taught courses in international finance, securities regulation, international trade, the North American Free Trade Agreement, acquisition transactions, and transactional practice. Her teaching responsibilities include International Business Transactions, Securities Regulation, Business Associations, and Financial Institution Regulation.



David A. Westbrook
B.A., Emory University, 1988
J.D., Harvard Law School, 1992

David A. Westbrook is visiting Washburn University School of Law from the University at Buffalo Law School, the State University of New York, where he is the Floyd H. and Hilda L. Hurst Faculty Scholar and Professor of Law. Professor Westbrook is widely recognized as a writer and thinker on globalization and has spoken worldwide to government and business leaders, and across academic disciplines. His most recent publication is *Out of Crisis: Rethinking Our Financial Market*. Other books include *Between Citizen and State: An Introduction to the Corporation* and *City of Gold: An Apology for Global Capitalism in a Time of Discontent*.

Before entering academia, Westbrook practiced law with Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering (now WilmerHale), and clerked for Judge Plager on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. At Washburn Law, he is teaching the first-year contracts courses.

LAW SCHOOL News

WASHBURN LAW RANKED AS BEST VALUE, NAMED OUTSTANDING

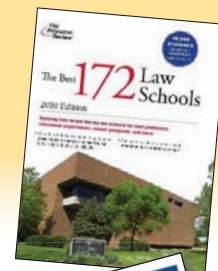
Washburn University School of Law is ranked 31st of all 200 law schools in the United States in “*The National Jurist’s* Best Value Law Schools,” September 2009.

The schools on the list “carry a low price tag and are able to prepare their students incredibly well for today’s competitive job market,” according to *The National Jurist*. Schools ranked had low tuition, high employment after graduation, and bar passage rates above the state average.

Washburn Law was also named an outstanding law school by The Princeton Review in the 2010 edition of its book *The Best 172 Law Schools*. The Princeton Review surveys students to create two-page profiles of the chosen schools with write-ups on their academics, student life

and admissions, plus ratings for their academics, selectivity and career placement services.

“We are honored to be included with the top law schools in the nation,” said Dean Thomas J. Romig. “Washburn University School of Law provides our students with a high-quality legal education found in many of the best private law schools, but at a public law school price. Because of the continued generosity of our alumni, we are able to keep costs low.”



“STUDENTS FIRST” SCHOLARSHIP CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

Washburn Law recently initiated a new scholarship campaign to enhance its strategy to target highly-qualified students with larger scholarships. The new scholarship program implemented for students entering in the fall of 2009 resulted in a higher percentage of students choosing Washburn. In addition, the median LSATs of incoming students were two points higher than the class of 2008.

“We are continually working to recruit the best and brightest students while also ensuring the debt load does not keep them from pursuing the professional opportunities they seek upon graduation,” said Thomas J. Romig, dean of the School of Law. “These scholarships help students immediately and build a stronger law school long-term.”

More than \$1.8 million in scholarships was awarded for the 2009-10 school year, and we seek to increase this by \$200,000 to \$300,000 for the 2010-11 academic year. Four scholarship funds are emphasized in the Students First Campaign:

Premier Academic Scholarships – Washburn Law has created scholarships to recruit premier academic students. These scholarships are renewable for three years if academic standards are met; the majority of other law schools offer one-year scholarships.

Homestead Scholarships – Each year a significant number of students come to Washburn from seven nearby undergraduate schools, including Emporia State, Fort Hays State, Kansas State, Pittsburg State, University of Kansas, Washburn, and Wichita State. These scholarships are awarded to student scholars from these universities.

Competition Team Scholarships – To maintain the national caliber of these teams, scholarships are awarded to upper-class students to attract their participation in these valuable programs.

Bar Preparation Scholarships – When the funds become available, we plan to offer a limited number of Bar Preparation Scholarships to help defray the costs of bar examination application fees and preparation courses for third-year law students, helping to improve bar exam results.

You're Invited

ADMISSION TO THE BAR

Swearing-In 2010

Washburn University School of Law
United States Supreme Court
Swearing-In Ceremony

*All law school alumni are invited
to join Dean Thomas J. Romig and the
Washburn University School of Law
Alumni Association for a very special occasion.*

Sunday, May 23, 2010

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. • Welcome Reception

Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill
400 New Jersey Ave., NW, Washington, D.C.

Alumni living in the Washington, D.C.
area will also be invited

Monday, May 24, 2010

8:30 a.m. • Arrive at Supreme Court • Continental Breakfast

10:00 a.m. • Supreme Court Swearing-In Ceremony

• Reception with Supreme Court Justices

• Group photographs

Noon • Lunch (location to be determined)

More details will be posted at
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WASHBURN LAW
Upcoming Events Calendar

DECEMBER 2009

- 11 Commencement for Class of 2010 December Graduates
Lee Arena, Petro Allied Health Center, 6:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 2010

- 9 Tampa Area Alumni and Admissions Reception – Shook, Hardy, & Bacon, L.L.P.,
100 N. Tampa St., Tampa, Fl., 5:30-7:30 p.m. Hosted by **Curtis Perry, '91**
23 Phoenix Area Alumni and Admissions Reception – at the home of Jeri and **Jay Vanier, '87**,
6522 E. Via Los Caballos, Paradise Valley, Ariz., 5:30-7:30 p.m.

MARCH 2010

- 2 3rd Annual Government Careers CLE, Robinson Courtroom
6 Board of Governors Breakfast and Board Meeting – 8:30 a.m., Washburn B Room, Memorial Union
12 Children and Family Law Center/Kansas Association of Counsel for Children CLE
Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center
26 Foulston Siefkin Lecture presented by Professor William Eskridge Jr., Yale Law School

MAY 2010

- 15 Law School Commencement for the Class of 2010 – Lee Arena, Petro Allied Health Center,
6:30 p.m. followed by Champagne Reception – Washburn A & B, Memorial Union
23 U.S. Supreme Court Welcome Reception – 6:00-8:00 p.m., Washington, D.C.
24 U.S. Supreme Court Swearing-In Ceremony and Luncheon – 10:00 a.m., Washington, D.C.

The United States Supreme Court Swearing-In Ceremony is one of the premier law school alumni events. Washburn Law graduates are strongly encouraged to watch for a mailing about this unforgettable experience in our nation's capital.

All events on Washburn University campus unless noted otherwise.