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*Swearing-in* Washburn Law Alumni Sworn in to U.S. Supreme Court

DEAN  
*Thomas J. Romig*

Dear Alumni and Friends:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to share with you some of the exciting things happening at Washburn Law. This fall, the law school welcomed the best-credentialed incoming class in our history. The incoming Class of 2010 is comprised of 169 students, including the fall and January 2010 starters. The total number of applications increased significantly, as did the LSAT scores of the admitted students. These improvements were due, in part, to the re-establishment of the Spring Start Program, allowing for recruiting opportunities in two separate cycles. We were able to be more selective than any time in the recent history of the law school. Our recruiting strategy and our use of scholarships have been very effective and enabled us to retain the most talented applicants. We appreciate your support of our scholarship efforts, and with your ongoing assistance, we will be able to continue to recruit the best students.

We know that prospective students weigh law school rankings when deciding which school to attend. Washburn Law moved up in the *U.S. News and World Report's* 2011 law school rankings, and our Legal Analysis, Research, and Writing Program was ranked 17th among all U.S. law schools. We recognize that legal writing is a critically important skill for successful lawyers, and it is a strength of Washburn Law.

We continue to maintain an excellent student-faculty ratio: 12.9 to 1. We have been very successful in our faculty recruitment over the last couple of years. We have been able to hire our top choices, and this has enabled us to maintain and expand our highly qualified faculty.

Our Washburn Law Library was ranked number 40 out of nearly 200 law schools by the *National Jurist* magazine. This ranking is a tribute to the work of our great library staff and legal technology group.

Washburn Law continues to compete on a national level, and our current facility plays a role in our ability to recruit the best and brightest students. The law school building, which was built in 1969, does not lend itself well to the changing style of law teaching. We are hard-pressed to find space for current needs, let alone innovate for the future. Classrooms are not suitable for smaller groups of students. Gathering spaces for study and conversation are virtually nonexistent. There are too few faculty offices, the library is too small, and because no single venue can accommodate more than 90 people, we can't have each entering class together in one room.

I am happy to announce that, in coordination with the University Vice President, Administration and Treasurer's office, we are about to engage in an architectural design "charette" process to develop proposed conceptual designs and associated costs both for an expansion of the existing law school building and for a new law school building. We believe this process will likely culminate before May 2011.

With your support, we will meet our space challenges and move Washburn Law ahead as a premier leader in legal education and a highly competitive national law school. We believe a new or improved home for the law school will signal to prospective students, faculty, friends and alumni that Washburn continues to offer the highest quality legal education to the people of Kansas and our great nation. We will continue to make you proud of our distinguished law school.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Romig  
Dean and Professor of Law  
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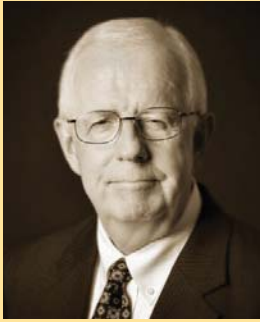
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**PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

# *Alumni Association*

As my two-year term as president of the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association gets under way, it has been impossible for me to avoid thinking of the amazing changes that have occurred during these many years since I graduated. When I began my studies at Washburn Law in the summer of 1965, the school's enrollment was 149, led by Dean John Howe, one librarian, eight full-time professors, and 20 adjunct lecturers. The school was housed in the small Carnegie building.

A year later, Carnegie was gone with the wind and replaced by eight trailers, which were later replaced by our present-day building in 1969. While today's building has undergone substantial additions in 1978 and 1992, plus several remodeling projects over the years, it now appears to be at peak capacity. This poses a serious concern.

This fall the law school welcomed an entering class of 169 students, thereby bringing the total number of law students to 453. The faculty and staff consists of Dean Thomas J. Romig, three associate deans, 34 full-time and visiting professors, eight librarians, more than 50 adjunct instructors, and 36 staff members. The breadth and depth of the course offerings, Clinic, Centers for Excellence, and other programs are staggering. And, the faculty is now continuously engaged in a strategic planning process to develop and implement improvements in every aspect of the law school's programming.

The history of Washburn has been a story of challenges met and challenges overcome. The limitations of the present building offer yet another challenge. The university has completed a year-long strategic planning process, and one of the principal conclusions is the need to examine how to improve the facilities for the law school. Many of us rightfully share a great debt of gratitude to the law school because of the impact it has had on our lives, and the opportunity to repay what we can of that debt is approaching.

Financial support is only one of many ways the alumni can support and participate in the law school's long-term growth and development. You are invited to learn more about those opportunities by contacting Carolyn Barnes, director of Alumni Services at (785) 670-2013 or [carolyn.barnes@washburn.edu](mailto:carolyn.barnes@washburn.edu).

Sincerely,



# CLASS OF 2010

Washburn University  
School of Law

## *105<sup>th</sup> Commencement*

The 105th Washburn University School of Law Commencement was held on the evening of Saturday, May 15, in Lee Arena, on the Washburn campus. The Kansas Territorial Pipes and Drums, Topeka, led the processional with **Professor Jeffrey D. Jackson, '92**, LL.M, as grand marshal. Speakers at commencement were: Dean Thomas J. Romig; Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Alex Glashausser; **Andrew Payne, '10**, president of the Washburn Student Bar Association; and **Paul R. Hoferer, '75**, vice 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 member **The Honorable Christel E. Marquardt, '74**.

**D. Duke Dupre, '73**, was the 2010 recipient of the Honorary Degree. Dupre also gave the commencement address to the Class of 2010. 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 Memorial Union.

Each academic year, the graduating class votes to honor a member of the faculty as the William O. Douglas Outstanding Professor of the Year. Professor Rory D. Bahadur received this award. The Adjunct Professor of the Year was **Terri D. Thomas, '88**.

During the May commencement, 139 students graduated, with 44 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.



*D. Duke Dupre, '73, was the speaker at the 105th commencement.*



*Rory D. Bahadur  
Professor of the Year*



*Terri D. Thomas, '88  
Adjunct Professor of the Year*



## CLASS OF 2010

*Certificates earned and Pro Bono Honors are indicated by italics.  
List includes December 2009 graduates.*

Rebecca Marie Alexander

Donald Edwin Anderson

D. S. Armstrong

Ahmed Bachelani

*Business and Transactional Law*

*Tax Law*

Krystal Lynn Baer

Moises Leonel Barraza-Pallares

*International and Comparative Law*

Ashley Marie Coleman Barton

Robert Emmett Bauer

Jordan Garrett Blanton

*Business and Transactional Law*

Mark Quentin Brinkworth

*Business and Transactional Law*

*International and Comparative Law*

Alyssa Claire Brockert

Vo-Laria Nicole Brooks

*Pro Bono Honors*

Jennifer Valene Brown

Stephanie R. Brown

Brett Michael Busch

Travis Rex Cantrell

Cody Gene Claassen

Andrew Clark

*Business and Transactional Law*

## *December 11, 2009 Commencement*



**Front row, left to right:** Brett Michael Busch, Allison McKinsey English, Lauren Elizabeth Conard Young, Derek Scott Thrasher, and Jason David Knott.

**Second row:** Joshua Scott Mikkelsen, Theresa LouAnn Staudinger, Adam Michael Mack, David E. McDonald, Nathan Easton, and Ronald D. Dees.

**Back row:** Travis Rex Cantrell, Tawna Janelle Leach, Theresa Denise Poindexter, Daniel Aaron Jack, Shane Allen Rosson, and Kahlea Monet Porter.

**Not pictured:** Alan Dunaway, Ashley Jenae Larson, Patrick James Martin, Matthew Joseph Richardson, Sean Kenneth Scally, Cecil Lee Skaggs Jr., Patrick Michael Vogelsberg, and Robert M. Weaver.

Eric Wayne Clawson	Zachary F. Kohl	Kahlea Monet Porter
Zachary Steven Coble	Jason Konrad	Sean Thomas Pribyl
Lauren Elizabeth Conard Young	Jeremy David Koop	<i>International and Comparative Law</i>
Jamey Ann Critchlow	Jason David Knott	Ryan Allen Prochaska
Jay Edward Cundiff III	Carissa Erin Lassman	<i>Advocacy</i>
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Jason Vance Darland	Ashley Jenae Larson	Tabitha Dawn Rempe
Veronica M. Davis	Tawna Janelle Leach	Daniel Mark Reynolds
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<i>Advocacy</i>	Jodi Elaine Litfin	Matthew Joseph Richardson
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Jaskamal Preet Dhillon	Erica Marie Lopez	Andrew Allen Roberts
Christine Ann Dickerson de Galindo	<i>International and Comparative Law</i>	Margaret Elizabeth Robertson
Alan Dunaway	Adam Michael Mack	<i>Tax Law</i>
<i>Estate Planning</i>	Christopher David Mann	Blake Alan Robinson
Ryan Michael Eagleson	Patrick James Martin	Oliver Allen Robinson
<i>Natural Resources Law</i>	Teresa Alexis Mata	Terry Rodino Jr.
Nathan Easton	Katherine Lee McBride	<i>Family Law</i>
Allison McKinsey English	Michael Charles McClure	Gage Adam Rohlf
<i>Family Law</i>	<i>Business and Transactional Law</i>	Shane Allen Rosson
Thomas J. Farrell	Darin Lynn McCollum	Vincent Steven Roth
<i>Natural Resources Law</i>	<i>Business and Transactional Law</i>	Leslie Ann Rountree
Tessa M. French	David E. McDonald	<i>Natural Resources Law</i>
Lane Landon Frymire	Katherine Marie McRell	Danielle Rose Sanger
Robert Christopher Gigstad	Ryan Keith Meyer	<i>Advocacy</i>
Courtney Marie Hadley	Joshua Scott Mikkelsen	Kristina Anne Scally
Ashley Grace Hawkinson	Scott M. Minter	Sean Kenneth Scally
Daniel Spencer Heinz	Christina Marie Montgomery	Joan Kristen Schneider
<i>Advocacy</i>	Jared Muir	<i>Advocacy</i>
<i>Family Law</i>	Bryan Dale Murphy	<i>Business and Transactional Law</i>
Kammie L. Herrick Dillner	Thomas Michael Niday	Jeff Sizemore
<i>Estate Planning</i>	Jonathon Lewis Noble	<i>International and Comparative Law</i>
Jose Luis Hinojosa	<i>Advocacy</i>	Cecil Lee Skaggs Jr.
Nathan Robert Hoffman	Sarah Elizabeth Nolting	Josh Skiles
Maryann Margaret Hon	Jeremy S. O'Neil	Meara Christine Smith
<i>Advocacy</i>	Andrea Kathleen Ohlman	Theresa LouAnn Staudinger
<i>Business and Transactional Law</i>	Jason E. Oller	Mandi Jo Sander Stephenson
Kimberly Ann Huntzinger Honeycutt	Andrew Chris Payne	<i>Family Law</i>
<i>Business and Transactional Law</i>	Sarah Anne Peterson Herr	Britain Darby Stites
Jennifer N. Horchem	<i>Distinguished Pro Bono Honors</i>	<i>Advocacy</i>
<i>Natural Resources Law</i>	Carl Andrew Petterson	Jonathan David Stokes
Daniel Aaron Jack	<i>Business and Transactional Law</i>	Brian Alan Taylor
David Andrew Jack	Kursten Andrea Phelps	<i>Business and Transactional Law</i>
Jason Carlos Jarvis	<i>International and Comparative Law</i>	<i>Natural Resources Law</i>
Nicholas Royden Johnston	Rosa Kay Phifer	Derek Scott Thrasher
William H. Kariker	<i>Advocacy</i>	Samantha Tirado
<i>International and Comparative Law</i>	<i>Family Law</i>	<i>Family Law</i>
Kimberlee Rae Keleher	Theresa Denise Poindexter	
<i>International and Comparative Law</i>	<i>Business and Transactional Law</i>	

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Melinda Townsend  
*International and Comparative Law*

Lisa Stephanie Tse  
Holly Ann Turk

Christopher James Velez  
Patrick Michael Vogelsberg  
*Business and Transactional Law*

Alice Liddell Walker  
*Distinguished Pro Bono Honors*

Bryan L. Walker  
*Advocacy*

Sarah Elizabeth Washburn  
Robert M. Weaver  
*International and Comparative Law*

John Eric Weslander  
David W. West

David Paul Wiese  
Cameron S. Willcott

Ijeoma Wogu  
*Business and Transactional Law*  
*International and Comparative Law*

Laura Nicole Younger  
*Family Law*  
*Pro Bono Honors*



# LEGACIES

CLASS OF

# 2010



*Rob Bauer, '10, with his father,  
Greg Bauer, '79, of Great Bend*



*Andrew Clark, '10, with his father,  
Kenneth M. Clark, '81, of Wichita*



*Katie McRell, '10, with her father,  
Larry McRell, '82, of Manhattan*



*Holly Turk, '10, with her father,  
Paul Oakleaf, '76, of Independence*



*Ryan Prochaska, '10, with his father,  
Bradley Prochaska, '78, of Wichita*



*Ryan Meyer, '10, with his fiancée,  
Kari Burks, '09, of Topeka*



*Teresa Mata, '10, with her mother,  
Cynthia Hale, '84, of Overland Park*



*Blake Robinson, '10, with his father,  
Craig Robinson, '79, of Wichita*



*Krystal Baer, '10, with her husband,  
Tai Vokins, '08, of Olathe*

DUPRE RECEIVES  
*Honorary Degree*

MAY 15, 2010

*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.*



*Dr. Jerry Farley, President of Washburn University; D. Duke Dupre, '73; The Hon. Christel E. Marquardt, '74, Washburn University Board of Regents Chairwoman; and Dean Thomas J. Romig*

**D. Duke Dupre, '73**, was the 2010 recipient of the Honorary Doctor of Law. He received a bachelor of arts in accounting from Kansas State University in 1967 and served three years in the U.S. Army, with duty in Vietnam. In 1973, he earned a juris doctor from Washburn University School of Law and worked as law clerk to Kansas Supreme Court Chief Justice Harold Fatzer.

During his career, Dupre held a variety of legal positions in the telecommunications industry, retiring in 1999 as vice president and general counsel of external affairs for SBC Communications. He later served as chairman of the board of a software technology company developing encryption algorithms for military and commercial use, and retired from that position in 2005. Dupre is a member of the Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, and Texas state bar associations and the American Bar Association.

In 1999, Dupre was honored as an Alumni Fellow by Washburn University School of Law and in 2008 he received the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award. He is past-president of the Washburn Law School Foundation, and currently is on the Business and Transactional Law Center board of advisors. He is a trustee for the Washburn University Foundation and served as president and a member of the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Board of Governors. In 2005, Dupre and his wife, **Helen Dupre, '76**, established a business and transactional law fund in their names.

# 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 Wichita on June 11, 2010.

### *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, or their community.

*The Honorable Marla J. Luckert, '80*, joined the Topeka firm of Goodell, Stratton, Edmonds and Palmer after law school graduation. While in law school, she served as technical editor of the *Washburn Law Journal*. In 1992, she was appointed as a district judge of the Third Judicial District and to the Kansas Supreme Court in 2002.

Justice Luckert has served as president of numerous Kansas legal associations.

In 1993, then-Judge Luckert was recognized as a Washburn University Alumni Fellow. She has been an adjunct professor of business and of law at Washburn. She served on the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Board of Governors and on the Washburn Legal Assistant's Advisory Board from 1995 to the present. In addition, Justice Luckert has been a guest lecturer at Law Clinic swearing-in ceremonies and admitted and prospective student events. She has served as a mentor to numerous Washburn Law students through the law school's alumni and Women's Legal Forum mentorship programs.



### *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 Washburn University School of Law, the legal profession, or their community.

*Professor John E. Christensen* has been the Washburn Law Library director for the past 31 years, and under his direction the library has developed a reputation for excellence in utilizing technology. *The National Jurist* ranked Washburn's law library in the top 20 percent of ABA-accredited United States law school libraries in 2000, 2004, and 2010.



Christensen was associate editor of the *Utah Bar Journal* and clerked for Justice J. Allan Crockett of the Utah Supreme Court. He was an instructor and professional law librarian at the University of Texas in Austin.

Christensen recently served as president of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries. He initiated and maintains the LawLibDir discussion list. Christensen has served on the Technology Committee of the ABA's Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar and is a site evaluator. He is also a frequent CLE presenter on legal research resources on the Web.

BA, Washburn University, 1977 • JD, Washburn University School of Law, 1980 • Kansas Supreme Court Justice

BA, Brigham Young University, 1971 • JD, University of Utah, 1975 • MLS, University of California, Berkeley, 1976 • Washburn Law Library Director • Professor of Law

# 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.

*Donald O. Concannon, '52*, of Hugoton, Kan., attended Essex School (a one-room country school 20 miles northeast of Garden City) from 1933 to 1937. The district closed the school in 1937 during the heart of the Dust Bowl. His family moved to Garden City, Kan., where he graduated from high school.

He enlisted in the United States Navy on May 1, 1945. Concannon graduated from Garden City Community College and received his bachelor's degree in political science from Washburn University in 1952, where he was active in sports and was a member of the varsity football and track teams. He was also a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. As a Washburn Law student, he was involved in the Student Bar Association.

Concannon was state chair of the Republican Party, and in 1974 was a candidate in the primary election for governor. In 1987, he established the Donald O. Concannon Law Scholarship, an endowed fund designated for Washburn Law students. In 1991, he established the Patricia Davis Concannon Endowed Law Scholarship, in memory of his first wife, **Patricia J. Davis, '53**, who died in February 2001.



*The Honorable John Edwards Conway, '63*, is Senior U.S. District Judge in Albuquerque, N.M. He was captain of Paola (Kan.) High School's first undefeated football team. At the United States Naval Academy, Conway was one of 16 midshipmen out of 680 in his class to letter three years. In 1963, Conway graduated *magna cum laude* from Washburn University School of Law. Conway was editor of the *Washburn*

*Law Journal*, a member of Phi Alpha Delta, and president of the student bar association.



During the 1970s, Judge Conway was a New Mexico state senator for 10 years and served as the minority floor leader for eight years. Since 1986 he has been a U.S. District Judge, an appointment made by President Ronald

Reagan. In the 1980s, he was chairman of the New Mexico Governor's Organized Crime Prevention Commission, and chairman of the Disciplinary Board of New Mexico Supreme Court. Judge Conway was appointed to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act Court in Washington, D.C., by U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist, serving from 2003 to 2008. He was a member of the Judicial Resources Committee from 1995 to 1998, and chief judge for the District of New Mexico from 1994 to 2000. In 1994, Judge Conway tried a six-month drug case, the longest trial on record in New Mexico judicial history.

BA, Washburn University, 1952,  
JD, Washburn University School of Law, 1952

BS, U.S. Naval Academy, 1956  
JD, Washburn University School of Law, 1963  
Senior U.S. District Judge, Albuquerque, N.M.

*The Honorable Homer Hoch, '09*, was valedictorian of Marion (Kan.) High School in 1898 and graduated from Baker University, Baldwin, Kan., in 1902. He attended George Washington Law School in Washington, D.C., but later graduated in 1909 from Washburn University School of Law. Hoch served as clerk and chief of the Appointment Division in the United States Post Office Department, Washington, D.C., from 1903 to 1905. He was private secretary to the Governor of Kansas, his father, Edward Wallis Hoch from 1907 to 1908.

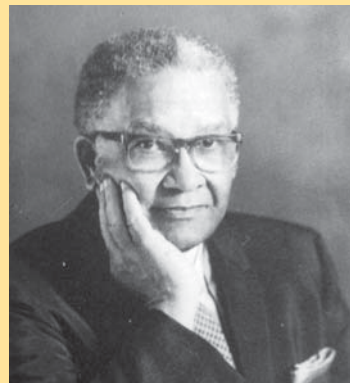
Hoch was engaged in the practice of law in Marion from 1909 to 1919, and was editor of the *Marion Record*. In 1928, Hoch served as a delegate to the Republican National Convention, held in Kansas City, Mo.

Hoch was elected as a Republican to the 66th Congress and to the six succeeding Congresses (March 1919 to March 1933). He served as member and chairman of the Kansas State Corporation Commission during the years from 1933 to 1939. Hoch was elected a member of the Kansas Supreme Court in 1938, was reelected in 1944 and served until his death five years later. He was interred in Highland Cemetery, Marion.



Born: July 4, 1879 - Marion, Kan.  
Died: Jan. 30, 1949 - Topeka, at the age of 69

*The Honorable Raymond J. Reynolds, '29*, initially practiced law in Topeka while serving seven terms as president of the Topeka chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Reynolds led a fight to open Topeka area public parks for all persons regardless of their color. Before leaving Kansas, Judge Reynolds did the preliminary work with the organization's national office to explore the merits of using the Topeka school system for the case that ultimately became a landmark school desegregation decision, *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*. He also wrote a column "Cheers and Encores" for the *Topeka Capital-Journal*.



After unsuccessfully challenging incumbent **Warren Shaw, '31**, a fellow Washburn Law graduate, for election as Topeka municipal judge, he moved in the mid-1940s to California. Reynolds served several years as president of the NAACP in San Francisco, and won several legal decisions that advanced civil rights. In 1954, Reynolds became the first African American appointed as deputy city attorney in San Francisco, and became well known as one of their top trial attorneys. Governor Ronald Reagan appointed him as judge of the Superior Court in Oakland in 1969. During a Washington, D.C., ceremony in 1989, Judge Reynolds was inducted into the National Bar Association's Hall of Fame, a unique distinction as the first Washburn Law graduate to receive this honor. He wrote two books, *SHARING MY NOTEBOOK*, published in 1979, and *LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY*, published in 1989.

Born: Aug. 29, 1905 - Topeka  
Died: Aug. 14, 1995 - Oakland, Calif., at the age of 89

# CENTER FOR *Law and Government*

## DIRECTOR NAMED FOR THE CENTER FOR LAW AND GOVERNMENT

Washburn University School of Law is pleased to announce Reginald L. Robinson as the inaugural director for its Center for Law and Government. Robinson will be responsible for development of the Center, which was launched in 2008 as a way for Washburn Law to refocus its ability to provide graduates expanded opportunities for public service.

“I am truly energized about having the opportunity to join the Washburn University community and the Washburn Law faculty in this very exciting role,” said Robinson. “I look forward to returning to a law school classroom and working with students after so many years away from work that I love very much. And I am especially grateful that through my leadership of the law school’s Center for Law and Government, I will have the opportunity to forge an ongoing and positive connection with issues related to government and policy in Kansas and beyond. This is a tremendous opportunity and I look forward to becoming a member of the Washburn Law team.”

From 2002 to 2010, Robinson served as president and chief executive officer of the Kansas Board of Regents, which provides strategic leadership for the state’s public higher education enterprise. Before his appointment as CEO, Robinson served jointly as chief of staff to University of Kansas Chancellor Robert Hemenway and as a visiting associate professor in the KU School of Law. He has also served on the President’s Commission on White House Fellowships, worked for the U.S. Department of Justice, and served as deputy associate attorney general of the United States.



*Reginald L. Robinson*

## ROBINSON’S VISION FOR THE CENTER’S FUTURE

Reginald Robinson’s governmental experience in Washington, D.C., has helped him formulate a vision and structure for the Center for Law and Government and create a mission that he describes as two-fold: student-focused to provide an exceptional legal education that prepares graduates for careers in the fields of law, government, and public policy; and public education-focused to broadly educate the public of the issues situated at the intersection of law, government, and public policy, and the workings of government at all levels. Robinson, professor and director of the Center, describes his Washington, D.C., employment experiences, including his stint as deputy associate attorney general of the United States, as “not just a window into how government works but actually participating in the process.”

To that end, he has included students, alumni and faculty in the planning process before formalizing the scope and curriculum for the Center. Robinson conducted a Lunch and Learn in a town hall format where he talked with students about the intended mission and activities of the Center. He also outlined the proposed curriculum and requirements for students to earn a Certificate in Law and Government, received student feedback and reaction to those ideas, and discussed the creation of a student law and government group that would generate program ideas, help execute programs, and serve as a student advisory board for the Center. Robinson’s all-inclusive planning process, he believes, will ensure the Center’s offerings are adaptable to meet changing times.

“You don’t want to develop and move forward,” he explained. “You want to develop a process to ask for feedback and shape the program.”

Immediate goals for the Center include finalizing curricula and receiving approval of requirements, which is expected in 2011.

The proposed scope of studies includes:

- Administrative Law
- International and Domestic Judicial Decision Making
- Legislation
- Public Policy
- Public Service
- Regulatory Process

Final approval of course offerings will allow current second-year law students who choose this concentration to earn a certificate upon graduation in 2012.

One short-term goal, Robinson says, is recruiting student leaders to plan and promote Center activities, including Lunch and Learn programs and symposia. He is also identifying experts, including Center advisors, to provide continuous feedback to help shape the program as it evolves. Washburn Law alumni will play a role in this process.

Students choosing the Law and Government concentration will benefit from expanded state and local government externship opportunities available in the future. Externships offer enhanced legal education through off-campus legal work environment placements that provide hands-on experience. Robinson and **Shawn Leisinger, '99**, executive director of the Centers for Excellence, have significant experience in the government sector and are committed to providing additional externship options for students.

Future goals for the Center include sponsoring symposia and other public events that Robinson said, “will create opportunities for broad community learning regarding issues of law, government, and public policy.” He also plans to conduct student-focused events that provide learning opportunities concerning government and public policy as well as career options outside the scope of the practice of law. Robinson would also like to “beef up” learning opportunities for students.

“I would like to provide a regular diet of Lunch and Learn programs for students beginning spring 2011,” he said. “They are 50-minute bite-sized nuggets of information that don’t require a large commitment of time.” Future program ideas include the role of state agency general counsel, the lawyer as a lobbyist, and higher education and the law—perspectives from university attorneys.

## LUNCH AND LEARN

*The following events were hosted by the Center for Law and Government.*

OCTOBER 11, 2010

### **Reflections of a Government Lawyer: A Career of Service at the Federal, State and Local Levels**

**Jackie Williams, '71**, Topeka city attorney, discussed his experiences as U.S. attorney and as a city attorney.



FEBRUARY 17, 2010

### **Music and Genocide: Harmonizing Coherence, Freedom and Nonviolence in Incitement Law**

Gregory Gordon, associate professor of Law at the University of North Dakota School of Law, shared with students his expertise as director of the Center for Human Rights and Genocide Studies.



NOVEMBER 9, 2009

### **Health Care Reform: The View From the Hill**

**Jim Slattery, '75**, spoke to students about health care reform. He is a partner with Wiley Rein LLP. Slattery, a six-term U.S. congressman, was a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee during his entire 12-year tenure in Congress.



OCTOBER 19, 2009

### **Attorneys in Combat**

Major Keven Kercher, Major Douglas Lynch, Major James Levine, and Major Carla Simmons presented an overview of



legal operations, including international law, host nation law, rules of engagement, detainee operations, and rule of law.

# CENTER FOR *Excellence in Advocacy*

## TRIAL TEAM MEMBERS SELECTED

The 2010-2011 Washburn Law Trial Team was selected after volunteer coaches listened to prospective members present persuasive speeches showcasing the students' ability to argue using few notes, preparation skills, presence in front of others, and ability to follow specific directions.

Team members will hone their skills by practicing two to three hours, three days per week to prepare for American Association for Justice (AAJ) National Student Advocacy and the Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA) competitions in 2011.

## ADVOCACY TEAM COMPETES IN MIAMI

The Washburn University School of Law Trial Advocacy Team traveled to Miami, Fla., to compete in the ABA Labor and Employment Law Section Trial Advocacy competition Oct. 30 and 31. This competition matches law students from across the nation in an advocacy competition focused on labor and employment law issues. This year's issue was about employment discrimination, centering on the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Washburn Law team of Alexandra Blasi, Ashley Dopita, Kevin Keatley, and Jonathan Zadina competed very well in both of its preliminary rounds, defeating a team from the University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables, Fla., and the defending regional champions from the Florida Coastal School of Law, Jacksonville, Fla. However, despite winning both rounds, Washburn Law did not advance to the semifinals based on point differentials. The team was coached by **Jay, '07**, and **Danielle, '09, Hall**.

This strong showing has gotten the Washburn Law Trial Advocacy program off to another strong start that it hopes to continue during the spring semester at the Texas Young Lawyers Association and the American Association of Justice competitions.

### ABA Employment and Labor Law Trial Team

Alexandra Blasi, 3L  
Ashley Dopita, 3L  
Kevin Keatley, 3L  
Jonathan Zadina, 3L

### TYLA Trial Team

Nathan Ansley, 2L  
Laura Coughlin, 3L  
Kevin Keatley, 3L  
Erida Livingston, 3L  
Andrew Newcomer, 2L  
Letiffany Obozele, 2L  
Ty Patton, 2L  
Michael Rost, 2L  
Vladimir Viaud, 2L

### AAJ Trial Team

Laura Allison, 2L  
Courtney Archdekin, 3L  
Lizzie Bernhart, 3L  
Alex Bezu, 2L  
Caleb Biesterveld, 2L  
Amira Brazley, 2L  
Rhett Buckley, 2L  
Matt Coleman, 2L  
Michael Hinkin, 1L  
Michael Hunter, 2L  
Daniel Jacobs, 2L  
Daniel Kennedy, 2L  
Erin Kessler, 2L  
Whitney Miller, 2L  
Billy Patterson, 1L  
Rebecca Sisk, 2L

## KAYE AND MCRELL: FOURTH AMENDMENT ROUNDTABLE PANELISTS

Michael Kaye, director of the Center for Excellence in Advocacy and professor at Washburn Law, and **Larry McReil, '82**, chief public defender, Junction City, Kan., served as panelists for a Fourth Amendment roundtable discussion as part of the Dorothy L. Thompson lecture series at Kansas State University on Oct. 12.

The panel discussed situations involving search and seizure laws, including what rights citizens have when being stopped for traffic violations. Kaye spoke about the evolution of the amendment. "Courts and legislatures have had to face the fact that circumstances have changed," Kaye said.

Kaye and McReil were two of the five panelists who took part in the discussion. Other panelists were Barry Wilkerson, Riley County attorney; David Stutzman, judge for the Riley County District Court; and Allan Lytton, instructor at the Kansas Highway Patrol Training Academy.

## BLASI NAMED FIRST RECIPIENT OF BYRON M. CERRILLO ADVOCACY LAW SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Alexandra Blasi, third-year law student, was named the first recipient of the Byron M. Cerrillo Advocacy Law Scholarship Fund. The endowed fund provides scholarships for Washburn Law students who have expressed an interest in the Advocacy Program, with preference given to students enrolled in the Intensive Trial Advocacy Program (ITAP).



Blasi originally had her sights set on completing a Business and Transactional Law certificate to complement her desire to work in health care. It wasn't until she met with **Professor David Pierce, '77**, during her first year that she realized becoming involved in ITAP, in addition to completing the certificate, would be integral to her education.

Washburn Law created the fund in honor of the late **Byron M. Cerrillo, '84**, to support outstanding students pursuing careers in advocacy. Cerrillo, a career public defender, died in 2006. He was an instructor for ITAP, and taught programs sponsored by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy and in the Washburn Law Outreach Programs for Public Service Lawyers.

"It was a real whirlwind but also one of the most educational experiences I've encountered," Blasi said about ITAP. "The level of mentoring, the involvement from participants, alumni, and Professor Michael Kaye; the whole experience was so organized. There was such a fluidity of teaching that the faculty could still reach everyone on an independent level," she explained.

Blasi, whose undergraduate degree from Washburn is in music, will be one of the first Washburn students to complete a JD and MBA through Washburn's new dual degree program.

She credits Washburn faculty members and their focus on students as individuals for jumpstarting her desire to create a Health Law Society for other law students interested in the health care field. The group met for the first time in the fall.

"I am certainly honored to receive this scholarship," she said. "His (Cerrillo's) commitment to defense work for the underserved put him in a position where he understood the disparity of treatment. He dedicated his life to serving in this way. It's a strong representation of his character, and I hope I can represent this in my own professional career."

Blasi would like to run a hospital in the future and plans to begin her career in areas closely tied to health care, but nothing is set in stone. "My faith basis is that there is a plan. We don't always know what it is, but if I do the hard work I hope it gets me on the right path."

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### LUNCH AND LEARN

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OCTOBER 20, 2010

#### Imagining Drug Legalization

James B. Jacobs, the Chief Justice Warren E. Burger professor of Constitutional Law and the Courts and director for the Center for Research in Crime and Justice at New York University School of Law, debated broad-based legalization of drugs with Topeka physician Eric Voth. The evening event was co-hosted by the Washburn Federalist Society and held at the Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center.

SEPTEMBER 29, 2010

#### Current Judiciary Topics and Private Practice Perspectives

**Peter Jouras, '87**, an attorney from the Kansas City area, and Senator **Tim Owens, '74**, who also has a private legal practice in Kansas City, provided their insights about current and future potential changes in the legal system.



APRIL 27, 2010

**About Trial Advocacy:**

**Trial Team to Trial Lawyer**

Participating on the trial advocacy team substantially increases students' likelihood of obtaining trial lawyer positions upon graduation. Trial Team membership demonstrates to employers a student's interest, skill, and commitment to trial lawyering. First-year students attended this special presentation to meet former and current team members, including **Todd Hiatt, '05, Danielle Hall, '09, Jay Hall, '07,** and law students Kevin Keatley and Ben Long.



MARCH 26, 2010

**Panel Discussion: Municipal Advocacy**

Panelists included **The Honorable Steven Ebberts, '93,** administrative judge of the Topeka Municipal Courts; **Todd Love, '88,** Topeka city attorney; and **Kevin Cook, '99,** Cook & Fisher.

MARCH 9, 2010

**Jury Selection**

**Ron Pope, '84,** is a partner with the Topeka law firm of Ralston, Pope & Diehl. He practices in the areas of general trial work, medical malpractice, personal injury, and products liability.



FEBRUARY 23, 2010

**Environmental Advocacy**

**Robert Eye, '80,** explained the difference between Environmental Advocacy and Environmental Law. He also discussed the major challenges facing environmental lawyers in the future as well as the means by which to advocate for a client that include lobbying, litigation, and grass roots awareness.



FEBRUARY 13, 2010

**Panel Discussion: Compassion and the Litigator**

The Center for Excellence in Advocacy presented this panel discussion at the ABA Law Student Division 10th Circuit Spring Meeting and Governor Election. Panelists included **Danny Baumgartner, '99, Todd Hiatt, '05, Bill Ossmann, '77, Rebecca Woodman, '87,** and Gary Foiles. The panel was moderated by Professor Michael Kaye.

NOVEMBER 5-6, 2009

**Practitioner in Residence: Patrik Neustrom, '77**

Neustrom was the Fall 2009 Practitioner in Residence. He spoke to several classes and presented a Lunch & Learn program, "Taking the Case: Settlement, or Going to Trial?" He also presented a CLE, "Winning Damages in the Era of Tort Reform." Neustrom, a partner with Neustrom & Associates, Salina, Kan., since 2005, focuses his practice on general civil trial with emphasis on personal injury litigation, traumatic brain injuries, wrongful death, medical malpractice, products liability, nursing home, workers' compensation, and exotic torts.



OCTOBER 21, 2009

**Panel Discussion: Street Law**

Panelists in this lunch-time discussion on street crime included **Jason Belveal, '07,** criminal defense lawyer; Professor Mary Kreiner Ramirez; and Kyle Smith and Captain Peggy Fox, Topeka Police Department. The panelists were given two scenarios based on actual police investigations and asked for their views on whether evidence obtained through search and seizure in these cases would be admissible in a criminal prosecution.

OCTOBER 13, 2009

**Demonstrative Aids: Cutting Edge v. Tried and True Displays**

**Scott Logan, '80,** discussed the effective use of demonstrative exhibits, emphasizing that both high-tech and traditional formats can be extremely effective at trial. He used exhibits from his trial practice to demonstrate the strengths and weaknesses of both "static" and electronic exhibits.



OCTOBER 6, 2009

**First Tuesday: Advocating Before the Supreme Court**

**Rebecca Woodman, '87,** and **Jared Maag, '95,** spoke about their experiences with the Supreme Court. Woodman has been a Kansas capital appellate defender since 2002, arguing death penalty appeals. Maag is with the Office of the United States Attorney, handling prosecution of federal crimes ranging from drug distribution to immigration fraud.



# Children and Family LAW CENTER

## FAMILY LAW QUARTERLY STUDENT EDITORS NAMED FOR 2010-11



Jennifer L. Lemus



Carol Longenecker Schmidt



Kristin L. Klementowski

Jennifer L. Lemus has been named student editor-in-chief of the *Family Law Quarterly* for 2010-11. Student executive research editors are Carol Longenecker-Schmidt and Kristin L. Klementowski. All are third-year law students.

The *Family Law Quarterly* is a scholarly journal published by the ABA Section of Family Law. It focuses on important and emerging family law issues. Under the guidance of **Richard S. Righter Distinguished Professor Linda Henry Elrod, '72**, the *Quarterly* has been edited by Washburn Law students since 1992.

As student editor-in-chief, Lemus is primarily responsible for the summer, fall, and spring issues of volume 44. Longenecker Schmidt and Klementowski are responsible for the winter issue of the *Quarterly*. However, all three work together to publish the issues.

Students selected receive scholarships each semester they serve in this role. Senior editors named for 2010-11 are Ashley R. Holm, Stacey L. Sheon, and Joshua V. Nicolay.

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## PRACTITIONERS IN RESIDENCE

SEPTEMBER 21-23, 2009

### Distinguished Practitioner in Residence:

#### Carlton Stansbury

Carlton Stansbury was the Fall 2009 Distinguished Practitioner in Residence. While on campus, Stansbury spoke to the *Family Law Quarterly* editorial staff on the topic of “What Lawyers Need: Importance of Publications,” spoke to the Family Law class on “Effectively Working with Divorce Clients and Opposing Counsel,” and presented a Lunch & Learn titled, “The Perils of Oral and Written Agreements: Property-Related Challenges for Non-Married Couples.” Stansbury, a shareholder in the Milwaukee, Wis., firm of Burbach & Stansbury SC, has published and presented on a wide range of family law topics. He has received specialized training in mediation and collaborative practice, including collaborative divorce and interdisciplinary practice.

MARCH 11, 2010

### Distinguished Practitioner in Residence:

#### Frank P. Cervone

#### Representing Juveniles in the Legal System

Frank P. Cervone was the Spring 2010 Distinguished Practitioner in Residence. He is executive director of the Support Center for Child Advocates, a pro bono program that represents abused and neglected children in Philadelphia, Penn. In this capacity, he provides both direct representation to child clients and a variety of systemic reform, leadership, and community education services. He served as co-chair of the American Bar Association Section of Litigation Task Force on Children (now Children’s Law Committee), and is a member of the Children’s Law Committee Working Group.



## LUNCH AND LEARN

*The following events were hosted by the Children and Family Law Center. Presentations are open to all students and qualify as "Extracurricular Course of Study" for students interested in obtaining a Certificate of Concentration.*

OCTOBER 13, 2010

### **Adoption: Finding Homes for Children**

Megan Monsour, an associate attorney with Martin Pringle in Wichita, presented current adoption practices and ways to place adoptive children in appropriate environments. Monsour represents adoptive parents in a variety of other adoption matters, including contested adoptions, agency placements, foster care adoptions, step-parent adoptions, and relative adoptions. She also represents prospective guardians in custody matters, such as those involved in child in need of care proceedings.

SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

### **Careers in Family Law Panel**



*The panelists for Careers in Family Law were James McEntire, '76, LeAnn Cochran '04, Kevin Cook, '99, and Jamie Corkhill, '78.*

**LeAnn Cochran, '04**, an attorney with Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS); **Kevin Cook, '99**, former guardian *ad litem*; **Jamie Corkhill, '78**, SRS Child Support Enforcement; and **Jim McEntire, '76**, private family law attorney, discussed their experiences within several unique areas of family law.

Cochran worked as a school teacher for 10 years before attending Washburn Law. After law school she opened a private practice while also representing parents in the Child in Need of Care system. Since 2006, she has been an attorney for Kansas SRS.

Corkhill has served as policy counsel for the Kansas Child Support Enforcement (CSE) program since 1990 where she develops CSE legislative proposals and

strategies, analyzes others' proposals, and represents CSE before the Kansas Legislature. In 2010, Corkhill became a member of the Kansas Judicial Council's Family Law Advisory Committee.

Cook is the managing partner of Cook and Fisher LLP, Topeka, where his principal practice consists of family law and criminal defense. He served as a guardian *ad litem* for Child in Need of Care cases in Shawnee County from 2000 to 2008.

After serving as a research attorney for the Kansas Court of Appeals, McEntire joined Sloan Law Firm. He has taught as an associate professor at Washburn University, both in the School of Business and the School of Applied and Continuing Education in the probate and domestic relations areas.

AUGUST 25, 2010

### **CASA: Give Children A Voice**



*Alisha Lampe, volunteer recruiter at CASA; Corrine Johnson; Letiffany Obozele; Sharolyn Dugger; and Laura Windheuser.*

Sharolyn Dugger, executive director of Court Appointed Special Advocates of Shawnee County (CASA), discussed the CASA program and how to become a volunteer.

## *2011 Center Events*

**January 26**

"Horizons - Helping High Conflict Parents and Their Children"

**February 16**

"Drafting Premarital Agreements"

**March 9**

"Representing Children in Custody Cases"

**April 13**

"Custody Arrangements that Work for Young Children"

APRIL 28, 2010

**Domestic Violence and the Law**  
Presented by **Joyce Grover, '94**, who is general counsel for the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence.



FEBRUARY 24, 2010

**Kay Kimball, '95**, talked about her career as a family law attorney. Her solo practice, Family Law Practice, LLC, is located in Topeka.



NOVEMBER 18, 2009

### Mediation in the Family Law Context

Bill Ebert discussed the general practice of mediation, handling families, and working with children.



OCTOBER 28, 2009

### Running a General Practice

**Alan Alderson, '74**, is a trained mediator and has been a presenter at numerous continuing legal education seminars. He currently serves as chairman of the Kansas Bar Association's (KBA) Fee Dispute Resolution Committee. Both the Topeka Bar Association and KBA have recognized Alderson for his service to the legal profession.



## ENSURING CHILDREN'S VOICES ARE HEARD

This CLE was held March 12, 2010, in cooperation with the Kansas Association of Counsel for Children. Frank P. Cervone, the executive director of the Support Center for Child Advocates in Philadelphia, was the keynote speaker. His address focused on best practices for working with children in legal arenas and current best practices in interviewing and examining children. Other presenters continued this discussion by examining best practices for ensuring that children's voices are heard in specific settings, including foster care, juvenile court, education, and parental divorces. Speakers included alumni **Christopher Reece, '98**, **Kerrie L. Lonard, '07**, and **Paul Shipp, '01**.

## FOURTH ANNUAL DOMESTIC CASE MANAGEMENT TRAINING: BEST PRACTICES FOR KANSAS



*Four judges provided a view of best practices from the bench. They were The Hon. Jean Schmidt, '82, Shawnee County; The Hon. Jean Shepherd, Douglas County; The Hon. Kathleen Lynch, '92, Wyandotte County; and The Hon. Kelly Ryan, '85, Johnson County.*

On August 19 and 20, 2010, more than 50 attorneys, judges, mental health professionals, and case managers met at Washburn University School of Law to participate in a two-day domestic case management training workshop.

Although case management is authorized by Kansas statute, each judicial district has adapted it to fit its needs. There are no uniform guidelines or standards for case managers. This workshop strives to bring together a best practices case management model that can be carried across jurisdictions. The model is intended to protect the interests of children, provide due process protections for parents, and promote parental cooperation. If implemented, the model can lead to systemic improvements in service delivery to children and families.

The workshop was a collaborative effort of **Professor Linda Elrod, '72**, Children and Family Law Center Director; **Bud Dale, '09**, Law Offices of Bud Dale; and **Larry Rute, '73**, Associates in Dispute Resolution. In addition to the sponsoring professionals, the following alumni presented sessions for the workshop: **The Honorable James Beasley, '66**, **Patrick Nichols, '77**, and **Ronald W. Nelson, '81**. The last program included four judges who discussed the use of case management in their judicial districts: **The Honorable Jean Schmidt, '82**, Shawnee County; **The Honorable Jean Shepherd**, Douglas County; **The Honorable Kathleen Lynch, '92**, Wyandotte County; and **The Honorable Kelly Ryan, '85**, Johnson County.

# Business and Transactional LAW CENTER

## BUSINESS LAW WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL

Successful businesses plan for the future by instituting succession strategies to ensure smooth transitions in times of leadership change. C. David Rouner, third-year law student, recognized that need within the Washburn Business Law Society (WBLS), a student organization affiliated with the Business and Transactional Law Center, and one he has served in various capacities since his first year. His term as president of WBLS expires December 2010.

“By the time students become 3Ls there are greater demands on their time outside of school. They are focusing on their job search and completing bar applications; consequently they become less involved in these student organizations,” Rouner explained.

This can create a gap in student leadership for the organizations, something Rouner wants to help Washburn Law avoid in the future. He said involvement in the organizations offers many benefits to students, including opportunities to travel, learn about real-world law transactions, earn scholarships, and garner contacts for future employment success. An important by-product of the organizations’ activities, he said, is the recognition of Washburn Law in the broader legal community. “Washburn Law students are fortunate to have a continued presence at ABA Business Law conferences, which shows Washburn’s commitment to its law students’ future,” Rouner said.

At a March 2010 WBLS board meeting, student officers Brian Bina, Craig Jackson, and Jacob Porter discussed the need to get first- and second-year students involved in the student organizations so when third-year students begin transitioning to their future after law school,



*Officers of the Washburn Business Law Society are Craig Jackson, Brian Bina, C. David Rouner, and Jacob Porter.*

these organizations would continue running smoothly with leadership succession plans in place. The students decided the first step would be to bring law students together to learn more about the organizations and the benefits of participating.

As part of that effort, the WBLS decided to host a social event. The WBLS met with five other

law school organizations: Environmental Law Society, Intellectual Property Society, Real Estate Law Society, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, and the Tax and Estate Planning Association. Together they hosted the first ever Business Law Student Reception on Sept. 16.

All law students were invited to attend, and officers and members from the host organizations discussed scholarship opportunities, field trips, membership, and events, including Lunch and Learn opportunities. Students also got the opportunity to talk with Professor Amy Deen Westbrook, who is director of the Business and Transactional Law Center, and **Shawn Leisinger, '99**, executive director of the Centers for Excellence.

Though Rouner is in his final year of law school, he is interested in assuring the Business and Transactional Law student organizations continue to play a role in the lives of Washburn Law students.

“Our initiative was to help the students recognize the value these student organizations provide through contacts, scholarships, travel, and lasting business relationships,” he said.

WASHBURN LAW PARTNERS WITH KANSAS SECURITIES COMMISSION



Terence Oben



ReAnne Utemark  
Wentz



Jonathan Voegeli

In 2011, the Kansas Securities Commission will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the passage of the Kansas Securities Act. In 1911, Kansas became the first authority, state or federal, to regulate the securities industry. The Kansas law was a result of the efforts of Joseph N. Dolley, Kansas banking commissioner from 1911 to 1913. He created a department within the bank commission to protect Kansans from unscrupulous salesmen selling worthless stock in fly-by-night companies. Subsequent laws became known as blue sky laws in reference to security sales that Dolley reportedly described as having only the substance of a few feet of Kansas blue sky. To this day, state laws regulating securities are known throughout the industry as blue sky laws.

Marc S. Wilson, Kansas Securities Commissioner, contacted Washburn Law to partner with the agency to celebrate the milestone. Under the direction of Amy Deen Westbrook, director of the Business and Transactional Law Center, three Washburn Law students are researching historical information in celebration of the act's accomplishments. Terence Oben, ReAnne Utemark Wentz, and Jonathan Voegeli are gathering historical background of the act, tracking the act's amendments in its 100-year history, researching prosecutions under the act, and reviewing some of the Kansas companies involved in securities fraud. These findings will be used for presentations at the North American Securities Administrators Association 2011 meeting in Wichita, and for a commemorative website the Kansas Securities Commission will host.

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DISTINGUISHED PRACTITIONERS IN RESIDENCE

NOVEMBER 12-13, 2009

**Efrain Soto, '04**, the senior tax advisor at SFX Baseball Group in Chicago, spoke to students in an International Business Transactions class about the nature and cross-border aspects of his practice.



Soto also gave a lunchtime presentation, "A Successful Profession: Transitioning from Law School to a Legal Career" where he described his practice and the substantive issues on which he advises clients. He gave examples of possible conflicts of interest when working with professional athletes, and how best to resolve these dilemmas.

APRIL 15, 2010

**Nelson Spear, '90**, Midland, Texas, has been an active practitioner and an owner and operator of a group of oil and gas exploration companies with holdings throughout the United States. He began his legal career



as an assistant district attorney, prosecuting criminal cases ranging from misdemeanors to capital murder and first-degree felonies. Spear also served as an assistant U.S. attorney prosecuting federal criminal offenses. He has tried more than 70 cases to a jury determination. Spear evaluates new investment opportunities, supervises day-to-day operations, performs audits, and provides general land and legal support to these ventures.

LUNCH AND LEARN

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NOVEMBER 4, 2010

**Big Business Real Estate Development:  
Solving the Toughest Problems with Design,  
Implementation and Financing**

**David Fenley, '79**, co-chairman and partner at Husch Blackwell LLP in Kansas City, Mo., is a leading business and civic participant in commercial real estate development and economic development strategies in the Kansas City area. During Fenley's 25 years of experience in commercial real estate development and financing incentives, he has guided developers, lending institutions and governmental agencies in the design, implementation and financing of many of Kansas City's high-profile private/public partnerships for urban core development and redevelopment. He has been a Missouri CPA since 1980 and is also an expert in negotiating financing structures that combine state and local tax incentive programs.



developing the curriculum and instructional program for the Iowa Farm Income Tax Schools.

SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

**What You Might Not Know about  
a Mutual Fund: the (Very) Basics**

**Amanda Kiefer, '03**, reviewed pooled investment arrangements, provided an overview of mutual funds and a fund's board of directors' responsibilities, and explained the relationship between a mutual fund and the typical service providers. Kiefer also covered the primary requirements imposed by the federal securities laws, specifically the Investment Company Act of 1940. Kiefer graduated from Washburn Law *cum laude* where she was a member of the *Washburn Law Journal*. After graduation, she clerked for Kansas Supreme Court Justice Carol A. Beier and then joined the Topeka law firm Fisher, Patterson, Saylor & Smith. Kiefer is assistant counsel for Finance and Administration at Security Benefit Corporation. She serves on the board of directors of the Topeka Bar Association and received its 2006 Outstanding Young Lawyer award.



OCTOBER 14, 2010

**Current Federal and Kansas  
Developments Affecting Real Estate**

William Prugh is a shareholder at Polsinelli Shughart, Kansas City, Mo., and represents clients in federal and state courts and before state administrative agencies in federal, state and local income, sales and use, property, and excise tax matters. He has advised clients concerning tax planning to reduce, avoid, or minimize tax liabilities and resolve tax controversies.



SEPTEMBER 23, 2010

**Eminent Domain for Private Gain**



**John R. Hamilton, '65**, (photographed in center) is managing partner of Hamilton, Laughlin, Barker, Johnson & Watson, Topeka. He authored "Eminent Domain-Practice and Procedure," chapter, *Kansas Real Estate Practice and Procedure Handbook*, Kansas Bar Association, 2009, and co-authored the Kansas Chapter "Law and Procedure of Eminent Domain in the 50 States," *Condemnation Land Use and Zoning*

OCTOBER 1, 2010

**The Dodd-Frank Financial Protection Act  
and Its Impact on Community Banks**

Professor Roger A. McEowen is the Leonard Dolezal Professor in Agricultural Law at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. He is also the director of the ISU Center for Agricultural Law and Taxation. He is a visiting professor at Washburn Law during the fall 2010 semester, teaching Real Estate Transactions. At Iowa State, McEowen oversees an educational program in agricultural law and policy and is responsible for



## FINAL HEARING IN KINDER-MORGAN CASE HEARD AT WASHBURN LAW

Washburn Law hosted the final settlement hearing in Kinder-Morgan, Inc. Shareholders' Litigation, Case No. 06-C-801, on Nov. 12 in the Robinson Courtroom and Bianchino Technology Center. The class action lawsuit focused on whether shareholders were paid enough for their stock by Kinder Morgan Inc. The hearing was a rare opportunity for law students to observe the end of a lengthy legal process.

"These don't happen very often," said **Shawn Leisinger, '99**, executive director of the Centers for

Excellence. "Students could watch and see how a complex litigation process ends. To have a judge offer this is a wonderful opportunity."

**Shawnee County District Court Judge David E. Bruns, '84**, who also is an adjunct at Washburn Law teaching complex litigation, requested and received approval from the Kansas Supreme Court and both parties to conduct the final settlement hearing at the law school after receiving a stipulation of settlement in the case.

Committee, Litigation Section, American Bar Association (2009). He is a member of the Topeka and American bar associations, Owners Counsel of America, and American Board of Trial Advocates. His practice areas include Eminent Domain, Condemnation, and Trial Practice.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

### The Art and Science of Drafting Property Conveyances

**Professor David Pierce, '77**, introduced students to the art and science of drafting, illustrating how basic property law principles are put into practice through the drafting process.



SEPTEMBER 9, 2010

### Preparing for Business Practice: Classes, Clients, and Conflicts

**Paul R. Hoferer, '75**, former vice president and general counsel for BNSF Railway Co., outlined three important business strategies attorneys should keep in mind: know your client; be brief; and remember that litigation and legal matters interfere with a company's operations.



Hoferer remind students that they have a civic duty as attorneys to help out in their communities. He also suggested that the students maintain a positive attitude and enjoy the journey.

Hoferer is of counsel at Lathrop & Gage in Kansas City, Mo. He was the 2009 School of Law Alumni Fellow and is currently vice-president of the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association.

APRIL 22, 2010

### Starting Your Own Law Firm

**Rep. Bob Brookens, '78**, has been in private practice since 1996 at Brookens & Collett in Marion and Hillsboro, Kan. He ran for Kansas House of Representatives in 2008 and is now serving his second term as a representative for the 70th District.



FEBRUARY 18, 2010

### Labor Relations

**John Yeary, '95**, director of Labor Relations for the State of Kansas, Department of Administration, discussed application of the Kansas Public Employer-Employee Relations Act. Yeary said that his legal background, while not a prerequisite, is beneficial in his current position.



FEBRUARY 13, 2010

### Panel Discussion: The Evolution of the Business Lawyer

The Business and Transactional Law Center presented a panel discussion at the ABA Law Student Division 10th Circuit Spring Meeting and Governor Election. Panelists included **Paul R. Hoferer, '75**, of counsel with Lathrop & Gage in Kansas City, Mo.; Professor Amy Deen Westbrook; **Angela Madathil, '09**, Withers, Gough, Pike, Pfaff and Peterson LLC in Wichita, and former president of the Washburn Business Law Society; and C. David Rouner, law student and president of the Washburn Business Law Society.

# EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING: *Washburn Law Clinic*

## SUCCESS OF CLINIC BASED ON MISSION

The Washburn Law Clinic has seen many milestones in its 40-year history. With approximately 140 cases opened each year by Law Clinic faculty and students, that translates to 5,600 cases, representing an even greater number of people who have been assisted during the clinic's history. These are individuals and families who, because of their financial situation, could not have afforded legal services and quite possibly would have fallen through the cracks in the legal system.

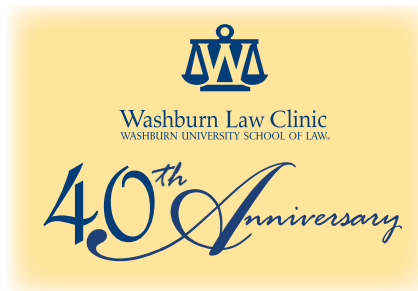
John Francis, Professor and Director of the Law Clinic, described the Law Clinic's growth and program additions as "steady yet gradual," and that during the Law Clinic's storied history its mission has remained two-fold. "Our mission is to help law students become skilled and ethical practitioners and to provide an important service to the community in which we work and live." His philosophy for directing the day-to-day operations of the clinic ties directly to the Law Clinic's mission. With respect to students, he said it is to "get them so well-prepared and ready on the front end that when the lawyering event occurs, the students are ready to go and don't need intervention."

In addition to hands-on practical skills, the Law Clinic experience also provides students a reality check. "Clinic gives them an eye-opening view of the profession. The realities of life for those without substantial means can confront students in this work," Francis commented.

With respect to the Law Clinic's clients, Francis said the client's needs are paramount. "We keep the client in the center of everything, of the representation, and of the decisions that are made. When we present options to a client, we present the effects of each possible choice so they understand the impact of their decisions."



*Gregory Parker, '04, Laurel, Md., talks with Efrain Soto, '04, Chicago, Ill., Dean Thomas Romig, and Professor John Francis at the Clinic's 40th anniversary celebration.*



When the Law Clinic opened in 1970, the clinical model was in its infant stage and teaching legal doctrine was the main method of educating law students. However, Washburn Law faculty and staff forged ahead believing in the practical benefits of providing students the opportunity to represent real people in real cases. "Doctrine is incredibly important to have as a foundation, and Clinic builds on that foundation," Francis explained.

The Law Clinic's accomplishments include winning appeals at the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals and arguing issues ahead of its time. According to Francis, some of the most significant steps forward were adding Professors Janet Jackson and Aliza Organick, who launched the Small Business and

Transactional Law Clinic and the State and Tribal Court Practice Clinic, respectively.

Students and faculty have been practicing in the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and Kickapoo Nation Tribal Courts since 2004 when Professor Organick began teaching in the Clinic. The Law Clinic generally handles two or three cases in the Kansas tribal courts each semester and is the only law school in Kansas with a tribal court practice. This requires an understanding of the history of Federal Indian Law and Tribal Law, which translates into a commitment of more time and effort

- Cases opened in 2009: 146
- Cases opened to date (Oct. 15) in 2010: 141
- Average enrollment during the last five years (2006-10) for the Law Clinic: 69 students per year
- Number of clinic alumni: approximately 2,000
- Completed clinic intakes January-October 2010: 355

for the students. “Initially, there is reluctance on the part of students because we don’t talk about tribes as the Third Sovereign. So I am touched by those students [who participate] because they are really interested in learning these new areas of law,” Organick said.

Organick believes that tribal court practice is a perfect fit for a clinical program because it takes what the students are learning and builds on it. “The students get experience practicing in state and municipal courts as well as tribal courts, so they are learning a multijurisdictional practice.”

Francis believes the clinic’s collaboration with Prairie Band Potawatomie Tribal Court has changed the face of court proceedings. “I see our alumni practicing there. The number of attorneys has increased significantly and many have come from our clinic program.”

Building relationships with the tribes has been vital to the success of the program. “The tribes have been welcoming and supportive, and they have provided a great learning opportunity for our students,” Organick said. Francis concurred. “We have made a connection with the Native population in the area and are recognized as a place people can come for assistance.”

As for the future of the Tribal Court practice, Organick plans to expand the program. “I would like to continue to grow that relationship and integrate tribal law, including the tribal courts and legal system, into our curriculum.”

Professor Jackson, who joined the Washburn law faculty in 2004, developed the Business and Transactional Law Clinic in 2005, with two primary goals in mind: to help students develop skills in business counseling and transactional law; and to serve the legal needs of businesses and nonprofit organizations that cannot afford to hire legal counsel. Upper-level law students provide business and legal assistance to small businesses and nonprofits in Topeka and surrounding areas but do not assist with litigation.



*Phil Knighton, '71, Wichita, visits with The Hon. Gregory Waller, '73, at the anniversary celebration.*

More recent additions to clinic offerings include the representation of clients filing for Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) self-petitions. VAWA self-petitions enable immigrant victims of domestic violence to obtain lawful status without the assistance or cooperation of the batterer spouse. In 2007, the Law Clinic faculty established the

Washburn Law Clinic Public Interest Grant to recognize and facilitate the decision of Clinic students to work in public interest upon graduation. The grant will be awarded to Law Clinic students whose employment upon graduation works primarily with under-represented or underserved individuals, communities, and/or nonprofit groups.

Discussions concerning program changes and additions for the Clinic are ongoing, and its future path will be charted based on the ever-changing needs of the students and clients it serves. “We will continue programmatic expansion. My goal is to keep it dynamic and respond to needs in the community and aspirations of our students,” Francis concluded.

“Thank you for involving me in a wonderful celebration of the Law Clinic’s first forty years. So much of what I know about being a lawyer and who I want to become as an attorney is based upon what I learned while at the Clinic. Having had the opportunity to participate in [the 40th Anniversary] events simply strengthens my affinity for and dedication to our Clinic.”

– Steven M. Ellis, '06

Featured Guest at the Law Clinic 40th Anniversary  
Ellis & Zolotor Law Office, LLC

The Washburn Law Clinic hosted its 40th Anniversary Celebration on Oct. 23, 2010. Activities began with a CLE presentation by Professors John J. Francis and Aliza Organick. Attendees toured the clinic and law school before going across campus for a tailgate and the Washburn Ichabods football game. The featured speaker at the evening dinner was **The Honorable Gregory Waller, '73**, who was the presiding judge in the trial of the BTK serial killer.



More information about the Washburn Law Clinic is available at [www.washburnlaw.edu/clinic](http://www.washburnlaw.edu/clinic)

# Experiential Learning

## EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

### FALL EXTERNSHIPS

Participants in the fall 2010 Washburn Law Externship program more than doubled from 12 students in 2009 to the current participation of 27, a result of students understanding the importance of hands-on experience, and continuing communication by faculty and staff about the available externship opportunities.

**Shawn Leisinger, '99**, executive director of the Centers for Excellence, noted that Washburn has always been a skills-based institution, but as competition for jobs continues to increase, students are more aware of the need to showcase practical experience to the person who chooses candidates to interview.

“The students understand they need to get a leg up on the competition,” Leisinger said. He also said faculty members are encouraging students to look at externships and other practical work options to ensure the students are receiving a well-rounded education.

Not only does an externship provide law students with an advantage over other candidates, Leisinger said, but the experience will help define what the students really want to do in their careers. “It’s an opportunity to ‘try it on’ through the externship experience,” he said.

As an extern in the program, students assume the role of a professional in training, handling real issues and working on real assignments. The placements provide valuable hands-on experience in actual legal practice, which may help secure permanent employment after law school.

With the expansion of Collective Brands as an externship partner, which also includes Airwalk, Keds, Payless ShoeSource, Saucony, Sperry Top-Sider, and Stride Rite, Washburn Law students can learn the workings of an international company with international opportunities for employment. Currently, three Washburn Law students are participating in externships at Collective Brands.

“It’s a great opportunity for students interested in Intellectual Property Law and business placements,” Leisinger said. An additional new partner is the Kansas Department of Revenue, and Leisinger is looking into partnerships with other government agencies and possible placements with lobbying groups.

“We are expanding government agency work in tandem with the launch of the Center for Law and Government,” he said.

### SUMMER EXTERNSHIPS

Fifty-three Washburn Law students participated in externships around the United States during summer 2010, gaining a wide-range of practical experience. Students served federal and state judges; state and local agencies and departments; private corporations; and non-profit organizations.



More information about the Externship Program is available at [www.washburnlaw.edu/curriculum/externship](http://www.washburnlaw.edu/curriculum/externship)

# Considering Careers

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

As one can imagine, traffic in the Professional Development Office (PDO) increases significantly during a downturn in the economy. The “Great Recession” has hit and students are aware that they need to consider their career options early and often throughout their time at Washburn Law. Gone are the days of focusing solely on coursework and worrying about a job during the last semester of law school. Fortunately, the PDO has several programs in place to manage this shift in philosophy to help students consider their career options during the first year of school.

For instance, this past October the PDO hosted several events as part of its “Options in October” lecture series. Speakers came to campus and talked with students about popular and emerging career paths, including health care, elder law, insurance law and regulation, and bankruptcy. One panel focused entirely on the opportunities that exist for lawyers practicing law in small communities and another presentation included a national speaker who spoke about alternative careers. Many of these presentations can be viewed from streaming video available on the Washburn Law website.

The Washburn Law Mentor Program is in its eighth year, with more than 90 first-year students paired with area lawyers through the program. The program allows students to connect with an area lawyer to discuss careers and network within the legal community. If you would like to serve as a mentor, please contact the PDO or the Alumni Office for more information.



Finally, the staff in the PDO met with every first-year small study group during the last week of October and first week of November and scheduled individual appointments with first-year students in November. Students who take advantage of the services in the PDO are provided a complimentary copy of *Guerrilla Tactics for Getting the Legal Job of Your Dreams*, by Kimm Walton, an excellent resource for students and alumni conducting a legal job search. While it makes for a busy time in the PDO, it’s invigorating to meet first-year students who are excited about their future careers and to help them begin defining and reaching their goals. Some students have a very clear idea of their plans: “I came to law school to be a prosecutor.” Others are much more vague: “I’m not sure exactly how I want to use my degree, but I think I want to be in a courtroom.”

The PDO helps students identify internships (paid and volunteer), pro bono opportunities, and externships that can help them define their career aspirations and make them more marketable in the slow job market. That process must start in the first year, and help from our alumni in creating opportunities is crucial. If you know of any opportunities in which students can gain practical experience, please contact Margann Bennett, director of Professional Development and Pro Bono, at [margann.bennett@washburn.edu](mailto:margann.bennett@washburn.edu) or (785) 670-1703.

 More information about the Professional Development Office is available at [www.washburnlaw.edu/career](http://www.washburnlaw.edu/career)

## *Fall 2010 Entering Class*



### FUN FACTS

144 students from 23 different states, spanning the nation from New York to Florida to California to Alaska • 62 percent are from Kansas • One is a seventh generation Kansan • One is from South Korea, one is from China, and one is from the Virgin Islands • 66 different undergraduate schools, with the top three being the University of Kansas (31), Kansas State University (13), and Wichita State (12) • Other undergraduate schools include Duke, Fordham, George Washington, Purdue, Rice, Spelman and the U.S. Air Force Academy • State universities include Colorado, Georgia, Minnesota, North Carolina, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming • 6 percent have post-graduate degrees • Average age is 26 years old • Various backgrounds and experiences: CASA volunteers, homecoming king, mock trial competitors, executive officer in the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army Captain, former U.S. Marine, numerous Eagle Scouts, missionaries to Chile, Russia, Hong Kong, China, and Nicaragua, newspaper reporter, member of the Organization for Women Mystery Writers, mechanical engineer, chemical engineer, pilot, teachers, social workers, and women's rights advocates • This class golfs, hunts, fishes, rides bikes, plays tennis, swims, and runs • Others work on cars, play guitar and drums, study medieval times, scuba dive, and snow shoe. One spends time screenwriting/filmmaking.

# LAW SCHOOL News

## LEGAL WRITING PROGRAM AGAIN RANKED AS ONE OF BEST IN NATION

**U**.S. *News and World Report* released its 2011 law school rankings in April 2010. Washburn moved up in the rankings, and its Legal Analysis, Research, and Writing Program (LARW) was ranked 17th among all law schools.

Legal writing is one of many strengths of Washburn Law, and it is a critically important skill to become a successful lawyer.

“Employers place a high value on legal writing skills when considering candidates,” said Margann Bennett, director of Professional Development. “A Washburn Law education ensures students’ skills will be top-notch.”

Highlights of the LARW Program at Washburn Law include:

- A focus on preparing students for the actual practice of law
- Professors dedicated to legal writing as a primary field
- A foundation in legal reasoning, research, and oral advocacy

In addition to the *U.S. News and World Report* ranking, Washburn Law has earned a number of accolades this year, including:

- Law Library ranked in the top 20 percent of all law libraries in the country by *The National Jurist*
- Washburn Law’s website, [www.washburnlaw.edu](http://www.washburnlaw.edu), listed as one of the “Top 10 Law School Home Pages of 2009” by Roger V. Skalbeck of the Georgetown University Law Center
- Named an outstanding law school by *The Princeton Review* in the 2010 edition of “The Best 172 Law Schools”
- 223 alumni listed in *Law & Politics’* 2010 Super Lawyers U.S. Law School Rankings



More information about the LARW Program is available at [www.washburnlaw.edu/curriculum/larw](http://www.washburnlaw.edu/curriculum/larw)

## 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.*

**41 Daniel Dennett Tontz,** Wichita, on Feb. 7, 2010, at the age of 92

**46 John Francis Hayes,** Hutchinson, Kan., on Jan. 14, 2010, at the age of 90

**49 David Ash Johnson,** Sonoma, Calif., on July 9, 2010, at the age of 84

**50 Wilbert William Hiss,** Oklahoma City, Okla., on Feb. 6, 2010, at the age of 85 • **Clifford Ragsdale Hope Jr.,** Garden City, Kan., on Feb. 11, 2010, at the age of 86

**51 John Eldon Jandera,** Pinehurst, N.C., on Dec. 19, 2009, at the age of 84 • **Henry William Logan,** Santa Ynez, Calif., on July 15, 2010, at the age of 85 • **Ronald K. “Ron” Richey,** Colorado Springs, Colo., on Aug. 25, 2010, at the age of 84

**54 Richard G. Heywood,** Innsbrook, Mo., on May 21, 2010, at the age of 81 • **Richard Lee Reep,** El Paso, Texas, on Oct. 27, 2009, at the age of 80

**55 Rodney Hubert Busey,** Wichita, on May 2, 2010, at the age of 79

**59 The Honorable Gerald Lee Houghland,** Olathe, Kan., on Feb. 8, 2010, at the age of 77

**60 The Honorable Bob L. Abbott,** Topeka, on March 23, 2010, at the age of 77 • **Richard Lewis Roberts,** Olathe, Kan., on May 22, 2009, at the age of 73

**62 The Honorable J. Michael Smith,** Arkansas City, Kan., on Sept. 6, 2010, at the age of 74 • **Leo Newell Johnson,** Council Grove, Kan., on Dec. 17, 2009, at the age of 77

**63 The Honorable James Edward Wells,** Topeka, on Sept. 19, 2010, at the age of 78

**69 Larry Tate Hughes,** Topeka, on Sept. 1, 2010, at the age of 66

**70 Jane Twining Osterhoudt Roy,** Topeka, on Oct. 18, 2010, at the age of 86

**74 Chris Marshall Barron,** Hollywood, Fla., on Feb. 26, 2010, at the age of 65 • **Edward McElroy III,** Topeka, on Jan. 15, 2010, at the age of 65

**76 Rev. Robert Arthur Brunig,** Southlake, Texas, on Aug. 31, 2009, at the age of 63

**79 Patricia Ellen Baker,** Topeka, on Dec. 17, 2009, at the age of 62

**80 Willis K. Musick,** Hays, Kan., on Aug. 23, 2010, at the age of 56

**82 The Honorable Jim R. Nix,** St. Joseph, Mo., on June 5, 2010, at the age of 69 • **Jo Ann Teasley Van Meter,** Topeka, on Oct. 8, 2009, at the age of 62

**83 Kim Dean Steele,** Wichita, on Oct. 3, 2009, at the age of 56

**84 Philip Clayton Pennington,** Weatherby Lake, Mo., on Feb. 16, 2010, at the age of 59

**90 J. Richard Showalter II,** Topeka, on July 27, 2010, at the age of 63

# CLASS *Actions*

**33 Eldon R. Sloan, '33**, Topeka, received the Warren W. Shaw Distinguished Service Award from the Topeka Bar Association. Sloan, age 101, is the oldest living Washburn Law alumnus.

**49 Albert M. Ross, '49**, Mission, Kan., was honored June 19, 2009, for 60 years of membership in the Kansas Bar Association during the association's annual meeting in Overland Park, Kan.

**52 The Honorable Sam A. Crow, '52**, received the Kansas Bar Association Phil Lewis Medal of Distinction Award in recognition of his outstanding and conspicuous service to the administration of law and justice for Kansans. • **Paul A. McAlister, '52**, Topeka, was named 2009 Shriner of the Year by the Topeka Arab Temple.

**57 Robert W. Kaplan, '57**, Wichita, is now with Klenda, Mitchell, Austerman & Zuercher LLC. • **Donald Schnacke, '57**, Topeka, was reappointed by Governor Mark Parkinson to the Kansas Inc. board of directors for a four-year term.

**61 The Honorable Jan W. Leuenberger, '61**, Topeka, retired as a Shawnee County district judge after 15 years of service.

**62 Harry "Pete" S. Connelly Jr., '62**, Las Cruces, N.M., was named interim Las Cruces city attorney.

**64 Don A. Cashman, '64**, Hiawatha, Kan., was recognized by the League of Kansas Municipalities for 40 years of public service. He is Hiawatha's city attorney. • **Thomas E. Wright, '64**, Topeka, was reappointed to the Kansas Corporation Commission by Governor Mark Parkinson.

**66 Roger K. Weatherby, '66**, Shawnee, Kan., authored *THE FRENCHMAN ATE THE FRESH BREAD FIRST*, a mystery published by Tate Publishing Co.

**68 Representative Ward E. Loyd, '68**, Garden City, Kan., was appointed to the Kansas Corporation Commission by Governor Mark Parkinson. Loyd is treasurer of the Washburn Law Alumni Association.

**69 Colonel Jack S. Bender III, '69**, Halstead, Kan., was appointed to the Harvey County planning commission.

**70 Robert L. "Bob" Heath, '70**, Wichita, has stepped down from his role as senior vice president, Governance Development at Via Christi Health. For more than 30 years, Heath was associated with Via Christi Health and its predecessor organizations. • Representative **Dennis W. Moore, '70**, Overland Park, Kan., received the Kansas Bar Association Distinguished Service Award. • **William "Jack" J. Peggs, '70**, Wichita, is now with Martin & Churchill.

**71 Daniel F. Church, '71**, Kansas City, Mo., has become a partner of the law firm Morrow Willnauer Klosterman Church LLC. • **H. Philip Elwood, '71**, Topeka, is chairman of the Kansas Children's Service League Foundation. • **Richard H. Price Jr., '71**, Wichita, was inducted into the Topeka Rowing Association's Hall of Fame.

**72 Court of Appeals Chief Judge Gary W. Rulon, '72**, Topeka, will retire at the end of his term in January 2011, after serving 30 years as a Kansas judge. Rulon has been a member of the Court of Appeals since 1988, serving as chief judge since 2001.

**73 John W. Johnson, '73**, Eastborough, Kan., was awarded the Art Hodgson Award by the Kansas Association of Justice. • **James W. Parrish, '73**, Topeka, was named to the Topeka Business Hall of Fame. He also received the Jayhawk Area Council of the Boy Scouts Distinguished Citizen Award.

**75 Brandon L. Myers, '75**, Auburn, Kan., retired from the Kansas Human Rights Commission as chief legal counsel. • **Colonel Charles R. Rayl (ret.), '75**, Cottonwood Falls, Kan., was named to the Museum of the Kansas National Guard Hall of Fame.

**76 Leonard Buddenbohm, '76**, Atchison, Kan., retired as the county counselor after 32 years of service. He serves as city attorney for Effingham, Kan., and has a private law

practice in Atchison. • **J. Michael Davies, '76**, Lawrence, Kan., was honored for 25 years of service at Douglas County Bank, where he is senior vice president of trust services.

**77 Colonel Thomas G. Becker, '77**, Millbrook, Ala., is academic director of the Air Force Judge Advocate General School at Maxwell Air Force Base. • **Vicki Kelly Brittain, '77**, San Marcos, Texas, was named Public Administration Educator of the Year by the Centex Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration. She is professor and chairwoman of the department of political science at Texas State University-San Marcos. • **Rebecca Crotty, '77**, Topeka, was named a district judge of Kansas' Third Judicial District by Governor Mark Parkinson. • **Karl G. Johnson, '77**, Fairway, Kan., received a Kansas Bar Association Pro Bono Certificate. • **C. William "Bill" Ossmann, '77**, Topeka, served on the faculty of the National Institute of Trial Advocacy's National Program for Public Service Attorneys at its national education center in Louisville, Colo., in July 2010. • **Donna F. Voth, '77**, Topeka, was appointed to the Mennonite Mutual Aid Board of Directors.

**78 Jeffrey O. Ellis, '78**, Overland Park, Kan., has joined Spencer, Fane, Britt & Browne LLP as a partner. • **Karen Beavers Griffiths, '78**, Norton, Kan., is chairwoman of the board of directors for Kansas Children's Service League. • **David H. Moses, '78**, was appointed to the Washburn University's Board of Regents. For the past 10 years, he has been an attorney with Case, Moses, Zimmerman & Martin PA, representing clients in a variety of areas, including education law.

**79 Gregory L. Bauer, '79**, Great Bend, Kan., was elected to the board of directors of First Kansas Bank of Hoisington, Great Bend, and Claffin. • **Paul T. Maricle, '79**, Denver, Colo., has merged his practice with the Anton Law Group focusing on international business transactions, export regulations, mergers and acquisitions and aviation law. • **Richard F. Pellegrino, '79**, Chicago, a trial lawyer for more than 30 years, has joined Romanucci & Blandin LLC, of counsel. • **Sarah B. Shattuck, '79**, Ashland, Kan., opened a law office in Greensburg, Kan.

**80 Carol L. Foreman, '80**, Topeka, was appointed to the Workers' Compensation Board by Kansas Secretary of Labor Jim



## WHO ARE THEY?

*In the last issue, we asked you to identify the people in this photograph. Congratulations to Topeka resident Patrick Salsbury, '74, for being the first to correctly identify the people in this photo. From left to right they are William J. Birch, '64 (Topeka), Arthur E. Palmer, '63 (Topeka), the late Judge E. Newton Vickers, '50, and Daniel J. High, '63 (Branson, Mo.).*

Garner and was named the 2010 Chief Justice Kay McFarland Attorney of Achievement by the Women Attorneys Association of Topeka. • **Kenneth G. Gale, '80**, Wichita, was appointed U.S. magistrate judge in Wichita. • **Bradley E. Haddock, '80**, Wichita, is a qualified arbitrator of the American Arbitration Association, where he serves on the board of directors.

**81** **Thomas L. Bell, '81**, Topeka, is president and chief executive officer of the Kansas Hospital Association. • **Glenn R. Braun, '81**, Hays, Kan., was elected president of the Kansas Bar Association. He is a partner at the firm of Glassman, Bird, Braun & Schwartz LLP. • **Paul W. Brown, '81**, Hutchinson, Kan., was appointed city attorney. • **Kim R. Cocklin, '81**, Dallas, Texas, was elected to the Atmos Energy Corp. Board of Directors, where he also serves as president and chief operating officer. • **Kevin E. J. Regan, '81**, Kansas City, Mo., has become a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

**82** **Douglas K. Manion, '82**, Vernon, Conn., joined Kahan, Kerensky & Capossela LLP as a partner. • **Zackery E. Reynolds, '82**, Fort Scott, Kan., was recently inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

**84** **John R. Dietrick, '84**, Topeka, is chief executive officer and general counsel of Creative Business Solutions. Dietrick is a member of the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association. • **C. Bickley Foster, '84**, Wichita, was inducted into the American Institute of Certified Planners College of Fellows. • **Cyd Gilman, '78**, Wichita, received the Louise Mattox Attorney of Achievement Award by the Wichita Women Attorneys Association. • **Dennis C. Jones, '84**, Lakin, Kan., received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Kansas County and District Attorneys Association.

**85** **James Abbs, '85**, Wawaka, Ind., was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, where he was a four-year football letter winner. • **Timothy Givan, '85**, Hutchinson, Kan., received the certified corporate trust specialist designation from the American Bankers Association Institute of Certified Bankers. • **Christopher Korth, '85**, Kansas City, Mo, was voted Best of the Bar for the Kansas City Area for 2010. He has his own practice, Law Offices of Christopher Korth. • **The Honorable Nancy E. Parrish, '85**, Topeka, was the recipient of the Topeka Bar Association Honorable E. Newton Vickers Professionalism Award. • **Jerry H. Schemmel, '85**, Littleton, Colo., joined the team that broadcasts Colorado Rockies games on KOA (AM 850) radio. • **Andrew L. Warren, '85**, Silver City, N.M., was promoted to associate professor of Criminal Justice at Western New Mexico University.

**86** **Tim S. Haverty, '86**, Overland Park, Kan., has opened a practice, Haverty & McElhinney LLC. • **Steven D. Scheiwe, '86**, Encinitas, Calif., was appointed to the Primus Telecommunications Group Inc. Board of Directors, where he serves as chairman of the audit committee. • **Deryl W. Wynn, '86**, Kansas City, Kan., was appointed to the University of Kansas Hospital Authority by Governor Mark Parkinson.

**87** **David Black, '87**, Johnson, Kan., was appointed as Grant County attorney. He also serves as Stanton County attorney and has a private law practice in Ulysses, Kan. • **Martha Jenkins, '87**, Washington, D.C., was elected to a five-year term on the Ecclesiastical Trial Court for the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, D.C.

**88** **The Honorable Kyle A. Bryson, '88**, Tucson, Ariz., was appointed to the Pima County Superior Court bench by Governor Jan Brewer. • **Susana L. Valdovinos, '88**, Topeka, was appointed to the Governor's Task Force on Racial Profiling by Governor Mark Parkinson.

**89** **Troy H. Gott, '89**, Wichita, has started Gott Law LLC. • **Marcos A. Mendoza, '89**, Austin, Texas, was admitted to the master of laws program for insurance at the University of Connecticut School of Law. He will continue in his current position as the assistant director for the Texas Association of School Boards Risk Management Fund overseeing litigation. • **Natalie Camacho Mendoza, '89**, Boise, Idaho, received the Latino Hero Award from Regence BlueShield of Idaho for professional accomplishments and giving back to the community.

**90** **Bradley Ambrosier, '90**, Elkhart, Kan., was appointed by Governor Mark Parkinson to serve as a district judge of the 26th Judicial District of Kansas. • **Marjorie D. Petty, '90**, Dallas, Texas, was named Region VI director by Department of Health and Humans Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius.

**91** **Kathleen A. Anderson, '91**, Livingston, N.J., was elected president of Women Lawyers in Bergen, the second oldest women's bar association in New Jersey. She is with Morgan Melhuish Abrutyn. • **Randy Gordon, '91**, Dallas, Texas, was named to the 2010 *Texas Super Lawyers* list, a distinction limited to only 5 percent of Texas lawyers. Gordon practices antitrust litigation for Gardere Wynn Sewell LLP. • **Kurt P. Kerns, '91**, Wichita, received the Kansas Bar Association Courageous Attorney Award.

**92** **William R. Thornton, '92**, Topeka, was appointed secretary of commerce by Governor Mark Parkinson. • **Tracy Rockney Ward, '92**, Abbott Park, Ill., is divisional vice president, Global Pharmaceutical Regulatory Affairs, for Abbott Laboratories.

**93** **Daniel W. Crow, '93**, Topeka, was elected to the Topeka Community Foundation Board of Directors. • **Samantha M. Musso, '93**, Burke, Va., has opened the Law Office of Samantha M. Musso, PLC, in Fairfax, Va. The solo practice will focus on estate planning, probate, and business formations. • **William "Bill" White, '93**, Joplin, Mo., was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives.

**94** **Christine M. Graham, '94**, Overland Park, Kan., received a Kansas Bar Association Pro Bono Certificate. • **Joyce K. Grover, '94**, Lawrence, Kan., was appointed to the Governor's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board. Grover is general counsel for the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence. • **Patricia A. Sexton, '94**, Kansas City, Mo., was selected by The Product Liability Advisory Council (PLAC) as a member of its prestigious organization. • **Wendy A. Wussow, '94**, Lincoln, Neb., is chief legal counsel for the Nebraska State Patrol.

**95** **Todd M. Allison, '95**, Wichita, has started his own practice, The Law Offices of Todd Allison. • **Margaret A. Graham, '95**, Rio Rancho, N.M., is an associate in the law firm of Bannerman & Williams PA in Albuquerque, N.M., practicing in the areas of employment law, health care, and litigation. • **Mike Halleran, '95**, Emporia, Kan., is of counsel with the law firm of Gay, Riordan, Fincher, Munson and Sinclair PA. • **Yolanda D. Ingram, '95**, Germantown, Tenn., was nominated to the Memphis Bar Foundation board of directors. In 2008, she received the President's Award from the Memphis Bar Association. • **Phillip D. Smith-Hanes, '95**, Eureka, Calif., was appointed county administrative officer by the Humboldt County (Calif) Board of Supervisors. • **Jennifer L. Stultz, '95**, Wichita, was selected to serve on the Probate Advisory Committee for the Kansas Judicial Council.

**97** **Lisa R. Jones, '97**, was hired as university counsel for Washburn University. • **Amy J. Liebau, '97**, Wichita, is with Laham Development. • **Judd A. Liebau, '97**, Chapman, Kan., was promoted to community bank president of INTRUST Bank in Junction City. • **Katherine McElhinney, '97**, Lenexa, Kan., was appointed Lenexa's municipal court judge. She served as an assistant district attorney for the Third Judicial District as well as the city prosecutor for the cities of Shawnee and Overland Park. • **Ryan M. Ross, '97**, Ocean Springs, Miss., was promoted to vice president of marketing of the MGM Mirage Mississippi operations team.

**98** **Vic Braden, '98**, deputy commander of the 35th Infantry Division, was named a brigadier general. • **Douglas C. Fincher, '98**, Topeka, is practicing tax law, estate planning, and non-profit formation and taxation with the law firm of Riordan, Fincher & Munson PA.

**99** **Gregory D. Hill, '99**, Topeka, published a novel, *THE FAMILY TREE*. • **Eric G. Kraft, '99**, Olathe, Kan., has been promoted to partner of Duggan, Shadwick Doerr & Kurlbaum PC. • **Sabrina K. Standifer, '99**, Wichita, was reappointed by Governor Mark Parkinson as chairwoman of the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission. She is vice president of the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Board of Governors. • **Jeremy S. Unruh, '99**, Winnetka, Ill., was promoted from associate to shareholder at Polsinelli Shughart PC in Chicago. Unruh's commercial practice includes general banking litigation, shareholder valuation disputes, internal fraud investigations, and white collar criminal defense. • **Ann Marie G. Yom, '99**, Washington, D.C., was named the new deputy director at Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Agency's Office of State and Local Coordination, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

**00** **Charles L. Rutter, '00**, Topeka, is an assistant attorney general in the Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division of the office of the Kansas Attorney General. • **Jason M. Stone, '00**, Des Moines, Iowa, was recognized by *Best Lawyers in America* in the field of tax law. • **Larry N. Zimmerman, '00**, Topeka, received the Kansas Bar Association Outstanding Service Award.

**02** **Jodi M. Hoss '02**, Kansas City, Mo., has been promoted to a partner at Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP. • **Shawn Lindsay, '02**, Hillsboro, Ore., was elected as a state representative in Oregon. Lindsay will continue his work at Lane Powell as an intellectual property, e-commerce, and business attorney while serving his term. • **Stephen L. Martino, '02**, is the director of the Maryland State Lottery Agency. Martino lives in Baltimore, and is a member of the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Board of Governors. • **Katherine E. McClure, '02**, Denver, Colo., became a partner in the law firm Sawaya, Rose, Kaplan, Wilkinson & McClure.

**03** **James A. Thompson, '03**, Wichita, is now with Klenda, Mitchell, Austerman & Zuercher LLC.

**04** **Elizabeth S. Dudley, '04**, Phoenix, Ariz., has joined Phillips & Associates. • **Aliah Harrison, '04**, and **Karyn Thomas,**

'05, Grand Prairie, Texas, opened the law practice Harrison & Thomas LLP in Dallas, Texas.

**05** **Jason R. Griess, '05**, Lincoln, Neb., was promoted to National Mechanic's Lien Team. He is employed as claims counsel with Fidelity National Title Group Inc. • **Brooks C. Kancel, '05**, Wichita, received the Kansas Bar Association Outstanding Young Lawyer Award. • **Courtney T. Kennedy, '05**, Overland Park, Kan., has joined Gates, Shields & Ferguson. • **Randy J. Obert, '05**, Springfield, Ill., has been promoted to regional referral division director for Quality and Risk Management for St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Ill., and St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield, Ill.

**06** **Brian P. Duncan, '06**, Wichita, has joined the Office of the Kansas Attorney General, Arkansas City, Kan., as an assistant attorney general in the criminal division. • **Reese Hays, '06**, Bellevue, Neb., is the area defense counsel assigned to Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., serving as chief defense attorney. • **Angel R. Zimmerman, '06**, is a managing partner for the Topeka law firm of Valentine, Zimmerman & Zimmerman PA. She is also a member of the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Board of Governors.

**07** **Lauren M. Bristow, '07**, Lenexa, Kan., is assistant attorney for Leavenworth County. • **Amy C. Coppola, '07**, Leavenworth, Kan., has joined the law firm of Crow and Associates. • **Carroll "Cal" W. Cunningham, '07**, Olathe, Kan., is the recording secretary for the Jackson County Bar Association. • **Mark A. Dupree, '07**, Lawrence, Kan., is an assistant public defender for the Johnson County Public Defender's Office in Olathe, Kan., and president of Speaking and Living the Example LLC. • **Keron A. Wright, '07**, Kansas City, Mo., joined the insolvency and commercial bankruptcy department of Husch Blackwell Sanders LLP.

**08** **Monica S. Cameron, '08**, Wichita, opened the Cameron Law Office, where she practices primarily family law. • **Krystle M. Dalke, '08**, Wichita, is a law clerk for The Honorable Monti Belot of the U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas, Wichita. • **Jamie L. Jones, '08**, Garden City, Kan., is director of equal opportunity and affirmative action at Pittsburg State University. • **Paul J. Kasper II, '08**, Ellsworth, Kan., has joined Peterson & Kasper Law Office. •

**Eric W. Lomas, '08**, Olathe, Kan., is an associate with Wiesner & Frackowiak LLP, Overland Park, Kan. • **Denise L. Magathan McNabb, '08**, Shawnee, Kan., has joined Stinson, Morrison Hecker LLP, Kansas City, Mo., as an associate. • **Christina E. Morris, '08**, Topeka, has accepted the position of program director of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program for the Kansas Board of Pharmacy. Christina has been with the Board of Pharmacy since 2003. • **Eric M. Pauly, '08**, Wichita, has joined Foulston Siefkin LLP as an associate. • **Nanette C. Turner, '08**, Wichita, is a law clerk for The Honorable Wesley Brown of the U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas.

**09 Jennifer Amyx, '09**, Wichita, has been hired by the Sedgwick County District Attorney's office. • **Matthew W. Bish, '09**, Wichita, has joined Foulston Siefkin, LLP as an associate. • **Laurie L. Blanton, '09**, Bradenton, Fla., is an associate at the Law Offices of L. Murray Fitzhugh, specializing in bankruptcy. • **Keith A. Brock, '09**, Richmond, Kan., joined the law office of Anderson & Byrd LLP in Ottawa, Kan. • **Adam R. Burrus, '09**, Wichita, has joined Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch LLC. • **Alex Cuellar, '09**, El Paso, Texas, is teaching criminal procedure, criminal law, law of evidence, and constitutional law as an adjunct with Park University, Fort Bliss Campus. •

**Dr. Milfred "Bud" D. Dale, '09**, Topeka, opened the Law Offices of Bud Dale, which focuses on family law. • **Kenneth DeLaughder, '09**, Wichita, is with the Social Security Administration, Office of Disability. • **Tracey T. Denton, '09**, Pratt, Kan., has joined Hanson & Jorns LLC. • **Eric P. Fournier, '09**, Garden City, Kan., is assistant attorney for Finney County. • **Ryan P. Hellmer, '09**, Topeka, is an associate attorney with the law firm of Goodell, Stratton, Edmonds & Palmer LLP. • **Brent M. Johnston, '09**, Liberty, Mo., is an associate in the Roeland Park, Kan., office of the law firm of McAnany, Van Cleave & Phillips PA. • **Heather R. Klaassen, '09**, Marquette, Kan., was one of 50 Washburn University students inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi national honor society. • **Mark A. Lippelmann, '09**, Wichita, is an attorney in the law firm of Martin, Pringle, Oliver, Wallace & Bauer LLP. • **Douglas L. Longhofer, '09**, Wichita, is with Martin, Pringle, Oliver, Wallace & Bauer LLP. • **Angela Y. Madathil, '09**, Wichita, is an associate attorney at the law firm of Withers, Gough, Pike, Pfaff & Peterson LLC. • **Nicholas J. Means, '09**, Wichita, has joined Maughan & Maughan. • **Danielle K. Schulte, '09**, Wichita, has joined Bever Dye LC. • **Justan R. Shinkle, '09**, Wichita, is an associate at Foulston Siefkin LLP. • **Amy L. Turner, '09**, Wichita, is with the Social Security Administration, Office of Disability.



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**10 Daniel "Aaron" A. Jack, '10**, Andover, Kan., serves on the judiciary committee and represents the 99th District in the Kansas House of Representatives. • **Bryan L. Walker, '10**, Alexandria, Va., is a patent examiner at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. • **Eric Weslander, '10**, Kansas City, Mo., is an associate with Lathrop & Gage in the environmental department.



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# SUPREME HONOR





*Washburn Law Alumni Admitted to the Bar of the U.S. Supreme Court*

## Washburn Law alumni admitted to the bar of the United States Supreme Court on May 24, 2010:

- Daryl V. Craft, '77, *Topeka, Kan.*  
Michael H. Haas, '69, *Hoxie, Kan.*  
Marilyn Patricia Hays, '87, *Ormond Beach, Fla.*  
Gary L. Jordan, '68, *Ottawa, Kan.*  
Joe Allen Lang, '77, *Wichita, Kan.*  
Mary Koziacki Mattivi, '97, *Annandale, Va.*  
Rick Meier, '87, *Emporia, Kan.*  
David H. Moses, '79, *Wichita, Kan.*  
Alec Nguyen, '01, *Wichita, Kan.*  
K. Kirk Nystrom, '79, *Topeka, Kan.*  
Daniel L. Parker, '03, *Kansas City, Kan.*  
Richard D. Ross, '75, *Topeka, Kan.*  
David M. Schauner, '76, *Topeka, Kan.*  
L. Michael Schwartz, '77, *Overland Park, Kan.*  
Todd Thompson, '01, *Leavenworth, Kan.*  
\* Jeffrey A. Wells, '02, *Fort Morgan, Colo.*

(\* sworn-in by written motion)

**Photo on previous page, left to right:** Alec Nguyen, L. Michael Schwartz, Gary L. Jordan, Michael H. Haas, Dean Thomas J. Romig, David M. Schauner, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Todd Thompson, Justice Antonin Scalia, Rick Meier, Marilyn Patricia Hays, David H. Moses, Richard Ross, Joe Allen Lang, Kirk K. Nystrom, Daryl V. Craft, Mary Koziacki Mattivi, and Daniel L. Parker.

**Cover photo, front row, left to right:** Alec Nguyen, Kathleen Jordan, Gary L. Jordan, Pamela Romig, Dean Thomas J. Romig, David M. Schauner, Cheryl Hewitt, Cheryl Brown Henderson, Don Cameron, Anthony James Rauseo, and Marilyn Patricia Hays.

**Second row:** Daryl V. Craft, Cindy Craft, Wes Wilklow, Carolyn Wilklow, Michael H. Haas, Margery Haas, Aaron Moses, David H. Moses, Richard Ross, Matt Cavanaugh, and Steve Cavanaugh.

**Third row:** Joel Lauer, Tony Mattivi, Mary Koziacki Mattivi, Stacy Schwartz, Beth Schwartz, L. Michael Schwartz, Steve Pennington, Todd Thompson, Michael Swink, Kendra Parker, and Daniel L. Parker.

**Back row:** Martin Ahrens, Carolyn Ahrens, Steve Gibb, Carla Gibb, Dennis Kirk, Kirk K. Nystrom, Karen Nystrom, Carolyn Barnes, Linda Meier, Rick Meier, Teresa Lang, and Joe Allen Lang.



*Anthony James Rauseo and Patricia Hays, '87*



*Richard D. Ross, '75*



*Michael, '77, Beth, and Stacy Schwartz*



“It is an honor to be affiliated with the highest court in the country and to see the Supreme Court Justices in person. To be present while the Court issued decisions in seven cases, announcing the results from the bench, was an unexpected highlight.”

– Richard D. Ross, '75



*Mary, '97, and Tony, '94, Mattivi*



*Rick, '87, and Linda Meier*



*Kirk, '79, and Karen Nystrom*



*Todd Thompson, '01, and Alec Nguyen, '01*



*Clarice Peters, '82*



*Wes and Carolyn Wilkum, Margery and Michael, '69, Haas*



*David, '79, and Aaron Moses*



*David Schanner, '76, and Cheryl Hewitt*



*Kent Foerster, '89, and Beth Regier Foerster, '84*



*Joe, '77, and Teresa Lang*



*Daryl, '77, and Cindy Craft, Carla and Steve Gibb*



*Gary, '68, and Kathleen Jordan*

Fifteen Washburn University School of Law alumni were admitted to the bar of the United States Supreme Court in a swearing-in ceremony.

Washburn Law's fourth biennial United States Supreme Court admissions ceremony was held Monday, May 24, 2010, in Washington, D.C. The alumni were from Kansas, Florida, and Virginia, with graduation years from 1968 to 2003.

In addition to the Monday events, more than 60 gathered for a welcome reception on Sunday evening for the participants, their families, and D.C. metro-area alumni at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill.

Hosting the alumni group in Washington, D.C. were Thomas Romig, dean of Washburn University School of Law; Carolyn Barnes, director of alumni services; Martin Ahrens and Joel Lauer, Washburn University Foundation; and **Stephen Cavanaugh, '80**, Topeka, past president of the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association. The group was honored to have Supreme Court Justices Antonin Scalia and Ruth Bader Ginsburg join the group for photos and to congratulate our Washburn Law alumni.

To qualify for admission to the bar of the United States Supreme Court, an applicant must have been admitted to practice in the highest court of a state, commonwealth, territory or possession, or the District of Columbia for a period of at least three years immediately before the date of application; must not have been the subject of any adverse disciplinary action pronounced or in effect during that three-year period; and must appear to the Court to be of good moral and professional character.

Following the swearing-in ceremony, the group attended a luncheon at Charlie Palmer Steak with guest speaker **Jim Slattery, '75**, of McLean, Va., and Topeka. After the luncheon, participants toured the U.S. Capitol and met with Kansas Congressman **Dennis Moore, '70**, of Lenexa, Kan.



"Witnessing the Washburn Law alumni being sworn-in by the United States Supreme Court was not simply an awe-inspiring experience, it was a personal pilgrimage for those involved in *Brown v. Board of Education* who were unable travel to Washington, D.C., in 1954, to watch the NAACP attorneys argue before the high court on their behalf. This was a tangible reminder of the role that the U.S. Supreme Court plays in safeguarding our constitutional rights."

– Cheryl Brown Henderson



"I waited 33 years to become a member of the bar of the U. S. Supreme Court, and I am glad I chose to participate in the Washburn alumni program. It was a perfect day, thanks to all of your hard work. My only regret is that I can't do it again. I have all of you to thank for the warm memories of the swearing-in that my family and I will carry with us always. We will always be grateful."

- L. Michael Schwartz, '77

*Guests:*



*Cheryl Brown Henderson, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Dean Thomas Romig*



*Keith, '80, and Jennifer Roberts*



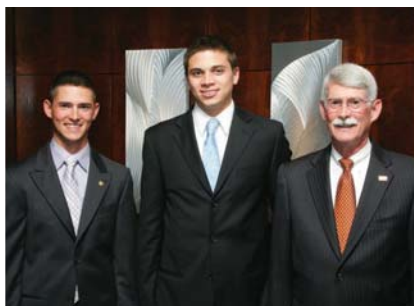
*Dennis Kirk, '75*



*Jim Slattery, '75*



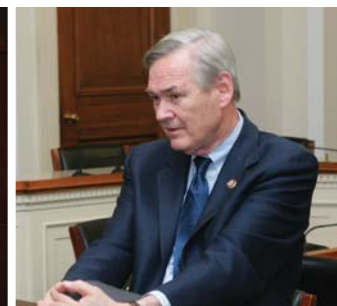
*Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia*



*Matt Cavanaugh, Tom Webb, third-year law student, and Steve Cavanaugh, '80*



*Beth and Stephen, '02, Martino*



*Rep. Dennis Moore, '70*

"It was a marvelous trip and very well choreographed. Thank you for making it possible and for making it a memorable experience." - Daryl V. Craft, '77

# Fowks-Halley-Van Petten

## CHAIR OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION

**M**ax Martin Halley, '66 (*cum laude*), and Josephine Ann Van Petten Halley have established a trust that creates the Fowks-Halley-Van Petten Chair of Dispute Resolution. This chair will be given to a professor who is primarily teaching in the area of dispute resolution outside of the courtroom. To date, this is the largest estate gift Washburn Law has ever received.

"My involvement with Professor Robert J. Fowks, former Distinguished Professor of Law, a highlight of my years in Topeka, challenged me intellectually and broadened my horizon," Halley said. "I wanted to recognize an eminent teacher, a brilliant legal mind, who was not only a mentor, but a good friend. Bob Fowks was instrumental in shaping the careers of many law graduates. His legacy should be recognized with a named chair at Washburn, emphasizing his particular interest. Additionally, the gift is intended to express Jo's and my gratitude to Washburn for providing a continuing academic environment and educational opportunities."

Max Halley enlisted in the armed services in 1944 at age 17, and after three years, much of it in Europe, was discharged as a warrant officer in the Army Counter Intelligence Corps. He then graduated from Harvard College in 1949 and Harvard Medical School in 1953. He completed his internship at the University of Kansas, where he met Jo Van Petten, a nursing student. Jo graduated with a bachelor's degree in nursing in 1954, and they were married later that year.

Max continued his surgical training, first at the University of Buffalo (N.Y.), and then at Tulane University (Charity Hospital) in New Orleans, La. Jo worked as a nursing instructor at Charity Hospital until the birth of the first of five children. In 1959, they moved their family to Topeka. Max began surgical practice and also served at KU Medical Center as an assistant clinical professor of surgery and later as associate clinical professor of the History and Philosophy of Medicine. He drove by the Washburn law school every day on his way to work.

"There wasn't much demand for new young surgeons in Topeka and I had some available time," Max said. He had an interest in legal issues, and one day, after discussion with Jo, he decided to talk to someone at the law school. Dean Howe invited him into his office, said that summer school had just started, and told him he was free to see if the classes interested him. Max promptly enrolled, finding that both his surgical and Washburn



Law schedules were sufficiently flexible to allow him to continue.

After graduation and admission to the Kansas Bar, Max continued the practice of medicine and used his law degree to teach legal issues to doctors and promote better understanding between the professions. He accomplished this by writing articles in the *Kansas Medical Journal* and the *Journal of the Kansas Bar Association*, and other professional publications. He presented law and medicine issues at local,

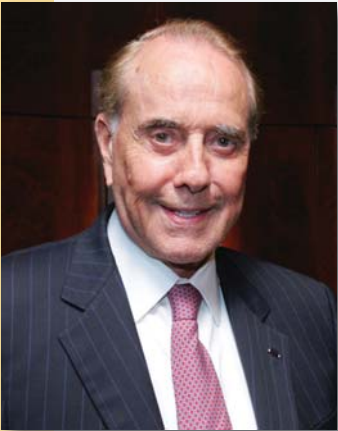
regional, and national conferences. In addition, he contributed to and published a book with Professor Fowks, Professor David Ryan, and Dr. Calvin Bigler titled **MEDICAL MALPRACTICE SOLUTIONS: SYSTEMS AND PROPOSALS FOR INJURY COMPENSATION**. The book, the result of many years of discussions among Halley, Fowks, and others, contains the spectrum of actual and proposed solutions in the United States and other countries. These range from standard tort reform and intermediate options revising the tort system in varying degrees, to administrative compensation for medical injuries. Chapters are contributed whenever possible by the original proponents. The editors focused on administrative compensation, similar to workers' compensation. The model statute included in the book was introduced into the Kansas legislature in 1989 as House Bill 2500.

The Halleys have been involved at Washburn in a number of areas. Max was an adjunct and taught Medical Evidence until he passed the torch to **Howard Ward, '79**, another Washburn Law medical doctor. He has been involved in the mentor program, which connects first-year law students with alumni. The Halleys helped fund the Robert J. Fowks Fund for Alternative Dispute Resolution, and have also created the Halley-Van Petten Current Gift Scholarship Fund, which helps single mothers attend the Washburn Nursing program. Jo and Max have audited or attended classes at Washburn; he most recently participated in the Senior Audit Program, a service provided to the community that has kept Max, Jo, and many others connected to Washburn.

"Establishing a trust to fund this chair reflects Jo and Max's deep commitment to Washburn Law, its students, and its future, said Dean Romig. "Their generosity will allow Washburn Law to continue the legacy of Professor Bob Fowks."

*If you would like to establish an endowed fund or make a planned gift to Washburn Law, please contact Joel Lauer, development director, Washburn University School of Law, 1700 SW College Ave., Topeka, KS 66621, (785) 670-1702, [jlauer@wvufoundation.org](mailto:jlauer@wvufoundation.org).*

## Senator Robert J. Dole Law Professorship



**S**enator Robert J. Dole, BA '52 and JD '52, significantly enhanced the Senator Robert J. Dole Law Professorship, which he established at the School of Law in 2008. The Senator is a stalwart advocate and supporter of Washburn University School of Law.

Dean Thomas J. Romig said, "We are grateful for Senator Dole's continued support of Washburn Law. We are deeply appreciative of his significant and generous enhancement to the professorship, which will enable us to recruit highly qualified faculty to realize the vision of the Center for Law and Government."

Professorships have been instrumental in attracting and retaining top faculty to Washburn Law. Reginald L. Robinson is the inaugural director of the Center for Law and Government. Washburn Law is in an excellent competitive position to recruit superior faculty like Professor Robinson with the benefit of professorships such as the Senator Robert J. Dole Law Professorship.

Dole has also established and given generously through the years to fund scholarships for students with disabilities at Washburn Law.

## George and Theresa Barton Law Scholarship



**G**eorge A., '77 (*cum laude*), and Theresa H. Barton have established the George and Theresa Barton Law Scholarship. George is president of the Law Offices of George A. Barton PC, Kansas City, Mo.

George was prevailing counsel in the class action *Rogers v. Westerman Farm Co.*, 29 P.3d 887 (Colo. 2001). The case resulted in a landmark decision by the Colorado Supreme Court that fundamentally changed the analysis used to calculate royalties on natural gas. The *Rogers* case set the national standard for the rights of oil royalty owners and their interests.

The Barton Scholarship will benefit students who are enrolled and in good standing at Washburn University School of Law.

"I am grateful for the legal education I received at Washburn Law," said Barton. "The professors were engaging, knowledgeable and made themselves available. They were always ready to answer

your questions and had an 'open door' policy that is still in effect today.

"Recently I returned to Washburn as an Advocate-in-Residence and was delighted to find the students as bright and inquisitive as ever. I also have enjoyed serving on the Board of Advisors for the Center for Excellence in Advocacy. These opportunities to reconnect with my law school convinced me that Washburn Law is still one of the best law schools in America, and it deserves my wholehearted support.

"For these reasons my wife, Theresa, and I have funded a scholarship to help recruit talented students to Washburn Law. I now know that they will receive the same excellent legal education I received."

"The generosity of George and Theresa will augment Washburn Law's continuing efforts to recruit talented students and ensure they receive the highest caliber legal education available. We are extremely thankful for their support," said Dean Thomas J. Romig.

## *Bill and Claudia Berkley Law Scholarship*

**B**ill D. Berkley, bba '72 and jd '75, established the Bill and Claudia Berkley Law Scholarship. The scholarship gives preference to Kansas students who live west of U.S. Highway 81 and who are enrolled and in good standing at Washburn Law. In addition to the endowed scholarship, Berkley has funded a current cash gift scholarship.

Berkley owns and operates the State Bank of Downs, which has been providing banking services to Kansans for nearly 120 years. Bill is one of several generations of Berkleys who have graduated from Washburn Law. His father, **Paul D.**

**Berkley, '56, and son Brandon J. Berkley, '03, are proud Washburn Law alumni.**

“The education I received at Washburn University School of Law has been invaluable for my occupation,” Bill Berkley said. “Knowing and understanding the law gave our bank a definite advantage. Thank you, Washburn Law, for the professional head start that you gave me 35 years ago.”

Dean Thomas J. Romig said, “The Berkley Scholarship will help Washburn Law in its ongoing efforts to attract the finest students in the state. We are very appreciative of Bill and Claudia’s support.”



## *Louis and Harriet Caplan Law Scholarship*

**W**hen Louis and **Harriet, '76, Caplan** began estate planning, it was clear that education would be the focus. Lou had devoted his entire career to teaching at the university level, and Harriet had spent the past 10 years in the same type of job. They both decided that supporting students through scholarships was one way they could pay back the wonderful experiences teaching had provided to them.

“My choice was to support students at Washburn University School of Law,” said Harriet Caplan. “I attended law school after spending some time in the work force. I was both overwhelmed by the work involved and excited by the entire process. I had never

been really challenged in an educational setting until I entered law school. Part of the reason I was able to enjoy the educational experience was that I was not required to work full time to pay for my education. That had been the case for me as an undergraduate, but in law school due to circumstances and scholarships I was able to work only part time, which allowed me to devote time to the law school experience. It is my hope that our gift will allow students to have some support, allowing them that experience as well.”

“The Caplans’ generosity will allow more Washburn Law students to focus on law studies and devote their time to the various academic programs designed to enhance their law school experience,” said Dean Thomas J. Romig.



*New Name,  
Same Mission*

**E**ffective July 1, 2010, Washburn University Foundation became the new name of the fundraising and gift stewardship organization supporting Washburn University. Formerly known as Washburn Endowment Association, the name change more accurately reflects the scope of the Foundation’s work and the many ways it supports Washburn University. While the name may be new, the mission of Washburn University Foundation remains the same: “a foundation dedicated to building relationships and securing and investing private financial support to serve students and strengthen Washburn University.” For questions or more information, please visit [www.givetowashburn.org](http://www.givetowashburn.org).

## *Terry and Tara Cupps Kansas State/Washburn Law Scholarship*



**Terry, '82**, and **Tara Cupps** have established the Terry and Tara Cupps Law Scholarship. Terry is a partner with Foulstin Siefkin LLP in Wichita. Tara is an accountant and serves on the Executive Committee of the KSU Foundation.

The scholarship is a Washburn Law/Kansas State University Homestead Scholarship that will benefit graduates of Kansas State University who are enrolled and in good standing at Washburn Law.

“Tara and I believe it is extremely important to give back to the educational institutions which have given so much to us,” said Terry Cupps. “I was fortunate enough to receive scholarship assistance when I attended Washburn and am so happy to help provide

future Washburn law students with these same opportunities I had. The Washburn University Foundation is very flexible in allowing donors to structure gifts and makes it very easy to give.”

He continued, “In our case, we expressed a preference that our scholarship is awarded to students who are graduates from our undergraduate alma mater, Kansas State University. This allows us to assist students at K-State and Washburn Law to realize their educational goals.”

“Washburn Law is fortunate to be the recipient of the Cupps’ generosity and their desire to give back to the educational institutions that made a difference in their lives,” said Dean Thomas J. Romig.

## *Glassman, Bird, Braun & Schwartz LLP Law Scholarship*



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**John T. Bird, ba '70 and jd '74**, **Glenn R. Braun, '81**, and **Gregory A. Schwartz, '00**, have established the Glassman, Bird, Braun & Schwartz LLP Law Scholarship in memory of former partner and Washburn Law alumnus **Robert F. “Bob” Glassman, ba '50 and jd '50**, who died in 2005. The scholarship is a Washburn Law/Fort Hays State Homestead Scholarship. It will benefit graduates of Fort Hays State University with preference for students who graduated from Hays

High School or Thomas More Prep-Marian High School and who are enrolled and in good standing at Washburn Law.

“Bob was a proud graduate of Washburn Law, which he attended after his convalescence from combat injuries suffered in the invasion of Okinawa,” said Bird. “He was always grateful for the fine legal education he achieved at Washburn, and he put together a law firm of Washburn graduates, knowing that Washburn lawyers were the kind needed in Hays and Northwest Kansas.

“We wanted to recognize our partner’s contributions to society by giving to Washburn, for it to be used to help other students achieve the same goals we have. We hope that other Washburn alumni will join us in helping make Washburn strong financially and stay at the top of the academic rankings. The Glassman, Bird, Braun & Schwartz Scholarship will be a reminder for decades to come that Washburn University School of Law is a premier school which educates lawyers to be positive factors in the profession and their communities.”

Dean Thomas J. Romig said, “We are grateful for the benevolence and vision of Glassman, Bird, Braun & Schwartz LLP. In honoring Bob Glassman with this scholarship, they are honoring the memory of an alumnus who recognized and valued the exceptional talent of our Washburn Law graduates.”

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*Associate Professor of Law*

**Publications:** “The Grammar Wars Come to Law School” 59 *Journal of Legal Education* 343 (2010) • “The Phenomenology of Error in Legal Writing,” 28 *Quinnipiac Law Review* 1 (2009)

**Activities:** Invited Speaker, “Phenomenology of Error in Legal Writing and The Grammar Wars Come to Law School,” Virtual Legal Writing Conference: Annual Scholarship Highlights-New Voices and New Ideas in Legal Communication, Project for Excellence in Legal Communication, Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, Fla., April 29, 2010 • Co-presenter, “Building a Bridge to Everywhere: Improving Transfer of Learning from Legal Writing Programs to Other Contexts,” Professionalization of Legal Writing Programs, Association of Legal Writing Directors Seventh Biennial Conference, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, Kansas City, Mo., July 17, 2009 (with Tonya Kowalski) • Site Committee Member, Professionalization of Legal Writing Programs, Association of Legal Writing Directors Seventh Biennial Conference, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, July 16-18, 2009

## KELLY LYNN ANDERS

*Associate Dean of Student Affairs*

**Publications:** “Your Workspace is a First Impression,” *New York Law Journal* • “The Back Page,” p. 24, 23, (Jan. 23, 2009) • “The High Road to the High Court is the Best Route,” *The Kansas City Daily Record* (July 22, 2009).

**Activities:** Panelist, “Why Does a Diverse Judiciary Matter? How Can We Achieve It?,” Quest for a More Diverse Judiciary, League of Women Voters of Kansas, Topeka, Oct. 17, 2009 • “Organization & Professionalism in the Law” (Ethics CLE), Fifth Annual Legal Diversity Summit, Nebraska Bar Association, Omaha, Neb., Oct. 9, 2009 • Chair, Diversity Committee, Kansas Bar Association, 2009-10 • Media Interview, “Order in the Office,” *Topeka Magazine* (Winter 2009/2010) • Guest Blogger, The Faculty Lounge: Conversations about Law, Culture, and Academia (September 2009 and March 2010) • Manuscript Reviewer, *American Business Law Journal* (2009-present) • Manuscript Reviewer, *The Journal of Diversity in Higher Education* (2009-present) • Guest Blogger, PrawfsBlawg (October 2009)

Anders has pursued an opportunity at Creighton University School of Law, where she is director of communications and diversity.

## RORY BAHADUR

*Associate Professor of Law*

**Publications:** “Electronic Discovery, Informational Privacy, Facebook and Utopian Civil Justice” 79 *Mississippi Law Journal* 317 (2009).

## BRADLEY T. BORDEN

*Associate Professor of Law*

**Publications:** “Taxing Shared Economies of Scale,” 61 *Baylor Law Review* 721 (2009) • “Profits-Only Partnership Interests,” 74 *Brooklyn Law Review* 1283 (2009) • “PIP Factors: Examine with Low Expectations,” 26 *Tax Management Real Estate Journal* 31 (Feb. 3, 2010) • “Related Party Like-Kind Exchanges: Teruya Brothers and Beyond,”

111 *Journal of Taxation* 324 (December 2009) (with Kelly E. Alton and Alan S. Lederman) • “Allocations Made in Accordance with Partners Interests in the Partnership,” 11 *Business Entities* 4 (November/December 2009) • “Section 1031 Qualified Intermediaries in the New Economy,” 27 *Journal of Taxation of Investment* 86 (Fall 2009) • “Like-Kind Exchanges and Qualified Intermediaries,” 124 *Tax Notes* 55 (July 6, 2009) (with Paul L. B. McKenney and David Shechtman).

**Activities:** Board of Advisors, *Journal of Taxation of Investments*, 2009 • “Partners’ Interests in a Partnership,” Faculty Workshop Series, Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, N.Y., Jan. 28, 2010 • “Considering Tax Expenditures in State Budget Deliberations,” Panel Discussion on Where Has All the Money Gone?: Kansas Tax Exemptions and the Budget Hole, sponsored by Statewide Independent Living Council of Kansas, Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, Nov. 18, 2009 • “Tax Issues Affecting Real Estate Developers,” 46th Annual Tax Conference, Topeka, October 2009 • Panelist, “Section 1031 Topics,” and Chair, “Sales, Exchanges & Basis” Committee Meeting, American Bar Association Section of Taxation and Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Joint Meeting, Chicago, Ill., Sept. 26, 2009.

Borden has accepted a position at Brooklyn Law School, where he continues to teach tax courses.

## JAMES M. CONCANNON

*Distinguished Professor of Law*

**Activities:** Testified on behalf of the Kansas Judicial Council Civil Code Advisory Committee before the Kansas House Judiciary Committee about HB 2656, Feb.



Aida M. Alaka



Kelly Lynn Anders



Rory D. Bahadur



Bradley T. Borden



John E. Christensen



James M. Concannon

## Professor James B. Wadley Remembered



Washburn University School of Law mourned the death of Professor James B. Wadley who died Jan. 1, 2010, at the age of 64.

Professor Wadley joined the Washburn Law faculty in 1979 and subsequently taught courses in many subjects, including Agricultural Law, Water Rights, Entertainment Law, Creative Thinking for Lawyers, Patents, Trademarks and Copyrights, and Native American Law. He was selected as the 2000-01 William O. Douglas Outstanding Professor of the Year. He served as director of the Rural Law Center and authored a number of books and law review articles.

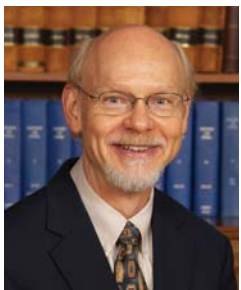
Wadley earned a bachelor's and a master's degree from Utah State University. He lived for two years in Uruguay, Paraguay, and Argentina as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He obtained his juris doctor from Tulane University School of Law in New Orleans in 1972.

Prior to joining the Washburn Law faculty, Wadley taught at the University of Florida Holland Law Center. He also studied law in Mexico and performed legal research in Tanzania, Kenya, and Uganda. While at Washburn he accepted invitations to teach law courses in England and Poland. He was a Distinguished Visiting Professor of Agricultural Law at Southern Illinois University in 2007.

Wadley volunteered his talents outside the law school, serving as circuit court judge for the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, and as district court judge for the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation. He organized and led the College Hill Association Band for its annual 4th of July parade and served for several years as bishop of the Sherwood Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Wadley's many talents included painting, and during his 30-plus years at Washburn Law, his depictions of the law school and other Kansas scenes were presented to retiring law school faculty and staff.

During Dean Thomas Romig's remarks at the law school's commencement in May, he led the audience in a moment of silence in Wadley's memory. The *Washburn Law Journal* (vol. 49, no. 3) contains a tribute prepared by **Professor Lyn Goering, '87**. There is also a link to the tribute on Wadley's faculty page at [www.washburnlaw.edu/faculty/](http://www.washburnlaw.edu/faculty/). Washburn Law faculty, staff, students, and alumni extend their deepest sympathies to his wife Frances and other family members.

At the family's request, a memorial fund was established to support the law school. Contributions can be made to Washburn University Foundation, Professor James Wadley Memorial Fund, 1729 SW MacVicar Ave., Topeka, KS 66604.



Myrl L. Duncan



Linda Henry Elrod



John J. Francis



Alex Glasbausser



J. Lyn Entrikin Goering



Ronald C. Griffin

11, 2010 (which restyles and substantively updates the Kansas Code of Civil Procedure, K.S.A. 60-101-60-313; the bill is the product of 17 Civil Code Committee meetings over two years and four subcommittee meetings).

## LINDA HENRY ELROD

*Richard S. Righter Distinguished Professor of Law*

**Publications:** 2009 Supplements for 16 chapters in *Kansas Family Law* (Thomson West 1999) • “A Review of the Year in Family Law: Looking at Interjurisdictional Recognition,” 43 *Family Law Quarterly* 923 (2010) (co-authored with Robert G. Spector) • “Using Geographical Restrictions in the Initial Custody Order” in 101+ *Practical Solutions for the Family Lawyer: Sensible Answers to Common Problems*, p. 145 (3d ed. Gregg Herman) (2009) • “The Federalization of Family Law,” 36:3 *Human Rights* 6 (2009) (special issue on The Evolution of the American Family).

**Activities:** Member, Secretary of State Advisory Committee on Private International Law (ACPIL), 2009-present (Harold Koh, U.S. State Department Legal Advisor, Chair) • Co-chair, Children’s Rights Committee of the Individual Rights and Responsibility Section of the American Bar Association, 2009-2010 • Panelist “Compassion and the Litigator,” Phi Alpha Delta, Washburn University School of Law, April 21, 2010 • “Family Law Update,” Kansas Bar Association 10th Annual CLE Slam-Dunk Program, Manhattan, Kan., Jan. 29, 2010 • “Kansas Custody Law and High Conflict Parents,” Horizons: Solutions for Change, Shawnee County Court Services Program for High Conflict Parents, Topeka, Jan. 14, 2010 • “Sextexts and Subtexts - Legal Rights for Children on the Internet, At Home, and in the Courtroom,” 2009 Summit for Appellate Judges, Lawyers and Staff Attorneys, Appellate Judges Education Institute, Orlando, Fla., Nov. 20, 2009 • Panelist, “Emerging Issues in International Family Law,” Advisory Committee on

Private International Law, U.S. Department of State, George Washington University Law School, Washington D.C., Oct. 20, 2009 • “Hearing the Voice of the Child in Hague Abduction Cases,” Plenary Session on The Hague Convention – A Parent’s Salvation or a Wolf in Sheep’s Clothing?, American Bar Association Family Law Section Fall Meeting, Montreal, Canada, Oct. 8, 2009 • “Horizons: You Hold the Solutions for Change,” Shawnee County Horizons Program, Shawnee County Courthouse, Topeka, Sept. 10, 2009 • Keynote Address, “Multi-Disciplinary Collaboration is Key to Keeping Focus on Children in High Conflict Cases,” Fifth World Congress on Family Law and Children’s Rights, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, Aug. 24, 2009 • “Hot Topics in Family Law: Nationalization, De Facto Parents, and Trends,” Annual Conference of the National Association of Appellate Court Attorneys, Annapolis, Md., July 14, 2009.

## ALEX GLASHAUSSER

*Associate Dean for Academic Affairs  
Professor of Law*

**Publications:** Panel of Academic Contributors, *Black’s Law Dictionary* (Bryan A. Garner ed., abr. 9th ed. 2010) (editing work on roughly 1,000 entries) • *Joyaku wa Kenryoku no Bunritsu Shita Renposei no Moto de Ikani Saikosei o Mochiuruka [How “Supreme” Can Treaties Be in a Federal System of Separated Powers?]*, 43-2 *Comparative Law Review* 209 (Shigeo Miyagawa & Yoshiaki Haraguchi trans., 2009).

**Activities:** “No Suit for You: Teaching *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*,” Association of American Law Schools Workshop on Civil Procedure, New York, N.Y., 2010 • “A Return to Form for the Exceptions Clause,” Central States Law Schools Association Conference, Capital University Law School, Columbus, Ohio, 2009 • “Constitutional Conflict: Judicial Supremacy and Congressional Power,” Constitution Day Lecture, Washburn University, 2009 • “37 Views of Mount Fuji and 3 of Japanese Education,” Brown

Bag International Lecture, Washburn University, 2009 • “Judicial Supremacy and Congressional Power Under the U.S. Constitution: Returning the Exceptions Clause to Form,” University of Tokyo Faculty of Law, Tokyo, Japan, 2009 • “Discovery of Electronically Stored Information in the United States,” Doshisha Law School, Kyoto, Japan, 2009.

## J. LYN ENTRIKIN GOERING

*Professor of Law*

**Publications:** “Transactional Skills Training: Contract Drafting—Beyond the Basics” Special Report *Transactions: The Tennessee Journal of Business and Law* 280 (Summer 2009)

**Activities:** President, Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD), 2010-2013 • Presenter, “Law and Lexicography: The Dictionary as Legal Precedent,” Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference, University of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz., March 20, 2010 • Presenter and Panelist, “Comparative Legislation and Global Statutory Drafting Skills,” Global Legal Skills Conference V, Monterrey, Mexico, Feb. 27, 2010 (with Craig Tiedke Smith, Richard K. Neumann, Jr., and Zecharias Fasil) • Panel Organizer and Presenter, “Legislative Lawyering,” Tenth Circuit Spring Meeting, ABA Law Student Division, Kansas Association for Justice, Topeka, Feb. 13, 2010 • “Administrative Law for the Solo and Small Firm Practitioner,” Focus on the Solo and Small Firm Practitioner, Kansas Bar Association CLE Presentation, Salina, Kan., Jan. 22, 2010 • Co-presenter, “Using Jury Instructions to Teach Clarity and Analysis,” 2009 Central States Regional LRW/Lawyering Skills Conference, Climate Change: Alternative Sources of Energy in Legal Writing, Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 10, 2009 (with Mary Barnard Ray) • Presenter, “The Evolving ABA Accreditation Standards: How to Use Them to Best Advantage in Building (and Protecting) Legal Writing



Randall L. Hodgkinson



Janet Thompson Jackson



Jeffrey D. Jackson



Michael Kaye



L. Ali Khan



Tonya Kowalski

Programs,” Association of Legal Writing Directors Seventh Biennial Conference, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, Kansas City, Mo., July 18, 2009 • Co-presenter, “Coming of Age: The Role of the Legal Writing Program in the ABA Accreditation Process,” Professionalization of Legal Writing Programs, Association of Legal Writing Directors Seventh Biennial Conference, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, Kansas City, Mo., July 18, 2009 (with Maria Perez Crist, Terry Jean Seligmann, Gail Stephenson, and Susan Throter).

## RANDALL L. HODGKINSON

*Visiting Assistant Professor of Law*

**Activities:** Presenter, “Protect That Record,” Kansas Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers CLE, Lawrence, Kan., April 30, 2010.

## JANET THOMPSON JACKSON

*Professor of Law*

**Publications:** “Capitalizing on Digital Entrepreneurship for Low-Income Residents and Communities,” *112 West Virginia Law Review* 187 (2009).

## JEFFREY D. JACKSON

*Associate Professor of Law*

**Publications:** “Blackstone’s Ninth Amendment: A Historical Common Law Baseline for the Interpretation of Unenumerated Rights,” *62 Oklahoma Law Review* 167 (2010).

## MICHAEL KAYE

*Professor of Law*

**Activities:** Moderator, “Guns on Campus? The New Understanding of the Right to Bear Arms,” A Dialogue, Discussion, and Debate sponsored by the Dorothy L. Thompson

Civil Rights Lecture Series in celebration of Constitution Day, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kan., Sept. 16, 2009.

## L. ALI KHAN

*Professor of Law*

**Publications:** “The Sovereignty of Muslim Nations,” *Middle East Online* (Dec. 18, 2009) • “Now Pakistan – Sequential Destruction of Muslim Nations,” *MWC News* (Oct. 19, 2009).

**Activities:** Media interview, “Pakistan Issues,” *PressTV* (broadcast from Tehran, Iran) (Oct. 9, 2009) (interviewed by Waqar Rizvi) (discussing U.S. aid to Pakistan and fighting Al-Qaeda) • Media interview, “Competing Narratives of the Taliban,” Vancouver, British Columbia, Co-operative Radio, CFRO, 102.7 FM (July 1, 2009) (interviewed by Gail Davidson) • Plenary Speaker, “Islamic Law and Constitutional Liberty,” Spring Law Journal Symposium, University of St. Thomas School of Law, Minneapolis, Minn., April 12, 2010 • “A Legal Theory of Foreign Policy Portfolios: U.S. Relationship with the Muslim World under the Obama Administration,” A Critical Juncture: Human Rights and U.S. Standing in the World Under the Obama Administration, Transnational Law and Contemporary Problems Symposium, University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City, Iowa, March 5, 2010 • Plenary Speaker, “The Quran and the Constitution,” Religious Legal Theory: The State of the Field Conference, Seton Hall University School of Law, Newark, N.J., Nov. 13, 2009.

## TONYA KOWALSKI

*Associate Professor of Law*

**Publications:** “The Forgotten Sovereigns,” *36 Florida State University Law Review* 765 (2009) • “From Conflict to Cooperation: State and Tribal Court Relations in the Era of Self-Determination,” *45 Court Review* 48 (co-author with Aliza G. Organick).



*Professor Carl Monk receives a gift of appreciation from Dean Thomas Romig at Monk's retirement party in May. Monk joined the Washburn Law faculty in 1974 and was Dean from 1978 to 1988.*

**Activities:** Co-presenter, “Building a Bridge to Everywhere: Improving Transfer of Learning from Legal Writing Programs to Other Contexts,” Professionalization of Legal Writing Programs, Association of Legal Writing Directors Seventh Biennial Conference, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, Kansas City, Mo., July 17, 2009 (with Aida M. Alaka).

## LORI A. MCMILLAN

*Associate Professor of Law*

**Activities:** Testimony, Kansas House Tax Committee on HR 2549 (regarding the elimination of certain sales tax exemptions), Feb. 11, 2010 • “Nonprofit Taxation and Tax Policy: Toward a Public Benefit Theory,” Tax Law colloquium, Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, April 23, 2010 • “The Concept of Income as Related to the Noncharitable Nonprofit Subsector in Canada,” Faculty Workshop, University of Kansas School of Law, Lawrence, Kan., April 2010 • Presenter, “Kansas State Tax Exemptions Related to Local School Funding,” Kansas League of Women Voters, Topeka, Feb. 2, 2010.



Jalen O'Neil Lavry



Nancy G. Maxwell



Joseph E. McKinney



Lori A. McMillan



William G. Merkel



Carl C. Monk

## WILLIAM G. MERKEL

*Associate Professor of Law*

**Publications:** Book review, *THE FOUNDERS' SECOND AMENDMENT: ORIGIN OF THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS*, Stephen P. Halbrook (Chicago: Ivan R. Dee, 2008), 114 *American Historical Review* 1074 (2009).

**Activities:** Speaker, "Bearing Arms: Policy, Policing, and Incorporation after Heller," *Santa Clara Law Review* Symposium, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, Calif., Jan. 22, 2010 • "Guns on Campus? The New Understanding of the Right to Bear Arms," A Dialogue, Discussion, and Debate sponsored by the Dorothy L. Thompson Civil Rights Lecture Series in celebration of Constitution Day, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kan., Sept. 16, 2009.

## ALIZA ORGANICK

*Professor of Law*

**Publications:** "Holding Back the Tide: The Existing Indian Family Doctrine and its Continued Denial of the Right to Culture for Indigenous Children," in *Facing the Future: The Indian Child Welfare Act at 30* (Matthew L. M. Fletcher, Wenona T. Singel, Kathryn E. Fort, editors) (Michigan State University Press) (2009) • "Tribal Law and Best Practices in Legal Education: Creating a New Path for the Study of Tribal Law," 19 *Kansas Journal of Law & Public Policy* 63 (2009) • "From Conflict to Cooperation: State and Tribal Court Relations in the Era of Self-Determination," 45 *Court Review* 48 (co-author with Tonya Kowalski) (2009) • "Practicing Law in Tribal Courts: What Every Practitioner Should Know," *YLS Forum*, Winter 2009, p. 6.

**Activities:** Roundtable Discussant, "The Kansas Act and Recent Case Decisions Impacting Tribal Court Jurisdiction," 10th Annual Native Nations Law Symposium, Mayetta, Kan., Feb. 12, 2010.

## LYNETTE F. PETTY

*Associate Professor of Law*

*Assistant Dean for Accommodation  
Serving as Associate Dean for Student Affairs  
for 2010-11*

**Honors:** Received Certificate of Appreciation for Private Attorney Involvement with Kansas Legal Services, Legal Services Corporation, Topeka, July 24, 2009.

## DAVID E. PIERCE

*Professor of Law*

*On Sabbatical Fall 2010*

**Publications:** Contributor, *Oil and Gas Reporter*, Volumes 168-169 (LexisNexis 2009-2010) (with other editors) • "Understanding Royalty Calculation Disputes," *NADOA* (National Association of Division Order Analysts Quarterly Magazine), Part I, April/May/June (2009); Part II, July/August/September (2009) • Reprint of: "Exploring the Origins of Royalty Disputes," 23:2 *Petroleum Accounting and Financial Management Journal* 72 (2004).

**Activities:** "Recent Developments in Oil and Gas Law," 34th Annual KBA/KIOGA Oil and Gas Conference, Kansas Bar Association, Wichita, Oct. 23, 2009 • "Technical Aspects of Oil and Gas Exploration, Production, and Marketing," "Common Interests Created in Oil and Gas," "The Oil and Gas Lease: Implied Covenants," "Environmental Regulation of the Oil and Gas Industry," Oil and Gas Law Short Course, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, Institute for Energy Law, and Energy and Mineral Law Foundation, Westminster, Colo., Oct. 9, 2009 • "Royalty Jurisprudence: A Tale of Two States," The Future Course of Oil and Gas Jurisprudence II Symposium, Washburn University School of Law Business and Transactional Law Center, Topeka, Oct. 2, 2009.

## MARY KREINER RAMIREZ

*Professor of Law*

*On Sabbatical Spring 2011*

**Activities:** Panelist, "Street Law," Center for Excellence in Advocacy, Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, Oct. 21, 2009.

## SHEILA REYNOLDS

*Professor of Law*

*Retired at the end of the 2009-10 academic year.*

## WILLIAM RICH

*Professor of Law*

**Publications:** "Betrayal of the Children with Dolls: The Broken Promise of Constitutional Protection for Victims of Race Discrimination," (Chapter 5) in *Racial Discrimination: A Jurisprudential Study* (edited by G. Chandana) (Icfai University Press, 2009) • "The Path of Mentally Ill Offenders," 36 *Fordham Urban Law Journal* 89 (2009) • "Why 'Privileges or Immunities'?: An Explanation of the Framers' Intent," 42 *Akron Law Review* 1111 (2009) • "Charting the Course to Same Sex Marriage," 4 *Journal of Race, Gender & Ethnicity* 31 (2009).

**Activities:** "The Aftermath of Brown," *Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site*, Topeka, Feb. 12, 2010.

## MICHAEL HUNTER SCHWARTZ

*Professor of Law*

*Associate Dean for Faculty and Academic Development*

**Publications:** *CONTRACTS: A CONTEXT AND PRACTICE CASEBOOK TEACHER'S MANUAL* (Carolina Academic Press, 2009) • *Contracts: A Context and Practice Casebook* (co-authored with Denise Riebe) (Carolina Academic Press, 2009) • *TEACHING LAW BY DESIGN: ENGAGING STUDENTS FROM THE SYLLABUS TO THE FINAL EXAM* (co-



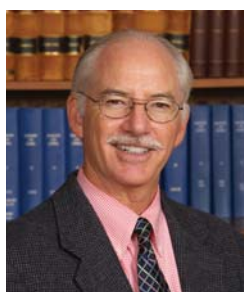
Aliza Organick



Gregory Pease



Lynette F. Petty



David E. Pierce



Mary Kreiner Ramirez



Sheila Reynolds

authored with Sophie Sparrow and Gerry Hess) (Carolina Academic Press, 2009).

**Activities:** Chair-Elect, American Association of Law Schools, Section on Academic Support, January 2010 - January 2011 • Treasurer, American Association of Law Schools, Section on Teaching Methods, January 2010 - January 2011 • Conference planner and co-host, “Teaching Law Practice Across the Curriculum,” Institute for Law Teaching and Learning Conference, Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, June 16-18, 2010 • Organized, designed and co-taught “Teaching Law for Engaged Learning,” conference workshop for law teachers addressing course and class design, teaching methods, assessment, and faculty professional development, Elon University School of Law, Greensboro, N.C., April 10, 2010 • Conducted Faculty Teaching Workshop, Earle Mack School of Law, Drexel University, Philadelphia, Penn., April 19, 2010 • “What the Best Law Teachers Do,” Howard University School of Law, Washington, D.C., Feb. 29, 2010 • Conducted Faculty Teaching Workshop, Atlanta’s John Marshall Law School, Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 26, 2010 • Conducted Adjunct Faculty Development Workshop, “Classroom Assessment Techniques,” Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, Feb. 12, 2010 • Presenter, Nova Southeastern School of Law, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Jan. 29, 2010 • Presenter, “What the Best Law Teachers Do,” Presidential Program II - Transformative Teaching and Institution-Building, 2010 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Schools, New Orleans, La., Jan. 8, 2010 • Presenter, “Who Am I? The Role of Legal Education in Shaping Professional Identities,” 2010 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Schools, New Orleans, La., Jan. 8, 2010 • Conducted Teaching, Learning and Assessment Workshop, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Detroit, Mich., Nov. 13, 2009 • Conducted Faculty Teaching Development Workshop,

University of Cincinnati College of Law, Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 23, 2009 • University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, Wis., Oct. 16, 2009 • “What the Best Law Teachers Do,” University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 25, 2009 • Plenary Speaker, “Assessment of Students: A (Group) Test,” Legal Education at the Crossroads III: Assessment, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, Colo., Sept. 12, 2009 • Plenary Speaker, “‘Righting’ the Student Evaluation Form,” Legal Education at the Crossroads III: Assessment, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, Colo., Sept. 12, 2009 • Faculty Development Workshop, “What the Best Law Teachers Do,” Lewis & Clark Law School, Portland, Ore., Sept. 1, 2009 • Presenter, “Legal Analysis Education: It’s Not What the Carnegie Report Cracked It Up to Be,” Yes We CArNegie: Change in Legal Education After the Carnegie Report, The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Ill., July 29, 2009.

## AMY DEEN WESTBROOK

*Associate Professor of Law*

**Publications:** “Warren Buffett’s Corporation: Reconnecting Owners and Managers,” review of *THE ESSAYS OF WARREN BUFFETT: LESSONS FOR CORPORATE AMERICA*. Essays by Warren E. Buffett, selected, arranged and introduced by Lawrence A. Cunningham (2d ed., 2007), 34 *Oklahoma City University Law Review* 515 (2009).

**Activities:** Advisory Board Member, United Against Nuclear Iran (UANI), 2009 • Contributor, United Against Nuclear Iran Network Blog, 2010 • “The Antitrust Issue,” Interview with a reporter from State of the State Kansas (Oct. 22, 2009) (discussing the antitrust implications of removing the exemption for health insurance companies) • “It Could Happen to You: The Unruly Expansion of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act,” Faculty

Development Presentation, Stetson Law School, Gulfport, Fla., March 8, 2010 • Panelist, “The Evolution of the Business Lawyer,” 10th Circuit Spring Meeting, ABA Law Student Division, Kansas Association for Justice, Topeka, Feb. 13, 2010 • “What Happened?: 2009 Developments in Finance,” Women Attorneys Association of Topeka and Women’s Legal Forum, Jan. 27, 2010 • “Enthusiastic Enforcement, Informal Legislation: The Unruly Expansion of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act,” Faculty Development Series, Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, Jan. 21, 2010.

## DAVID A. WESTBROOK

*Visiting Professor of Law*

**Publications:** *Out of Crisis: Rethinking Our Financial Markets* (Paradigm Publishers) (2009) • “Tragedy, Law, and Rethinking our Financial Markets,” 52 *Real-World Economics Review* 100 (March 10, 2010).

**Activities:** “Solutions for Women at a Time of Recession,” Jamaican Women Business Owners, April 14, 2010; “Moving Forward from a Strong Foundation: Options and Opportunities for the Jamaican Economy,” with Jamaican economic commentator, author and columnist Dennis Chung at the U.S. Embassy in Jamaica, April 14, 2010; a talk to the Clarendon, Jamaica Chamber of Commerce, April 15, 2010; “Rethinking Investment Strategies: A Paradigm Shift,” to the Jamaican government’s investment agency, Jamaica Trade and Invest, April 16, 2010; and “Get on the Right Track: Small Business Solutions in a Time of Recession,” to the Small Business Association of Jamaica and the Young Entrepreneurs Association, April 16, 2010 (visit to Jamaica sponsored by U.S. State Department and organized by the U.S. Embassy’s Public Affairs Section) • Roundtable “European Response to the Financial Crisis,” Bureau of European Policy Advisers, Commission of the European Communities, Brussels, Belgium, Sept. 18, 2009.



William Rich



Thomas J. Romig



Michael H. Schwartz



Curtis J. Waugh



Amy Dean Westbrook



David A. Westbrook

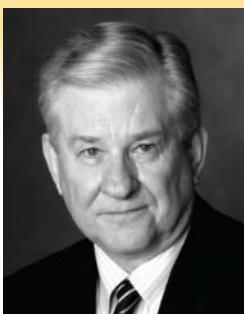
# ALUMNI NEWS & Events



John D. Jurcyk, '84



Tom Loftus, '80



Ward Loyd, '68



Lynn S. McCreary, '94



Timothy P. O'Sullivan, '75

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Alumni Association welcomes five new members to the Board of Governors.

**John D. Jurcyk, '84**, Fairway, Kan., is a shareholder at McAnany, Van Cleave & Phillips, PA in Roeland Park, Kan. He represents employers and their insurance carriers in all areas of workers' compensation and general corporate defense. He defends owner-controlled and contractor-controlled insurance plans. Jurcyk was the lead defense counsel for many contractors, including the Union Station renovation, the Kansas City International Airport renovations, and the Federal Reserve and Internal Revenue complex in Kansas City. Jurcyk was named one of the "Best Lawyers in Kansas City" by *Ingram's Magazine*. His undergraduate political science degree is from Creighton University.

**Tom Loftus, '80**, Houston, Texas, is senior counsel for Chevron U.S.A. Inc. His practice focuses on oil and gas transactional, legislative, and administrative matters. Loftus was previously in-house counsel for Koch Industries and ConocoPhillips, and a Litigation Partner with Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld. He graduated

from the U.S. Naval Academy with a bachelor's degree, and served as a fleet officer.

**Ward Loyd, '68**, Topeka, serves as treasurer for the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association. Loyd was appointed to the Kansas Corporation Commission by Governor Mark Parkinson in February 2010. Since 1968, he has been in general law practice in Garden City, Kan. Loyd served in the Kansas House of Representatives from 1999 to 2007. He received his undergraduate degree from Southwestern College in Winfield, Kan. He served six years on the Kansas Supreme Court Client Protection Fund Commission.

**Lynn S. McCreary, '94**, Brookfield, Wis., is senior vice president and deputy general counsel of Fiserv Inc. Prior to joining Fiserv, McCreary was a partner at Bryan Cave LLP where she was managing partner of its San Francisco office after spending 12 years in the firm's Kansas and Kansas City offices. Previously, McCreary was an associate at the Topeka firm of Frieden, Haynes & Forbes. She attended Washburn Law after a career as vice president of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's mortgage lending subsidiary, Metmor Financial. McCreary was a member of the

Moot Court team and was named to the Order of the Barristers.

**Timothy P. O'Sullivan, '75**, Wichita, Kan., is a partner with the firm of Foulston Siefkin LLP concentrating his practice in estate planning, elder law, probate and trust law, and taxation. He has a bachelor's degree from St. Louis University, and a master of law degree in taxation from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. O'Sullivan is a member of the American, Kansas, and Wichita Bar associations, the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, and the Wichita Estate Planning Council. Since 1992 he has been an adjunct professor in estate planning at Washburn University School of Law.

Re-elected to the board were **Dana Brewer, '77**, Concordia, Kan.; **John R. Dietrick, '84**, Topeka; **Frank C. Norton, '56**, Salina, Kan.; **Cailin M. Ringelman, '02**, Southlake, Texas; **Keith L. Roberts, '75**, Woodridge, Va.; **James Slattery, '75**, Topeka and McLean, Va.; **M. Kathryn Webb, '83**, Wichita; and **Angel R. Zimmerman, '06**, Topeka.

Concluding their service on the Board of Governors were **Shoko Severt, '73**, Wichita, and **Stephen Torline, '97**, Kansas City, Mo.

5TH ANNUAL ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT AND ETHICS CLE

AUGUST 27, 2010  
ALVAMAR GOLF COURSE, LAWRENCE, KAN.



*First place team: Jim Sanders, Darren Enochs, Rich Enochs, '63, and Jason Sudenga*

*Second place team: Tim Arebart, '82, Tim Aylward, '82, Jeff Griffith, '82, and Margann Bennett*

*Third place team: Rita Bicknell, '95, Stan Hazlett, '77, Dave Markham, '77, and Kathy Webb, '83*



*Director of Professional Development and Pro Bono Margann Bennett and Golf Committee Chair Kathy Webb, '83*

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# ALUMNI NEWS & Events

CLASS OF 1985 REUNION  
SEPTEMBER 10 AND 11, 2010



**Front row, left to right:** Dean Thomas Romig; Chris Korth, Kansas City, Mo.; Lou Allen, Topeka; The Hon. Nancy Caplinger, Topeka; Lori Fink, Dallas, Texas; Natalie Haag, Topeka; Evelyn Wilson, Topeka; and Christine Ladner, Topeka.

**Second row:** Jerry Kuckelman, Atchison, Kan.; Lauren Lowry, Topeka; Paul Good, Wichita; Melanie Caro, Topeka; Mary Piper Hull, Overland Park, Kan.; Beth Forwalder, Olathe, Kan.; and Katy Nitcher, Lawrence, Kan.

**Third row:** Bren Abbott, Kansas City, Mo.; Stuart Lowry, Topeka; The Hon. Kelly Ryan, Shawnee, Kan.; Nancy Ryan, Shawnee, Kan.; Barbara Steele, Raytown, Mo.; and Bill Kehr, Derby, Kan.

**Fourth row:** Jeff Cooper, Topeka; Pat Augustine, Denver, Colo.; Ann Rider, Wichita; Calvin Rider, Wichita; Harlan Gottlieb, Winter Park, Fla.; Erick Nordling, Hugoton, Kan.; and The Hon. Eric Melgren, Wichita.

**Fifth row:** Bob Chase, Iola, Kan.; Jim Brent, Poulsbo, Wash.; Trish Thelan, Wichita; Cecilia Ayala Seminara, North Plainfield, N.J.; Matthew Hesse, Topeka; The Hon. Daniel D. Creitz, Erie, Kan.; and Tracy Diel, Topeka.

**Back row:** David Brooks, Kansas City, Kan.; David Peterson, Littleton, Colo.; Kerry Gasper, Topeka; Amy Sargent, University Park, Md.; Steve Obermeier, Olathe, Kan.; Steve Minnis, Atchison, Kan.; Steve Johnson, Great Bend, Kan.; and Joe Robb, Newton, Kan.

The Class of 1985 Reunion was held Sept. 10-11, 2010. Friday's activities included an open house at the law school with tours led by student ambassadors, followed by a cocktail hour and dinner at the Memorial Union on the Washburn University campus.

Saturday's activities included a golf outing and a picnic at Lake Shawnee.

A special thanks to the reunion committee for its hard work in helping to organize this event. We couldn't have done it without you. Our sincere thanks to those who attended and for their contributions totaling \$23,290, of which \$15,000 will be used to create a separate endowment.



*Mary Piper Hull and Lou Allen*



*Steve Johnson, The Hon. Dan Creitz,  
and Tracy Diel*



*Lori Fink, Melanie Caro, Harlan  
Gottlieb, and Barbara Steele*



*Debbie Nordling, The Hon. Nancy Caplinger,  
and Denise Melgren*



*Christopher S. Korth  
and Evelyn Wilson*



*Joe Robb and Jim Brent*



*Professor Myrl Duncan, Matthew Hesse,  
and Ann Rider*



*Professor Bill Rich, Professor Linda Elrod,  
and Patrick Augustine*



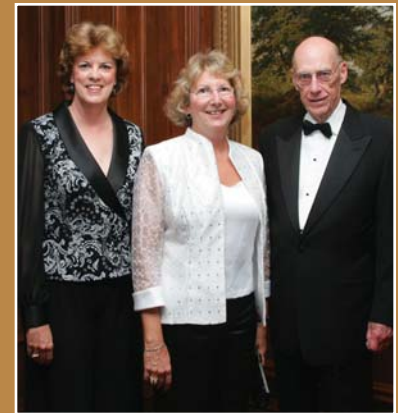
*Lauren Lowry and Trish Thelen*



## Dean's Circle



*Dean Thomas Romig, Laura  
Yunker, '10, and Sarah Nolting, '10*



*Kathy Webb, '83, Laura Ice, '84,  
and Dick Hite, '53*

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# ALUMNI NEWS & Events

## CAPLINGER APPOINTED TO KANSAS SUPREME COURT



Washburn Law alumna **Nancy Moritz Caplinger, '85**, Topeka, was appointed by Kansas Governor Mark Parkinson to be a justice on the Kansas Supreme Court. Caplinger joins the bench to fill the vacancy left by the late Chief Justice Robert Davis.

“When deciding who would next serve on the Kansas Supreme Court, I had two primary pieces of criteria – the individual’s intellect and their ability to make an objective decision. Nancy Moritz Caplinger exhibits these qualities along with the utmost appreciation for the law and justice,” said Parkinson. “Moreover, Nancy represents the inspiring possibilities of the American dream. As someone from a small town who put herself through college and law school, she has been able to rise to extraordinary heights and build a respected reputation in the legal circle. She is the type of down-to-earth Kansan we need on the Supreme Court, and I know she will do remarkable work.”

Caplinger grew up in Tipton, Kan., and her family moved to Salina when she was 15. She earned her bachelor’s in business administration from Washburn University and her juris doctor from Washburn Law, where she also served as the notes editor on the *Washburn Law Journal*, receiving numerous awards for her scholarly work.

Caplinger began her legal career as a research attorney for former Supreme Court Justice Harold S. Herd and then served two years as a law clerk for U.S. District Court Judge Patrick Kelly. She was an associate in general litigation practice for the Overland Park firm of Spencer Fane Britt & Browne before being appointed assistant U.S. attorney. Caplinger has been a member of the Kansas Court of Appeals since October 2004.

“I am humbled and honored to receive this appointment from Governor Parkinson and join the six other distinguished justices on the Kansas Supreme Court,” Caplinger said. “I have loved serving on the Kansas Court of Appeals, and I look forward to bringing my experience as an attorney and as a judge to Kansas’ highest court.” Caplinger is also active at Washburn Law, mentoring students through the Mentor Program and participating in the externship program by hiring several externs for her chambers.

From a list of 13 applicants interviewed by the Supreme Court Nominating Commission, only three — all Washburn Law graduates — were nominated in late September to fill the vacancy on the Kansas Supreme Court. Nominees were Caplinger; Kansas Court of Appeals **Judge Thomas E. Malone, '79**, Wichita; and Fifth Judicial District **Chief Judge Merlin G. Wheeler, '77**, Emporia, Kan.

## BEST OF THE BAR HONOREES

The Ninth Annual *Kansas City Business Journal* Best of the Bar honorees includes 14 Washburn Law graduates who were recognized by their peers for being premier practitioners in the Kansas City’s legal community.

Scott Ast, '94  
*Scharnhorst Ast & Kennard PC*

Timothy Aylward, '82  
*Horn Aylward & Bandy LLC*

James Bird, '80  
*Polsinelli Shugart PC*

Henry Cox, '81  
*Henry R. Cox, Attorney at Law*

Steve Gorny, '94  
*Bartimus Frickleton Robertson & Gorny PC*

Peter Goss, '05  
*Wendt Goss PC*

Fred Greenbaum, '80  
*McAnany Van Cleave & Phillips PA*

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

Christopher Korth, '85  
*Law Offices of Christopher Korth*

Brian Meyers, '82  
*The Law Offices of Brian Timothy Meyers*

Sheryl Nelson, '90  
*Corporate Counsel Group LLP*

Kevin Regan, '81  
*The Regan Law Firm LLC*

Todd Scharnhorst, '94  
*Scharnhorst Ast and Kennard PC*

Samuel Wendt, '01  
*Wendt Goss PC*

## JOHNSON HONORED AS 2010 ALUMNI FELLOW



**Lynn R. Johnson, '70**, Mission Hills, Kan., was honored as the recipient of the 2010 law school's Alumni Fellow on Oct. 22. Johnson is principal shareholder and president of Shamberg, Johnson & Bergman Chtd., Kansas City, Mo. He joined the

Kansas City, Kan., law firm of Schnider, Shamberg & May immediately after graduation. The focus of his practice is representing plaintiffs' significant and complicated personal injury and wrongful death litigation. Johnson represents plaintiffs in many states, but primarily practices in Kansas and Missouri.

As a student at Washburn, Johnson was a *Law Journal* editor, served on the executive council of Washburn Student Bar Association, was a delegate to the American Bar Association, and treasurer and marshal of Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity.

Johnson is a life member of the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association. He has served as president, president-elect, and vice president of the board of governors, and was honored with the Washburn Law Distinguished Service Award in 2001. He served from 1991 to 1999 as a trustee of the Washburn University Foundation. With his wife, Jacqueline Lovelace Johnson, he is a member of the Lincoln Society. Since 2006, Johnson has been a member of the board of advisors for the Center for Excellence in Advocacy. He established the Lynn R. Johnson Endowment Fund at Washburn Law in 1995.

Johnson is serving as chairman of the Kansas Association for Justice Foundation. For the past 25 years, he has been named to *Best Lawyers in America* and is listed in *Missouri and Kansas Super Lawyers*.

## MENTOR PROGRAM



*Kansas Court of Appeals Judge Thomas E. Malone, '79, and Tim Belsan, '09, attended the Mentor-Mentee reception.*

**The Honorable Thomas E. Malone, '79**, Topeka, and **Tim M. Belsan, '09**, Lawrence, Kan., joined more than 90 alumni and students at the 8th annual Mentor-Mentee reception on Sept. 30 at the Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center. Judge Malone was Belsan's mentor while Belsan was in law school. Malone serves as a judge for the Kansas Court of Appeals. Belsan, who is a law clerk for the U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, returned to this event as a mentor to a first-year law student.

Overall this year, 97 area lawyers volunteered to be paired with first-year law students. For more information about this program, please contact the Director of Professional Development and Pro Bono Margann Bennett ([margann.bennett@washburn.edu](mailto:margann.bennett@washburn.edu)) or Director of Alumni Services Carolyn Barnes ([carolyn.barnes@washburn.edu](mailto:carolyn.barnes@washburn.edu)).



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## WASHBURN LAW JOURNAL



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## WASHBURN LAW

### *Upcoming Events*

#### MARCH 2011

- 9 Practitioners in Residence: **Dan, '72**, and Mary Carol **Garrity**. Hosted by the Business and Transactional Law Center.
- 11 Foulston Siefkin Lecture: Susan Bandes, professor from DePaul University College of Law, Noon, Room 114
- 12 Board of Governors Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Room 327
- 17 Scholar in Residence: Jan Johnston, Ph.D., professor in Justice Studies at San Jose State University. Hosted by Children and Family Law Center.
- 18 Impact/Effect of Parent Alienation on Custody Disputes/Proceedings CLE, Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center, keynote speaker Dr. Jan Johnston. Sponsored by the Children and Family Law Center.

#### APRIL 2011

- 7 Center for Excellence in Advocacy Annual Awards Ceremony, 5-7:30 p.m., Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center
- 16 50th Anniversary Celebration for the *Washburn Law Journal*, Capitol Plaza Hotel (see page 69)

#### MAY 2011

- 14 Commencement for Class of 2011 Graduates, 6:30 p.m., Lee Arena, Petro Allied Health Center. Champagne Reception following, Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center
- 15-21 Intensive Trial Advocacy Program

#### JUNE 2011

- 8-10 Kansas Bar Association Annual Meeting, Capitol Plaza Hotel, Topeka
- 9 Board of Governors Meeting and Annual Awards Luncheon, Capitol Plaza Hotel, Topeka
- 17 Admitted Student Barbecue, Law School
- 23-24 Recent Developments in the Law CLE, Law School

*All events on Washburn University campus unless noted otherwise.*