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DEAN
Thomas J. Romig

Dear Alumni and Friends:

The completion of the spring semester marks another beginning for our students—those recently graduated, those continuing their law studies, and those who will begin their first year at Washburn Law.

One hundred forty-three students formed the graduating Class of 2011, and they all have opportunities to create significant and positive change in their lives and in the world no matter their career path. We congratulate them and wish them the best in the future. It's no secret that the job market remains tough, and our Professional Development staff will continue to provide assistance to our graduates. While many in the legal community are calling for increased transparency in reporting, we have already been practicing that by sharing our job search statistics with prospective students. Please read more about this on page 33.



January marked a proud moment for the law school when U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor visited Kansas and met with law students, professors, and special guests. More than 100 students attended “A Dialogue with Justice Sotomayor,” and 12 members of the Hispanic American Law Student Association met with her privately, where she shared her personal experiences and answered their questions.

After four years serving as associate dean for academic affairs, Alex Glashausser has chosen to return to teaching full time. Alex has done a tremendous job, and I want to personally thank him for his support to me and his dedication to the law school. Professor Aida Alaka will succeed Alex, effective July 1, 2011. Also on that date, Professor Jalen Lowry will become the new associate dean for student affairs. I offer my thanks to Lynette Petty, who served in that capacity on an interim basis during the 2010-11 academic year. I look forward to working with both Aida and Jalen.

Our Legal Analysis, Research, and Writing Program was recognized again as a top program by *U.S. News and World Report*, moving up to 13th in the nation. We are one of only a few law schools in the country with full-time, tenured and tenure-track legal writing faculty members who are involved in service and scholarship in the national legal writing community.

We completed the law school design charette process in which three architecture firms presented proposed conceptual designs and associated costs for both an expansion of the existing law school building and a new law school facility. We are reviewing the options presented and refining the details developed by the firms. In the meantime, we continue to be quite challenged by the lack of space in the law school. We will be converting more library space and the moot court room into needed office space.

Washburn Law received a United States Agency for International Development grant for a Rule of Law program in the Republic of Georgia. We are in the early stages of developing the program, which will create a National Center for Commercial Law for the Republic of Georgia.

This spring, Washburn Law added its eighth certificate—the Certificate in Law and Government. The certificate allows students to complete a focused course of study in law and government and those issues situated at the intersection of law, government, and public policy.

This summer marks the second year of our summer study abroad program on Barbados. Our first Real Police Investigation Series kicked off this past spring, and the yearly journey to the Hinkle Law Firm for business and transactional law students continues to be an informative and eye-opening experience. I invite you to read our students' first-hand accounts of these activities in this issue of the *Washburn Lanyer*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas J. Romig". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the start of the name.

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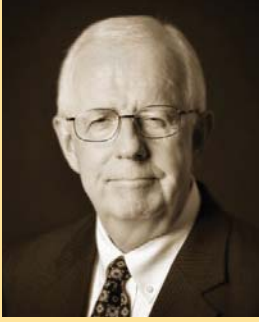
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER


Alumni Association

I am sitting down to write this letter having just returned with my wife, Pauletta, from a very special event in Topeka. Saturday evening, April 16, marked the annual *Washburn Law Journal* awards banquet, held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel (see pages 24-27). This year was unique, as the *Law Journal* also celebrated the 50th Anniversary of its publication. The staff of the *Law Journal* did a remarkable job locating and inviting many of our law school's alumni who were members of the *Journal's* editorial staff. Some—representing each decade of the *Law Journal's* existence—were asked to speak about their experiences. The event became a reunion as old friends renewed acquaintances. Approximately 175 alumni, guests, and law school representatives attended. Dean Thomas Romig, Washburn University President Jerry Farley, and others provided remarks. Writing awards were presented to current *Journal* staff members, and the new staff members for the following year were introduced. I will long remember this very unique and special event.

I returned to Topeka to represent the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association at commencement on May 14 where we warmly welcomed 143 graduates as Washburn Law alumni.

We have featured these events, plus many more, in this issue of the *Washburn Lawyer*. I hope you enjoy reading it and catching up on your alma mater.

Sincerely,

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CLASS OF 2011

106th Commencement

The 106th Washburn University School of Law Commencement was held on the evening of Saturday, May 14, in Lee Arena, on the Washburn campus. The Kansas Territorial Pipes and Drums, Topeka, led the processional with Professor Myrl L. Duncan, J.S.D., as grand marshal. Speakers at commencement were: Dean Thomas J. Romig; Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Alex Glashauser; **Maryam Fakhradeen, '11**, president of the Washburn Student Bar Association; and **Winton Hinkle, '68**, 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 Chairwoman **The Honorable Christel E. Marquardt, '74**.

Richard "Dick" Hite, '53, was the 2011 recipient of the Honorary Degree. Hite also gave the commencement address to the Class of 2011. Conferring of degrees was led by Jerry B. Farley, Ph.D., president of Washburn University. A champagne reception at Memorial Union to congratulate the graduates followed commencement.



*Reginald Robinson
Professor of the Year*

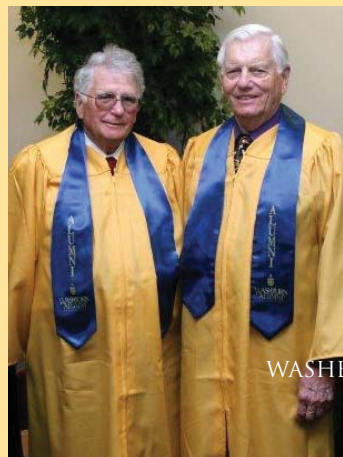


*C. William Ossmann, '77
Adjunct Professor of the Year*

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 Reginald "Reggie" Robinson received this award. The Adjunct Professor of the Year was **C. William "Bill" Ossmann, '77**.

As special guests, two members from the law school class of 1951 participated in the ceremony.

During the May commencement, 143 students graduated, with 48 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, law and government, natural resources law, and tax law.



CLASS OF 1951
MEMBERS
*Robert F. Stover (left) of
Cleveland, Okla., and
Ed Miner (right) of
Concord, N.H.*

Congratulations Class of 2011

Certificates earned and Pro Bono Honors are indicated by italics. List includes December 2010 graduates.

Brock R. Abbey
Jeffery Scott Adam
Eli Hunter Allen
Whitney Blake Ambuter
Family Law

Courtney J. Archdekin
Paige Renee Asmann
Riley Wilson Baber
Aaron Royal Bailey
Ashley Elizabeth Ballweg
Sherri Lynn Becker
Raymond Oliver Bergmeier
Elizabeth Emma Bernhart
Alex Bezu

*Distinguished Pro Bono Honors
Tax Law*

Brian Laverne Bina
Business and Transactional Law
Alexandra Elizabeth-Marie Blasi
J.D./M.B.A.
Business and Transactional Law

Abigail C. Boudewyns
Natural Resources Law

DeeDrá Rochelle Branson
Advocacy

Jordan Alan Brewer

James M. Bristow
Skyler Eugene Burks
Jill M. Carlson
Brian Keith Carr
Advocacy
Distinguished Pro Bono Honors

James Clark
Patrick J. Collins
Caleb S. Cottam

Business and Transactional Law

Laura Nichole Kathryn Coughlin
James Nathan Crutchley
Jennifer Ann Danenberg
Leon James Davis

Advocacy

Angela Christine DeBusk
Sean D. Delpech
Michael D. Ditch, Jr.
Business and Transactional Law

Ashley Danielle Dopita
Law and Government

Daryl René Dowdell
Family Law

Michael C. Duma
Cody DeWayne Edwards

Joel Walter Ensey
Maryam S. Fakhraheen

David Christopher Fall
Estate Planning
Tax Law

Kristie Ann Fall
Family Law
Tyler James Feeney
Stephanie Anne Ferry
Grant Michael Flynn
Sam Foreman
Business and Transactional Law

Stephen Nathanael Freeland
Lee Germundson

Clayton Reed Gibson
Valerie Danelle Glenn
Aaron J. Good

Vincent Granado
Amy Jean Greiner
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Amanda Rose Haas
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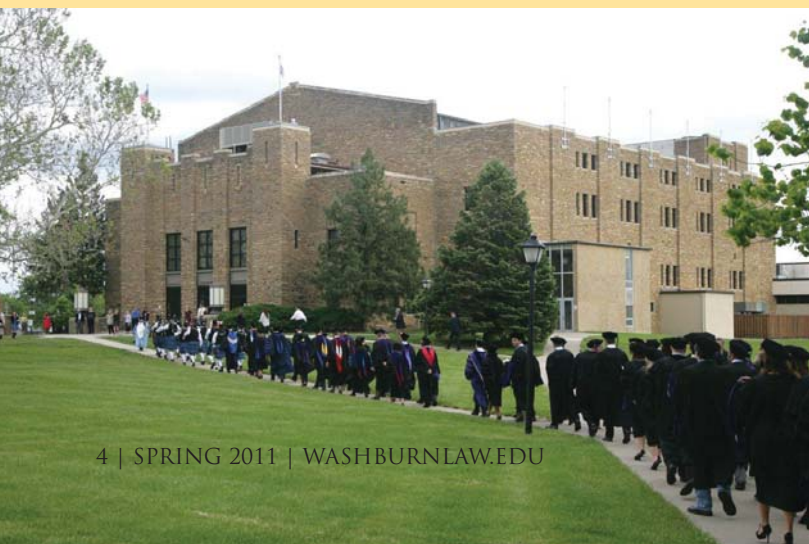
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Ashley Renee Holm
International and Comparative Law

Clay Michael Houser
Natural Resources Law

Craig Allen Jackson
Business and Transactional Law

Kristen Marie Jarboe
Douglas Lee Johns



Mandy L. Johnson

Advocacy

Family Law

Casey L. Jones

Stephen Phillip Jones

Pro Bono Honors

Kevin Scott Keatley

Ryan S. Kilmer

Dustin Lee Kirk

Kristin L. Klementowski

Robert L. Krattley

Pro Bono Honors

Daniel Scott Krob

Michelle Christine Le

Advocacy

Jennifer Lynn Lemus

Family Law

Erilda Luz Livingston

Advocacy

Family Law

Joshua Loden

Benjamin Earl Long

Advocacy

Natural Resources Law

Bryna Marie Long

Carol Longenecker Schmidt

Craig Edward Lowe

Business and Transactional Law

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Business and Transactional Law

Chantz Norbert Martin

Megan Elizabeth Massey

Monique Marie Chartier McElwee

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Cheryl R. Meier

Rachel Lynn Malone Miller

Family Law

December 2010 Graduates

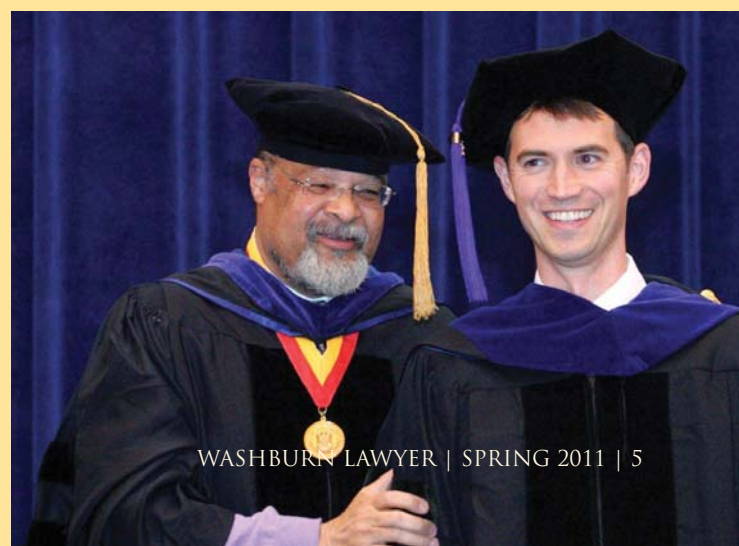


Front row, left to right: Angela Christine DeBusk, Hanh Hong Thi Vu, Carol Longenecker Schmidt, Cody DeWayne Edwards, Jeffery Scott Adam, Eli Hunter Allen, and Dustin Lee Kirk.

Second row: Ashley Renee Holm, Bryna Marie Long, Alexander Louis Wulff, Steven Craig Paschang, and Moses Mangae.

Back row: Caleb S. Cottam, Ashley Elizabeth Ballweg, Sandra M. Sigler, Morgan L. Richards, Rachel Erin Verhage, and Craig Allen Jackson.

Not pictured: Patrick J. Collins, Tyler James Feeney, Kurt Michael Helgesen, Nicholas D. Moore, Jacob Lynn Porter, Sara Elizabeth Priddy Rogness, John Wesley Smith, Jonathan M. Snyder, and Pamela Bishop Taylor.

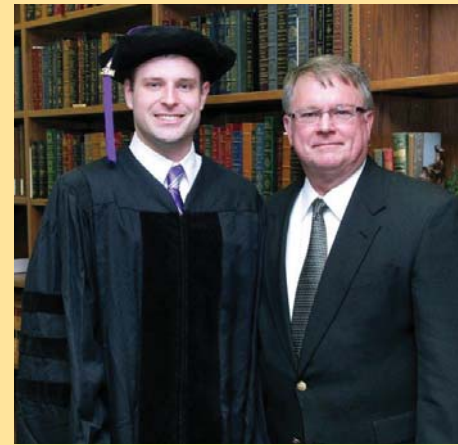




LEGACIES



Raymond Bergmeier, with aunt and uncle Kay, '80, and Larry, '73, Rute



Jordan Brewer and father, Jeff Brewer, '82

Robert Patrick Mills

Business and Transactional Law

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Family Law

Kimberly Renae Streit

Family Law

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Pamela Bishop Taylor

Vaibhav Trivedi

Kori Chyrone Trussell

Eric Von Turner





Monique Marie Chartier McElwee and husband Jacob McElwee, '05



Michael C. Duma and father John M. Duma, '81



Michael Joshua Patton with parents Cindy, '79, and Joe, '77, Patton

Charion Latrese Vaughn

Advocacy

Rachel Erin Verhage

Jonathan Edward Voegeli

Kel Michael Vrana

Advocacy

Hanh Hong Thi Vu

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Thomas Joseph Webb

International and Comparative Law

Heather Lynn Wheeler

Melinda B. Wicks

Family Law

Kathlyn Elizabeth Wilson

Amanda Marie Wilwert

Victoria Winterberg

Alexander Louis Wulff

Shawn Philip Yancy

Advocacy

Jonathan A. Zadina



BIANCHINO AND HITE RECEIVE *Honorary Degrees*

May 14, 2011

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.

BERNARD A. BIANCHINO, '74

Honorary Doctor of Public Service

Bernie Bianchino graduated from Bishop Miege High School in Shawnee Mission, Kan. He received a bachelor's degree in political science from Washburn University in 1970 and a juris doctor from Washburn Law in 1974. He was a member of Kappa Sigma and the Sagamore men's honor society. He was a defensive lineman on the Washburn football team and was on the Dean's Honor Roll.

Bianchino has worked for the Atomic Energy Commission (which merged into the Department of Energy), Exxon Corporation, Sprint, US Sprint, Sprint PCS, Qwest Communications, Pegaso PCS, and OnFiber Communications. In 2000 he led negotiations for Sprint's \$200 million expansion in the Mexico City-based Pegaso PCS and was selected to serve as the company's chief executive officer. Pegaso PCS provided wireless and wireline telecommunications to four of the largest cities in Mexico. He was counsel to the Bryan Cave law firm, a position he left to form Jaguar Telecom LLC, where he serves as the president and CEO. He is also a director at Digital Ally Inc. of Overland Park, Kan., and is chairman of the compensation and strategic planning committees and a member of the audit committee.



Bianchino was an alumni fellow for Washburn University School of Law in 2000, and received the President's Award from Washburn in 2002, the Distinguished Service Award from the Washburn Alumni Association in 2004, and the Distinguished Service Award from Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association in 2007. He has served as a trustee of the Washburn University Foundation since 1992 and was chairman of the board from 2008 until 2010. He was on the Washburn University School of Law Board of Governors from 1993 to 2003 and served as vice president, president and past president. He was a member and president of the Washburn Law School Foundation and an advisor to the law school's Business and Transactional Law Center.

He has supported many important projects and initiatives at Washburn, including the Bianchino Technology Center at the School of Law, Theodore E. Dyck Employment Law Scholarship, and Anthony B. Bianchino Law Scholarship. Bianchino has been a loyal supporter of Washburn University since his graduation from law school.

RICHARD C. 'DICK' HITE, '53

Honorary Doctor of Law



*Dr. Paul and Shirley Boatright, Robert Hite, "Dick" Hite, '53,
Kathy Webb, '83, and Laura Ice, '84*

Richard C. "Dick" Hite received a bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas in 1950 and a law degree from Washburn Law in 1953, where he was a member of Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity.

He joined the U.S. Air Force on an ROTC commission and served three years as a judge advocate. After leaving the military, Hite worked for USF&G Insurance before joining the Wichita law firm of Kahrs, Nelson, Fanning, Hite & Kellogg LLP in 1960. In 2000, he founded the firm of Hite, Fanning & Honeyman LLP, which focuses on product liability and general business defense litigation. During his professional career he has worked to bring uniformity to state laws and cooperation among state legislators as past president and executive committee chairman of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. He is past state chairman and a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and was chairman of the Kansas Supreme Court Nominating Commission.

Hite has been a member of the Wichita, Kansas, and American bar associations and remains active in the International Association of Defense Counsel, Kansas Association of Defense Counsel, and National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. He is a fellow of both the American College of Trial Lawyers and the American Bar Association.

His community service includes chairmanships on boards of directors of the United Way of the Plains, Via Christi Regional Medical Center, and the Via Christi Health System. Hite received the William Kahrs Lifetime Achievement Award from the Kansas Association of Defense Counsel, the Phil Lewis Medal of Distinction from the Kansas Bar Association, and the Howard C. Kline Distinguished Service Award from the Wichita Bar Association.

Hite has been a Washburn University Foundation trustee emeriti since 1986, served as the Law School Alumni Association president-elect, president, and past president from 1988 to 1994, and was a member of the Board of Governors from 1983 to 1994. He was instrumental in securing the Koch Scholarship gift and led the law school fundraising Campaign 2000. In 1995, he established an endowed fund and gives annually to the Richard C. Hite Endowment for Faculty Development and Support in the School of Law. He was an alumni fellow for Washburn University School of Law in 2008, and received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2007 from the School of Law Alumni Association, and the School of Law Distinguished Service Award in 1994.

Children and Family LAW CENTER

FAMILY LAW QUARTERLY STUDENT EDITORS NAMED FOR 2011-12



LeTiffany Obozele

LeTiffany Obozele has been named student editor-in-chief of Volume 45 of the *Family Law Quarterly*. Student executive research editors are Samuel Feather and Laura Windheuser. All are third-year law students.



Samuel Feather

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.



Laura Windheuser

VISITING PROFESSOR

Janet R. Johnston, Ph.D., professor in Justice Studies at San Jose State University, visited Washburn Law as a scholar in residence. Dr. Johnston met with students and faculty, and was the keynote speaker for the March 18 CLE presentation, "Impact of Parent Alienation on Custody Proceedings."



Dr. Johnston has worked with high conflict custody litigating families for three decades with special attention to domestic violence, alienation, and abduction cases. Washburn Law students had the opportunity to meet Dr. Johnston and listen to her presentation about parent child abduction at an informal Lunch & Learn session.

2011-12 Center Events

August 11-12

5th Annual Domestic Case Management Training

August 31

Lunch & Learn: Court Appointed Special Advocates

September 21

Lunch & Learn: Aging Parents—Estate Planning and Asset Allocation

October 12

Lunch & Learn: Child in Need of Care Panel

November 2

Lunch & Learn: Presentation by Fergus Ryan

January 18

Lunch & Learn: Assisted Reproduction Technology

February 22

Lunch & Learn: Juvenile Offender—Parent's Role, Custody, and Detention

March 14

Lunch & Learn

April 11

Lunch & Learn

CENTER FOR
Law and Government

**BREACHING BORDERS —
STATE ENCROACHMENT INTO THE
FEDERAL IMMIGRATION DOMAIN?**

Thursday and Friday, October 20-21, 2011



Washburn Law is pleased to convene a symposium exploring the political and legal controversies mounting at the intersection of federal and state immigration law. Plans are underway to host a number of distinguished experts in three distinct plenary sessions: (1) Comparative Assessment of State Immigration Policies; (2) Immigration and Employment; and (3) Birthright Citizenship.

The symposium is sponsored by the Center for Law and Government and the *Washburn Law Journal*. The second issue of Volume 51 (spring 2012) of the *Law Journal* will be dedicated to the topic of this symposium, and articles written by the participants will be featured.

SESSION 1 –

State Policy Potpourri: Some Comparative Assessments

State policy makers across the country are advancing a number of proposals that are bound up in the great debate regarding the current state of federal immigration law and its shortcomings. In some states, leaders are advancing efforts to adopt stepped-up anti-voter fraud provisions. In other states, local law enforcement officials are becoming deeply enmeshed in the enforcement of federal immigration law. In another set of states, some leaders have worked to enhance the prospects for undocumented immigrants either by enabling them to attend public colleges and universities at in-state tuition rates, authorizing them to obtain driver's licenses, or both. Yet many in those same states opponents are actively seeking to block or roll back those efforts. This panel will discuss and analyze this state policy potpourri and offer some comparative assessments.

SESSION 2 –

Immigration and Employment

A significant number of immigrants are working illegally in the United States. In an effort to both protect the legal work force and deter illegal immigration, the federal government has criminalized the hiring of undocumented workers and in recent years has heightened workplace enforcement. Some states are experimenting with new laws designed to complement, mirror, and/or expand upon federal law and have been challenged by the federal government on preemption grounds. This panel will explore the competing sides of the debate, and the implications of the Supreme Court's recent decision in *Chamber of Commerce v. Whiting*, 563 U.S. ____ (2011).

SESSION 3 –

Curtailling Birthright Citizenship

Anchored within the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is the principle that a person born within the boundaries of the United States is a citizen thereof, regardless of the immigration status of his or her parents. Some members of Congress have submitted legislative proposals that would alter this policy at the federal level. In addition, a number of state legislatures are considering proposals that would limit birthright citizenship to those who have at least one parent who is either a citizen or lawful permanent resident. What is the likely effect of these efforts? Given the immigration challenges confronting the nation, should policy makers revisit the concept of birthright citizenship? Is this an issue appropriate for state policy makers at all? These and other related questions will be among those considered by this panel.



washburnlaw.edu/breachingborders

RPI:

REAL POLICE INVESTIGATION

CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS



JUST VISITING THE JAIL

STUDENTS TOUR SHAWNEE COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

By Christina Hansen, law student

The *Shawnee County Correctional Facility* is a place that few citizens ever expect to end up, but that is exactly where I found myself on a recent weekday afternoon, *staring up at its sturdy brick walls and razor wire fences* on the outskirts of downtown Topeka.

As part of Washburn University School of Law's Real Police Investigation Series, I was one of a small group of students offered an extensive tour of the facility led by the corrections staff. The goal was to provide a better understanding of the jail's inner workings, as well as its place in the wider scheme of the criminal justice system. Before the tour, as I watched my fellow students shed their cell phones, wallets, and handbags, I recognized on their faces the same look of curiosity and trepidation I felt.

Brian Cole, deputy director of the correctional facility, was our guide. He led the group down a long hallway and we stopped in front of a hulking metal door where we would begin our tour. He pushed an intercom button and we waited momentarily while an unseen guard peered at us through a surveillance camera before buzzing open the door. We walked through the door and into an industrial maze of hallways, cell modules, and uniforms. As the last member of our group crossed the threshold, we heard behind us

an unmistakable heavy, metallic clang—the sound of the door closing behind us.

As a first-year law student, I spend a lot of time talking with my classmates about arrests, searches, seizures, and the sometimes maddeningly thin line between “guilty” and “not guilty.”

In our Criminal Law and Constitutional Criminal Procedure courses, we spent an entire semester breaking down the elements of crimes and carefully studying police behavior. However, the topic of jail rarely comes up, which

is surprising considering the integral pre- and post-trial role a correctional facility plays in the justice system.

We paused before entering a cell module—the first stop on our tour. Cole asked us to consider for a moment the unique nature of a county jail. Any person arrested in the United States who does not post bond within a few hours' time will spend time in jail. These people are held either until the charges are dropped or through the

We heard behind us an unmistakable heavy, metallic clang—the sound of the door closing behind us.

conclusion of their trials. The result is a staggeringly diverse cross-section of society—men and women, young and old, of all races and ethnicities, waiting in this concrete purgatory for their fates to be revealed. Some of the inmates will eventually be found not guilty and set free, while others will be convicted of serious crimes and transferred to prison.

Inmates at the Shawnee County facility are charged with offenses ranging from check fraud and driving under the influence to robbery and murder. Some stay for a few days, others might be serving a year-long sentence. Cole said that the first and foremost challenge posed to the corrections staff from Day One is to classify each person who is escorted through the doors: Is he dangerous? Is she a suicide risk? Does he have mental health issues? Does she have a medical condition? The answers to these questions determine where a person will be housed and whether he or she will be assigned additional surveillance. It's not an exact science, but accurate classification ensures that inmates' medical and mental health needs are met and cuts down on conflict in the inmate population.

We entered one of the modules housing female inmates, where two levels of small cells lined three sides of an open common area with several sets of tables and chairs bolted to the floor. Guards manned a security station and walked a continuous route, checking on the women in each cell. I imagined that jail would be a very isolated, lonely place, and to some extent, this seems to be true. Cole acknowledged the difficulty some inmates experience adjusting to life inside. Suicide is one of the staff's biggest concerns, and inmates are at their highest risk during their first 72 hours of detention as the reality of their situation settles in.

However, the majority of inmates are allowed to live in communal modules, putting them in daily contact with other inmates. They spend time together playing cards, exercising, or watching TV. As we moved from the module toward the security control tower, Cole told us how life inside the facility has its own rhythm, order, and pace. Life in jail is all about routines, procedures, and schedules, both for the inmates and the guards. Good inmate behavior comes with certain privileges, while breaking the rules leads to separation from the larger inmate community. Everyone moves as part of a highly choreographed plan to ensure mutual safety.

The technology in the control room was intimidating. Two guards man high-tech work stations displaying a rapidly rotating stream of images captured by the myriad

cameras throughout the facility. The guards' hands are a blur of activity as they toggle between images and communicate with other guards; all the while, their eyes remain fixed on the screens in front of them. They see and hear everything.

Even as we surveyed the electronically enabled view from the tower, Cole candidly explained there is no such thing as a perfect jail. There are always a few inmates looking for opportunities—that one moment out of a thousand that offers a chance to circumvent supervision. The Shawnee County facility has its problems, but instead of sweeping them under the rug Cole chooses to treat them as opportunities for his staff to learn and improve. He discussed how past suicides at the jail led to the implementation of one of the most intensive suicide prevention programs to be adopted by a facility of its kind, and how an inmate's escape led to more detailed systems of guard accountability and installation of a fence topped with razor wire.

The corrections staff works hard to maintain inmates' dignity, even in the face of the high level of surveillance necessarily imposed in such a facility. Inmates' health and medical concerns, for example, are kept confidential from other inmates and the staff. Showering and use of the lavatory are given as much privacy as prudently possible. Finally, inmates may write or call family and receive visitors. Cole said it was important not to dehumanize inmates, and that allowing inmates to maintain ties to the outside is integral to their functionality inside the facility's

WATCH FOR PART TWO OF THE REAL POLICE INVESTIGATION SERIES IN THE NEXT ISSUE



Christina Hansen

The Real Police Investigation Series also included a tour of the Shawnee County Coroner's Office and the Shawnee County Sheriff's Office. Students had the opportunity to tour all three of the facilities. Look for part two of this series in the fall issue of the *Wasburn Lanyer*.

walls. Scores of programs and resources are also available to expand inmates' horizons when they are released, including a GED program, AA chapters, Bible studies, and libraries for pleasure reading and legal research.

As we moved through the gymnasium, the medical ward, and finally the booking area, my thoughts were consumed by the faces I had seen—both inmates and guards.

The two are undeniably interconnected, meaning that chaos in one group has a ripple effect on the other. Mutual respect appears to be an important factor in maintaining the peace. Throughout our tour, we watched guards greet inmates by name and listen to their concerns. Cole said he strives

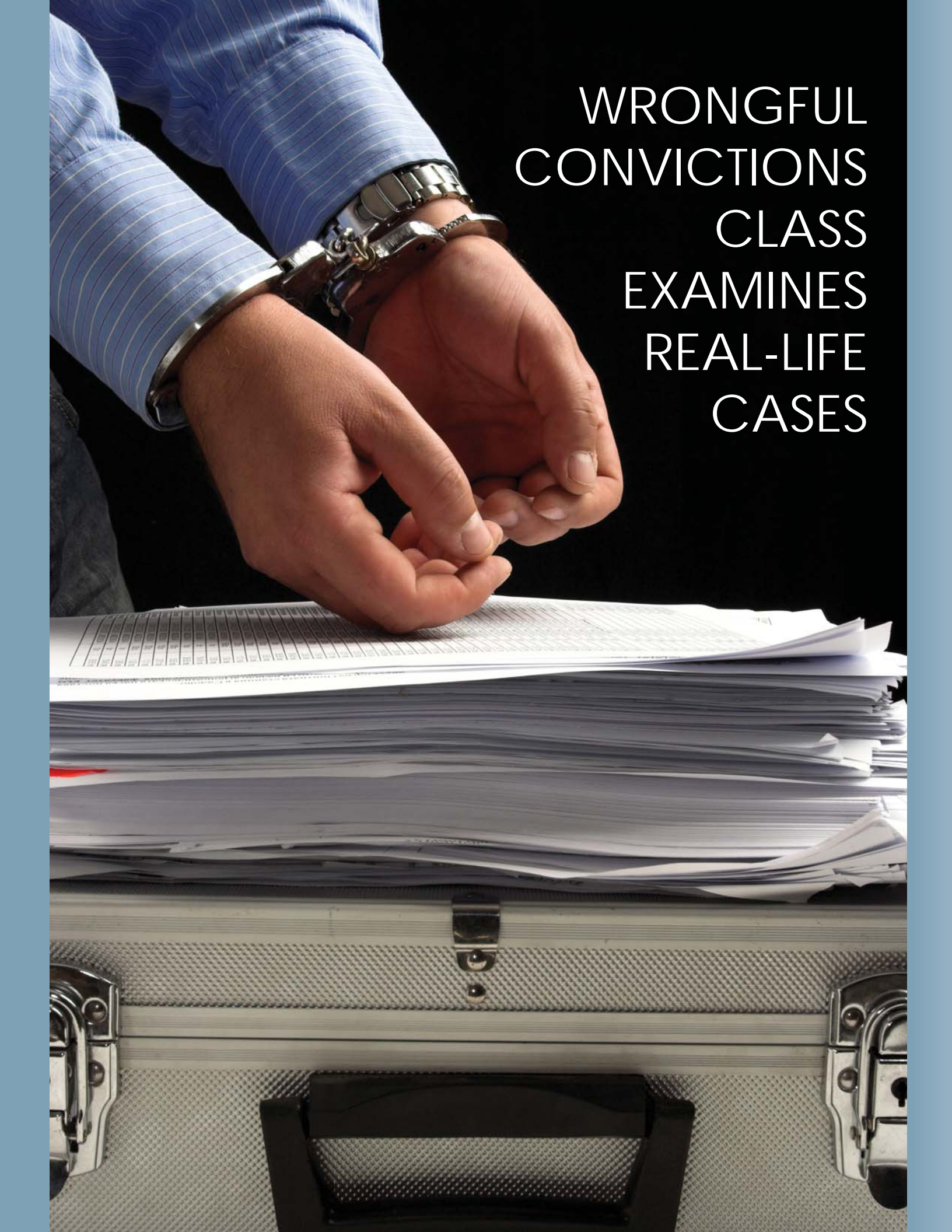
to treat inmates honestly and addresses their problems directly and openly. He shared his belief that while many of the inmates in his facility have made bad decisions, they are not bad people.

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Those were the words that stuck with me as I left the jail that day. The criminal justice system depends not only on prosecutors, but defense attorneys who will represent those accused

of crimes—whether petty or heinous. By all indications, it isn't an easy—or popular—job. But in this country, people are innocent until proven guilty, and must be afforded a certain level of human dignity regardless of the verdict handed down at trial.



A person wearing a blue and white striped dress shirt has their hands cuffed in front of them. They are sitting at a desk with a large, thick stack of white papers. The papers are resting on a silver, textured briefcase. The background is dark, and the overall scene suggests a legal or law enforcement context.

WRONGFUL
CONVICTIONS
CLASS
EXAMINES
REAL-LIFE
CASES

Teaching at Washburn Law has evolved for **Rebecca Woodman, '87**, just as her thinking evolved while attending law school. “I was exposed to a lot of things that I didn’t know, including how the justice system can fail.”

Woodman, a capital appellate defender and adjunct professor at Washburn Law, was teaching the Death Penalty course when Professor Michael Kaye approached her about launching a new Wrongful Convictions class. Eager to bring that experience to Washburn Law students, Woodman drafted a proposal for the course that included a quasi-clinical component. The faculty approved it, and she began teaching the new curriculum the fall of 2008. “I give Washburn Law a lot of credit for setting up this course. I feel very much supported by staff and the administration.”

The class familiarizes students with causes of wrongful convictions, including faulty eyewitness identification, junk science, questionable testimony of jailhouse snitches and informants, racial bias, ineffective assistance of counsel, prosecutorial misconduct, and false confessions. “Students come in completely unaware of these kinds of flaws in the justice system. They experience several phases during the semester—awareness, surprise, and shock,” Woodman said. “I try to bring in one exonerated person each semester so students can put a human face on a wrongful conviction. The students hear from people who have been serving time but are innocent. It’s pretty harrowing. You can begin to empathize with that person.”

By the end of the semester, students propose solutions to some of the most vexing problems responsible for wrongful convictions. “They explore the causes of wrongful convictions in class and discuss ways to minimize them. There is an enthusiasm that develops over the semester to fix the problems.”

Woodman’s students have been working to answer the question of whether something went wrong in the case of Ronald “Ronnie” Rhodes, Lansing Correctional

Inmate #34538. Rhodes was convicted in 1981 of murder in Wichita but maintains his innocence. In April 2008, Rhodes filed a motion for DNA testing in his case, hopeful that technology widely used now but not available at his trial 30 years ago might prove his innocence. Not long after, Woodman and her students crossed paths with Rhodes’ case in their quest to understand flaws in the justice system that can lead to wrongful convictions.

Ron Sylvester, a reporter covering the courts and legal affairs for the *Wichita Eagle*, was a guest speaker at Woodman’s inaugural Wrongful Convictions class in fall 2008. He discussed with students Open Records laws and journalists’ efforts to investigate wrongful convictions. “I showed a series from the *Columbus Dispatch*, which had teamed with the Ohio Innocence Project. I mentioned that it would be interesting to see how laws were working in Kansas, but that we had no Innocence Project in Kansas. Rebecca said maybe her class could help with research,” Sylvester recalled.

Under Woodman’s supervision, the students drafted an open records request in fall 2009 for cases with specific DNA motions to the four largest Kansas counties: Shawnee, Wyandotte, Johnson, and Sedgwick. Sylvester then submitted the request. “We gleaned enough on our own to review a good cross-section of cases,” Woodman said. During their research the law students discovered inconsistencies in docket reports of the Rhodes case. “We found that many cases weren’t tracked very well and the motions just sat there. We identified Mr. Rhodes’ case as one potentially worth investigating.”

They probed further into Rhodes’ case with the help of Sylvester and support of the *Wichita Eagle*. “He knows the system down there,” Woodman said about Sylvester’s

experience in reporting and his understanding of the Wichita legal system. “The general interest in wrongful convictions combined with this case convinced them [*Wichita Eagle*] to pursue the case with us. We started working on it together, and the students did the leg work.”

Sylvester said, “Her students took it upon themselves to find every inmate serving time on a conviction for rape and murder. Out of that, the Rhodes case stood out for them and we began looking into it as an example of how the system treats these cases.”

Sylvester began chronicling his work with Woodman, the students and their investigation of the Rhodes case on his blog, “What the Judge Ate for Breakfast,” in July 2010. The series of posts about the Rhodes case is titled “Presumed Guilty.” (blogs.kansas.com/courts/category/presumed-guilty). Sylvester’s blog was essential in finally getting parole records turned over for further review.

Woodman divided the class into three groups to begin investigating Rhodes’ case. One group reviewed trial transcripts, noting who testified, their testimony, and the state’s evidence. From this initial examination they identified red flags that warranted further investigation. The second group scoured evidence custody receipts from the Wichita Police Department. They tracked the evidence received and tried to determine its whereabouts. The third group reviewed appellate briefs and the Kansas Supreme Court’s decision on Rhodes’ appeal.

The three groups then read trial transcripts and evaluated the job of the prosecution to determine whether any evidence might remain for DNA testing. From there, the students formulated their findings. “We did a thorough evaluation of the case,” Woodman said. “The state’s star witness against [Rhodes] had a motive to kill the person and had blood all over him yet he wasn’t investigated.”

To learn more, Woodman and Sylvester visited Rhodes in prison on Oct. 9, 2010, Rhodes’ 56th birthday. “We made it clear we were not there in a representational manner

but there as members of the public to discuss his story,” Woodman said.

Because they could not take notes, they regrouped afterward in the parking lot to discuss their findings. “We began regurgitating all of the information we could remember from the discussion,” Woodman explained. She said Sylvester followed up with Rhodes on the telephone and was able to confirm their discussions.

Once the students gathered and completed documentation of their findings, Sylvester videotaped their class presentations in October 2010. “I was very proud of the work they did,” Woodman said. Sylvester included the student presentations as part of his Feb. 13, 2011, published report of their investigation (kansas.com/presumedguilty/), which also included video of Sylvester’s interviews with Rhodes and copies of case documents.

“I could not have done all the reporting and research that was necessary for this story without the hours of research by Rebecca and her students. They’re the ones who called attention to the problems in the Rhodes case and spurred the investigation,” said Sylvester.

Evidence that could potentially be tested for DNA in the Rhodes case to help answer the questions brought forth by Woodman, Sylvester, and the Washburn Law students has either been destroyed or misplaced, and Woodman said no one seems to know where remaining evidence might be stored. “We are continuing to investigate additional information from the Wichita Police Department and locate witnesses and evidence custody receipts,” Woodman said. Unless someone comes forward sooner with evidence or more information, students who enroll in the fall 2011 Wrongful Convictions class will pick up where the previous class left the Rhodes case.

Woodman would like to further develop the Wrongful Convictions class experience for students. “We hope to expand it to include other wrongful conviction projects in the future. We will continue to explore other cases that come up.”

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The course touches on other subjects, including state and federal habeas corpus. “It is a well-rounded and essential course for students who want to become criminal lawyers and for those who want to learn more about criminal law. But this class teaches students to be better lawyers no matter what type of law is in their future,” Woodman said.

“I have had students want to become public defenders at the end of the class. I feel good that they are much more aware where law can go right or wrong, and if wrong, how to fix it.”

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ROAD TRIP



A DAY IN THE LIFE AT HINKLE LAW FIRM

By Ryan Smith, law student
Photos by Josh Hamilton, Hinkle Law Firm

When I got the e-mail that I had been selected to participate in the *Hinkle Law Firm road trip*, I was thrilled. This would be my chance to see a day in the life of a *business and transactional lawyer*, something that might make determining my summer and career goals a little easier. Would Wichita be a good fit for me in the future? How would I fare in a midsize law firm? Is business and transactional law as boring as litigators say? Perhaps I would find my answers at Hinkle.

I boarded the bus around 7 a.m., ready for a sleepy ride to Wichita. I didn't expect to squeeze in a full two hours of rest, but I was admittedly surprised—and impressed—when Professor Amy Deen Westbrook handed me an information packet. My disappointment in finding attorney profiles after already researching them was quickly overshadowed by the task at hand: reading a sample letter of intent and a separate fact pattern.

We arrived in Wichita just after 9 a.m., were greeted at the main entrance, and escorted to the 20th floor by the firm's founder, **Winton Hinkle, '68**, and several members. After a brief snack, we settled into our seats in the overflow room, which fittingly looked a lot like a

classroom. After learning the nuts and bolts of a business transaction, we worked through a fact pattern based on one of the more memorable business purchase deals of **L. Dale Ward, '90**. Ward made me feel so understood during his question and answer time, noting that he hadn't forgotten that his primary concerns as a student were "How much work is it?" and "Is it fun?"—questions he answered, while emphasizing the value of continuous learning, saying, "The more you learn what it is you're doing, the more fun practice gets."

I enjoyed a lunch peppered with lively conversation and absurd hypotheticals with attorney **Ryan Farley, '06**, and several other students. We played a quick game of



HISTORY OF THE HINKLE LAW FIRM TRIP

During the fall 2006 semester **Winton Hinkle, '68**, and **Professor David Pierce, '77**, who was, at that time, director of the Business and Transactional Law Center, discussed the possibility of pursuing extracurricular programming for students in the law practice environment and exposing them to lawyers engaged in the practice of law. They implemented this concept during the spring 2007 semester, and each year Hinkle Law Firm has hosted Washburn Law students at the firm's Wichita office. The team of attorneys Hinkle assembled for this year's event included Washburn Law graduates **Donna Bohn, '90**; **Diana Edmiston, '91**; **Ryan Farley, '06**; **Michael D. Herd, '82**; **J. Scott MacBeth, '92**; **J. Scott Pohl, '90**; **David Rapp, '75**; and **L. Dale Ward, '90**.

B&T (business and transactional) trivia before settling back into our seats to learn more about Hinkle Law Firm, its structure, and ways it differs from other firms. Several attorneys introduced us to aspects of business and transactional law ranging from international aircraft purchases to municipal bond offerings, and from commercial real estate to oil and gas. The afternoon wrapped up with an office tour, refreshments, and chatter before the bus made its way back up I-35.

I was particularly impressed by the respect other attorneys gave to **Scott MacBeth, '92**, for his expertise in tax law. I really saw the value in digging into a specialty. All of the lawyers I encountered truly seemed to find satisfaction in their work, and it was reassuring to know that they didn't see misery as a prerequisite to success. I met a group of people passionate about what they do, a team of people that make efforts to relate to each other and help one another through complicated transactions. I learned that each transaction carries with it issues unique

to the client and the situation and that these firm lawyers play an important role in their clients' businesses. Seeing Winton Hinkle reap the benefits of accomplishments of the firm established years ago by him, his wife Pauletta, and his secretary was a perfect example of the long-term payouts of a legal career.

I boarded the bus with the feeling that business and transactional law is an exciting practice area that offers plenty of variety and the rewards of long-term client relationships and friendships. After spending a day with so many people who genuinely liked their jobs, even after decades of practice, I couldn't believe that business and transactional law was as boring as some people might say. If other midsize firms in Wichita or elsewhere are anything like Hinkle, I think spending a summer or career with them would be a worthwhile and rewarding investment. As a law student, the only way to learn what lawyers do is to experience it, and I'm thankful the attorneys at Hinkle gave us such a great opportunity.



washburnlaw Ryan Smith
Boarded bus, was handed a sample letter of intent and fact pattern to review—no one sleeping on the ride [#Hinkle](#)
4 March

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Coffee, doughnuts, and great discussion with Winton Hinkle and several “members” (Hinkle’s equivalent to partners) [#Hinkle](#)
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Dale Ward wants to answer “How much work is it?” and “Is it fun?”—Good, because we were all wondering. [#Hinkle](#)
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Whoa! Ward just said, “Don’t think great thoughts; read the statute.” Am I back in Concannon’s class? [#Hinkle](#)
4 March

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More good advice from Dale Ward: “The more you learn what it is you’re doing, the more fun practice gets.” [#Hinkle](#)
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Moved on to the fact pattern. Truth is definitely stranger than fiction! [#Hinkle](#)
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Ham and cheese, several attorneys, a few students, one outrageous hypo, and scuba-diving in foreign countries. Good lunch. [#Hinkle](#)
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Scott Pohl and Mike Herd emphasize the importance of staying on schedule and being proactive. [#Hinkle](#)
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Scott Pohl shares benefits of long-term relationships and friendships in B&T...nice! [#Hinkle](#)
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A few more interesting topics—drawbacks of oil and gas, the dark side of family law, and billable hours. [#Hinkle](#)
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David Rapp, “The first law that applies to any business transaction is Murphy’s Law: If it can go wrong, it will.” [#Hinkle](#)
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Mike Herd, aviation registration guru, said a mistakenly recorded engine number creates six months of corrective work. I’d hate to be that guy! [#Hinkle](#)
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Winton Hinkle, “Be prepared to spend the rest of your career learning because the law will continue to change.” [#Hinkle](#)
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Winton Hinkle, “A good lawyer is a perpetual student.” [#Hinkle](#)
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Time to rest my brain and stretch my legs—office tour! Cool to see the place. [#Hinkle](#)
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washburnlaw Ryan Smith
Is that a 15-foot table buried under those printed cases, sticky notes, legal pads, and scribbles? Yep. “Office” of a litigator. [#Hinkle](#)
4 March

washburnlaw Ryan Smith
So impressed that these attorneys at Hinkle are still interested in their work after decades of practice! [#Hinkle](#)
4 March

washburnlaw Ryan Smith
Crackers and cheese, chats with some passionate attorneys before the ride home. [#Hinkle](#)
4 March

washburnlaw Ryan Smith
Back on the bus. Long day. Good day, but long. Lots to digest. [#Hinkle](#)
4 March





50th
Anniversary

WASHBURN LAW JOURNAL



Richard Hayse, '69, and The Honorable John Flannagan, '64, at the Washburn Law Journal 50th Anniversary Banquet



Volume 3: Dave Fromme, '65, business manager, and John Flannagan, '64, notes editor



The Honorable D. Keith Anderson, '67, visits with James Ahrens, retired Washburn Law professor.



Volume 6 board of editors: Jerry Levy, '67, notes editor; Clarence Koch, '67, research editor; Philip Egan, '67, business manager; Dale Paulsen, '67, comments editor; Larry Meeker, '67, editor-in-chief; and Keith Anderson, '67, associate editor

OBITER DICTUM

'REMARKS BY THE WAY'

The first editor-in-chief of the *Washburn Law Journal*, **Lowell F. Hahn, '61**, used this title for his column in Volume 1, stating, “This, it is felt, accurately describes the intended purpose of these notes, presently and in future issues—*to inform our good subscribers of incidental occurrences and information which could not be conveyed in any other manner—‘remarks by the way.’* Therefore, *Obiter Dictum.*”



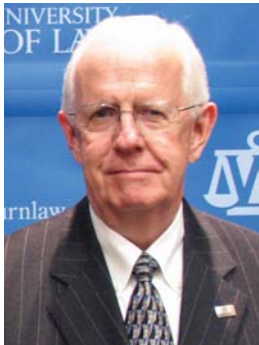
Lowell Hahn, '61, provided an overview of the Law Journal's beginnings at its 50th anniversary celebration banquet on April 16.

The *Obiter Dictum* title continued through Volume 32. Hahn highlighted the beginnings of the *Law Journal* at its 50th anniversary celebration banquet on April 16, 2011.

Remarks from past editors gave an overview through the decades. **Winton M. Hinkle, '68**, discussed how the June 1966 tornado, which destroyed the law school building, impacted the journal. **George A. Barton, '77**, talked about the critical importance of good legal writing, and **Terry Mann, '86**, provided insight on how good writing is the key factor to a successful practice. **Mary Lynch Matthews, '91**, gave an overview of the *Journal's* move into the digital age, and **Robin K. Carlson, '04**, talked about the special issues produced by the Volume 43 staff related to the 50th anniversary of the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision and the law school centennial.



For more information, photos, and video of the event see: washburnlaw.edu/wlj/50thanniversary.



*Winton
Hinkle, '68*



*George
Barton, '77*



*Terry
Mann, '86*



*Mary Lynch
Matthews, '91*



*Robin
Carlson, '04*



*Dona Morris and The Honorable Joseph Morris, '47, visit with
Professor David Pierce, '77, and Theresa Barton.*



*Washburn University School of Law following the tornado of 1966.
The Washburn Law Journal editor's desk in the
forefront is still in use in the Journal office today.*



PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

John F. Kuether Memorial Faculty Awards

To provide an incentive for excellence and to recognize exemplary student writing, the Washburn University School of Law faculty established the Best Note and Best Comment awards. In 1999, the awards were named in memory of Professor John F. Kuether, faculty advisor to the *Washburn Law Journal* from 1987 through 1999. The Hinkle Law Firm LLC, of Wichita, has generously established a fund that helps sponsor the John F. Kuether Memorial Faculty Award. Recipients of the awards have their names engraved on a plaque permanently displayed at Washburn University School of Law.



Michael C. Duma
Best Comment



Jacqueline M. Blaesi-Freed
and *Andrew T. Newcomer*
Best Note (tie)

**John D. Ensley Memorial Award
for Excellence in Legal Writing**

Washburn University School of Law presents the John D. Ensley Scholarship for Excellence in Legal Writing semi-annually to the student who writes the top memorandum in the *Washburn Law Journal* write-on competition held each spring and fall semester. The award memorializes **John D. Ensley, '83**, whose experience on the *Law Journal* made him a careful practitioner of the craft of legal writing.



Robert J. Rojas, Fall 2010, and
Robert Fitzgerald, Spring 2010

The Free Society of GNIP-GNOP

The Free Society of GNIP-GNOP had its first meeting in 1947. Its members were nine Washburn Law graduates who were also members of the Kansas Beta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta social fraternity at Washburn. Although all members did not graduate in the same class, due in large measure to their military service during World War II, they and their spouses have gathered annually at various locations throughout the United States since 1947. It was at one of the mid-year meetings that the members decided to establish a cash award to benefit Washburn University School of Law. GNIP-GNOP stands for one of the group's favorite pastimes. It spells "ping-pong" in reverse.



Jacob L. Porter, Best Note, and
Andrew D. Holder, Best Comment

GNIP-GNOP presented its first award to a law professor who had, in their judgment, been the outstanding law school teacher during that year. They abandoned this practice, however, because the members resided in several states and concluded it was, as a practical matter, impossible for them to know and determine who the outstanding teacher was for the year. Accordingly, they decided to grant two awards each year to student writers on the *Washburn Law Journal*.

The editor-in-chief and other *Law Journal* editors select what they consider to be the three best notes and three best comments. These are sent to all GNIP-GNOP members who determine the winner in each category. A substantial cash award goes to each winner.

Erosion by the sands of time has reduced the number of original GNIP-GNOP members from nine to three. In 2009, GNIP-GNOP was expanded to include the following 1977 Washburn University School of Law graduates and former editors of the *Washburn Law Journal*: **George L. Barton, The Honorable Rebecca W. Crotty, Patty Riley, H. Reed Walker, and Professor David Pierce.**



David McKinney - KU University Relations



Steve Puppe



Steve Puppe

Top: U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor speaks to a group of students on Jan. 28 at “A Dialogue with Justice Sotomayor.” Stephen R. McAllister, professor of law, University of Kansas School of Law, and David S. Rubenstein, associate professor of law, Washburn University School of Law, co-moderated the event. Bottom left: Justin Hocking, ’11, Ernesto Sanchez, ’11, and Vlad Viaud were three of the 12 members of the Hispanic American Law Student Association who had the opportunity to meet Justice Sotomayor. Bottom right: Washburn University President Jerry Farley looks on as Dean Thomas J. Romig introduces Justice Sotomayor to The Honorable Christel E. Marquardt, ’74.

WASHBURN LAW STUDENTS MEET
Justice Sonia Sotomayor
OF THE U.S. SUPREME COURT

Approximately 100 Washburn University School of Law students attended a special appearance by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor at the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics in Lawrence, Kan., on Friday, Jan. 28, 2011. Attendance at the event, “A Dialogue with Justice Sotomayor,” was limited to students and faculty at Washburn Law, the University of Kansas School of Law, and area high school students. Because of high demand, officials set up an overflow location to accommodate interested students. Approximately 300 people were in attendance.

During the event, Justice Sotomayor answered questions from students and the moderators. Her appearance at the Dole Institute was one of several speaking engagements during her two-day trip to Kansas.

Prior to the event, 22 student members of the Hispanic American Law Student Associations (HALSA) at Washburn and KU law schools met with Justice Sotomayor. The Justice shared personal experiences with the students and answered questions. She emphasized the value of relationships and networking.

“The meeting with Justice Sotomayor was inspirational and motivated me to continue with my academic and career choice,” said **Vincent Granado, ’11**, president of HALSA at Washburn. “Her personal stories were heartfelt, and hearing the story of her childhood hardships and perseverance through life made me proud to be Hispanic. I will remember this day, and if I ever lose course in life, I will think of her,” Granado said.

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– Vincent Granado, ’11
President, Hispanic American Law Student Association

The Justice also met with Washburn University President Jerry Farley, Dean Thomas J. Romig, Associate Dean Alex Glashausser, and administrators from the University of Kansas School of Law.

David S. Rubenstein, associate professor of law at Washburn Law, co-moderated the main event and provided a personal introduction of the Justice. Rubenstein clerked for Justice Sotomayor when she was a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Co-moderating the question and answer session with Rubenstein was Professor Stephen R. McAllister of KU Law. Bill Lacy, director of the Dole Institute, provided the welcome. **The Honorable Eric F. Melgren, ’85**, U.S. District Judge, discussed the 150th Anniversary of the Courts of the District of Kansas.

Justice Sotomayor became the nation’s first Hispanic Supreme Court Justice after her Senate confirmation in August 2009. She had served as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit for 11 years before her nomination to the highest court by President Barack Obama.

FOULSTON SIEFKIN LECTURE

Emotions and the Law

*34th Annual Foulston Siefkin
Lecture with Susan A. Bandes,
Professor of Law at DePaul University
College of Law, Chicago*

In her writings, Professor Susan Bandes argues that emotion pervades all aspects of the law and it “propels judges, lawyers, jurors, litigants, and lay public,” and suggesting that empathy and emotion should be regulated is, in her words, “illogical.”

Professor Bandes gave the March 11 Foulston Siefkin lecture that attracted an overflow crowd of law students, professors, and alumni interested in learning more about her thoughts concerning empathy and moral imagination. Widely known as a scholar in the areas of federal jurisdiction, criminal procedure and civil rights, and as a pioneer in the emerging study of the role of emotion in law, Professor Bandes discussed what it might mean for a judge to exercise the qualities of empathy and moral imagination.



Susan A. Bandes

“What does it mean for a judge to exercise moral imagination and is it something we should want our judges to do?” she began. She said that the suggestion that empathy and moral imagination should play some kind of role in judging and the law is often regarded as “incendiary and deeply threatening,” but cautioned that this view mistakes the nature of empathy.

“One difficulty that I think we are having in this national discussion about empathy is that if a judge easily understands what’s at stake for the police officer but not the citizen, for the principal but not the student, then he’s not being blind justice, he’s being half blind toward the concerns of one of the parties.”

Look for Bandes’ article in Volume 51 of the *Washburn Law Journal* in the fall of 2011.



*Jennifer M. Cocking,
Washburn Law Journal
editor-in-chief, Volume 51;
Professor Susan A. Bandes,
DePaul University College of Law;
Professor Myrl Duncan,
Washburn University School of Law;
and Eric V. Turner,
WLJ editor-in-chief, Volume 50*

EXTERNSHIPS ALLOW STUDENTS TO *Think ‘Outside the Box’*

Ali Mohammed Pirali, '11, is grateful for the suggestion that he think “outside the box” for his law school externships. After completing the Interviewing and Counseling course taught by **Shawn Leisinger, '99**, externship director and executive director of the Centers for Excellence, he approached Leisinger about the Washburn Law externship program. Ali was eager to find an opportunity to work in business or immigration law where he could help others in the community. He said Leisinger prodded him to explore other fields for the externship experience, explaining that this would help open up his options for future employment.

“By knowing me and looking at my résumé, he recommended me for a couple of externships, and I considered working at the attorney general’s office. He went above and beyond to help me get that externship.”

Ali completed his first externship in the consumer division of the Kansas Attorney General’s Office in fall 2010, where he worked with supervisor Natalie Hogan and special agents to assist consumers in resolving issues with suppliers. “The oral and written communications work was helpful and transferable to future work,” he said. The externship also allowed him to explore more efficient ways of working and apply his training experience from his previous work as a project manager at Sprint. “I noticed sometimes the work was repetitive. If anything is repetitive, I change it to make it faster.” The result was a short training guide he wrote to benefit future interns and externs.

Washburn Law students must complete a written report at the end of their externship experience that includes the aspects of the externship students found particularly useful to their development as attorneys. Ali in his report

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– Ali Mohammed Pirali, '11



addressed organizational politics and how to avoid its pitfalls. “To avoid office politics, I learned to work toward the goals I was given, listen, and simply do my job.”

Ali also completed a spring 2011 externship at the Kansas Bankers Association, where he researched legal issues for association members and

communicated with legal staff to find resolutions to the issues. He was able to once again apply his knowledge and contribute to a membership manual produced by the KBA legal department under the direction of **Terri Thomas, '88**, senior vice president and legal department director. “She is terrific to work with, and I enjoyed working with the people there.”

In addition to forging lasting friendships with co-workers he met during his externship experiences, Ali said he gained valuable insights by having the opportunity to think “outside the box”—the law school box.

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CLINIC EXPERIENCE HEIGHTENS *Student Marketability*

New job seekers know the vicious cycle: “You can’t get a job without experience, and you can’t get experience without a job.” In today’s highly competitive and evolving job market, the more practical experience you can highlight on your résumé the better chance you have at getting noticed by employers.

The legal profession is no different, and third-year Washburn Law students can gain important practical skills by enrolling in Washburn Law Clinic.

“Washburn Law Clinic students already have many of the skills employers are looking for — appearing in court, interviewing clients, and taking depositions,” said Margann Bennett, director of professional development and pro bono at Washburn Law.

“Working in Clinic moves you along the learning curve quicker and gives you a head start.”

According to Bennett, the current economic reality faced by employers has forced many to rethink their hiring strategies. New employees are expensive to train so businesses have curtailed their training expenditures and are looking for applicants with proven, practical skills.

“In economic downturns, employers, especially in the private sector, look for experience since most likely they have cut back on resources and staff to help train new lawyers,” she said. “Clients are not willing to pay to train new lawyers.”




Whether students are looking to ultimately work in transactional law or litigation, practical skills acquired through participating in Clinic can be applied to all areas of law practice.

“Working with clients directly will help you to be a better transactional lawyer. Any setting where clients depend on you will,” Bennett said. She emphasizes that Clinic teaches law students the nuts and bolts of client interaction; how to work effectively with opposing counsel, supervising attorneys, and professional staff; the realities of working in a professional environment; and how to bill time.

The Clinic experience also provides students with professional recommendations from those who have observed the students’ work in the Clinic setting. These references are invaluable and applicable regardless of a student’s chosen career path.

“Sometimes students think Clinic skills are not relevant to what they want to do, but that’s simply not true. At the very least, the experience gives the Clinic interns confidence that they can do the work.”

Bennet said that confidence combined with real-world experience can provide an advantage to students when applying for jobs. “We’ve had employers specifically request students from Clinic knowing they will have valuable experience.”

 More information about the Washburn Law Clinic is available at washburnlaw.edu/clinic

Transparency in STATISTICAL REPORTING

By Margann Bennett, Director of Professional Development and Pro Bono

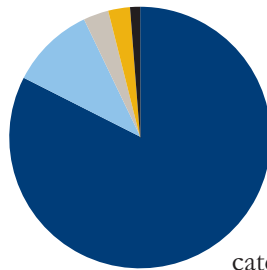
From Senator Barbara Boxer to ABA President Stephen Zack, *law school transparency is getting a lot of attention*. In question are both the quantity and quality of information provided by law schools regarding graduate employment statistics.

BACKGROUND

Law schools annually collect and report graduate job information to NALP: The Association for Legal Career Professionals, the Association of Legal Recruiters, and the American Bar Association. Most law schools also provide the information to various private entities, including *U.S. News & World Report*, which publish the information in annual rankings. In an annual survey, NALP requests very detailed information about every member of the graduating class and uses the aggregate information to publish *Jobs & JDs, Employment and Salaries of New Law Graduates*, containing national, regional and state information related to number and type of jobs taken, salary, and other demographics. The information is not broken down by school. The information collected for NALP then forms the basis for annual reports to the ABA and entities such as *U.S. News*. Those arguing for more transparency would like this data to be more easily available to prospective students and the public.

ABA ACTION

Currently, the ABA does not require law schools to make detailed graduate job information available on law school websites or in admissions materials. In response to the ongoing discussion regarding transparency, the ABA is considering adding a new standard for accreditation, Standard 509(b) on Basic Consumer Information. If adopted, Standard 509(b) will require every law school to provide on its website the following information: employment status (employed, pursuing a graduate degree, unemployed, unknown, and whether employment is funded by the law school); employment type (bar admission required, J.D. preferred, other professional,



non-professional); employment sector (law firm by size of firm, business and industry, government, public interest, judicial clerkship by federal or state court, and academic); and full- and part-time salaries when five or more salaries are reported by category. The information is already collected and submitted to NALP as part of its annual survey; the ABA would simply require law schools to publicize it.

WASHBURN LAW

Washburn Law is, and always has been, committed to providing accurate and understandable information about graduate employment. We understand this information is considered by prospective students and encourage them to ask questions and discuss their plans before making a decision regarding whether to attend Washburn Law. General information about graduate job status (employed, seeking work, pursuing an advanced degree), employment type, and geographic distribution of our graduates has been available on the Washburn Law website and in Admissions publications for many years. In addition, staff members in the Professional Development Office often meet with prospective students to discuss graduate employment information and personal post-graduate career goals. Washburn Law recently began providing all the information suggested by proposed ABA Standard 509(b) on its website. If you know of students considering Washburn Law, please refer them to our website to review employment statistics and encourage them to contact the law school to discuss their plans.



More information about the Professional Development Office is available at washburnlaw.edu/career



*Maddy Rogers, Jordan Blair, Nickolas Templin,
Leah Bockover, Kaitlin Marsh, and Jonathan Kyte.*

CONQUERING MOUNTAINS ON WINTER BREAK

The students packed warm gear for January's winter break trip ready to tackle mountains, the man-made variety that have become obstacles for the homeless desperately seeking shelter.

Six students, members of the Equal Justice Works student organization at Washburn Law, devoted their January winter break to helping strangers, specifically the homeless of Washington, D.C. For nearly a week they scoured areas of the District to ensure homeless families and individuals understood their right to life-saving hypothermia shelter on bitterly cold days.

Jordan Blair, Leah Bockover, Jonathan Kyte, Kaitlin Marsh, Madeline "Maddy" Rogers, and Nick Templin worked with staff at the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless.

The students were divided into groups to canvass locations, collect information on shelter availability, and inform citizens of their rights under D.C. law. Recent redevelopment and a housing boom in blighted areas have impacted the availability of affordable housing, leaving the disenfranchised with few options. In addition to the mounting crisis, one of the local shelters had recently closed, creating even more demand for lodging.

"Shortly before we arrived, D.C. closed a local men's shelter, forcing all men in the area to a shelter called Hermano Pedro," Rogers said. "Here, we made sure that these men knew their rights, as well as observed racial tensions that had been reported due to the previous shelter's closing."

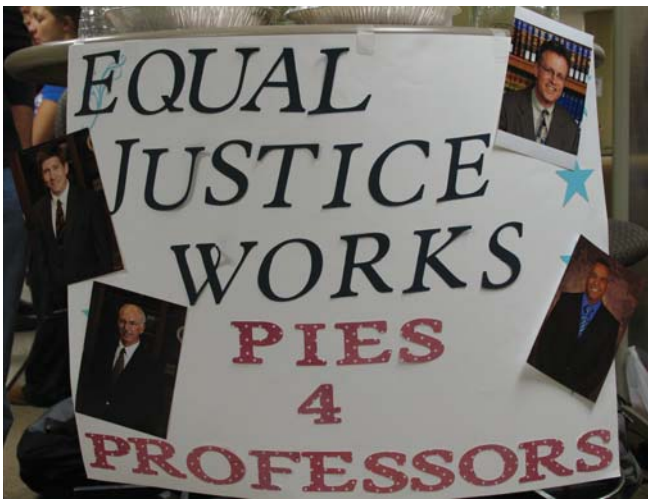
At the Virginia Williams Family Resource Center in D.C., the central intake site for homeless families in the District, the students encountered people with young children seeking shelter for the day or inquiring about

future shelter needs. "We stood outside the family resource center, recorded their names and passed on the information to the legal clinic to try to find them shelter," Templin said.

"The families that we were seeing in need of housing assistance were young, healthy, and educated," said Kyte. "These were not the type of people that are stereotypically thought of as 'homeless.'"

With the District's housing boom came the desire to convert apartments to expensive condominiums, motivating landlords to vacate rental apartments by making conditions intolerable for the residents. "Slumlords let their buildings run down so they don't have to evict occupants. Most unfortunate is that a majority of the time tenants don't understand their rights," Templin explained. The students completed a document review to update a preservation catalog of these at-risk properties. The catalog lists affordable housing developments in the District and enables early identification of projects that are at risk of leaving the affordable housing inventory.

For more than 20 years, Equal Justice Works, which is headquartered in Washington D.C., has collaborated with top law schools to provide effective representation to vulnerable populations throughout the country. Washburn Law has partnered with the national organization for several years, helping to sponsor annual trips for its students to areas of the country where there is a need for legal volunteers.



In previous years Washburn Law students have assisted in New Orleans' relief efforts after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated the region. The student organization also has tackled local community projects, including coordinating a clothing drive for the Topeka Rescue Mission. This is the second consecutive year students have teamed up with the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless. "Washburn Law has a strong commitment to encourage students to do pro bono work," said **Lynette Petty, '87**, interim associate dean for student affairs, associate professor of law, and assistant dean for accommodation. Petty has supervised Washburn Law Clinic legal interns since 1992.

"This trip is the Cadillac of pro bono work. The students work with the Washington Legal Clinic staff members who know how to use the students' skills, and the students hit the ground running," she said.

Washburn law student members of Equal Justice Works are eligible for the annual trips as long as they actively participate in fundraising efforts to help cover travel costs. "We held numerous fundraisers. The Pies for Professors fundraiser was an original idea from our group last year that has turned out to be a school and faculty favorite," said Sean Bartholick, a member of Equal Justice Works who did not participate in the trip but was instrumental in fundraising and planning.

"The professors were very generous with money, time, and faces to pie," Bartholick added. The group also coordinated a bake sale and sold energy drinks. The Washburn Student Bar Association and the law school contributed financially as well. "We have nearly doubled the number of students [participating] from last year, and we couldn't have done it without the help from WSBA and the law school."

Other students who helped behind the scenes to make the trip a reality were **Stephen P. Jones, '11**, and **Levi Morris, '11**, and Courtney Steele.

The students' experience in the nation's capital has left an indelible impression about pro bono work within the practice of law.

"What surprised me the most was the passion that each attorney has for the work," Rogers said.

Kyte said he realized that helping others is not synonymous with being poor. "The lawyers helping out were able to make a living for themselves and still managed to help others. The attorneys were not destitute; they were paying their bills. I know I can be an attorney and do something good."



Professor Jeff Jackson, '92, "receives" a lemon pie, courtesy of an Equal Justice Works fundraiser. Professor Michael Hunter Schwartz, left, wipes pie remnants from his face.

MY BARBADOS EXPERIENCE

Studying in the Sun

By Lauren Tevis, law student

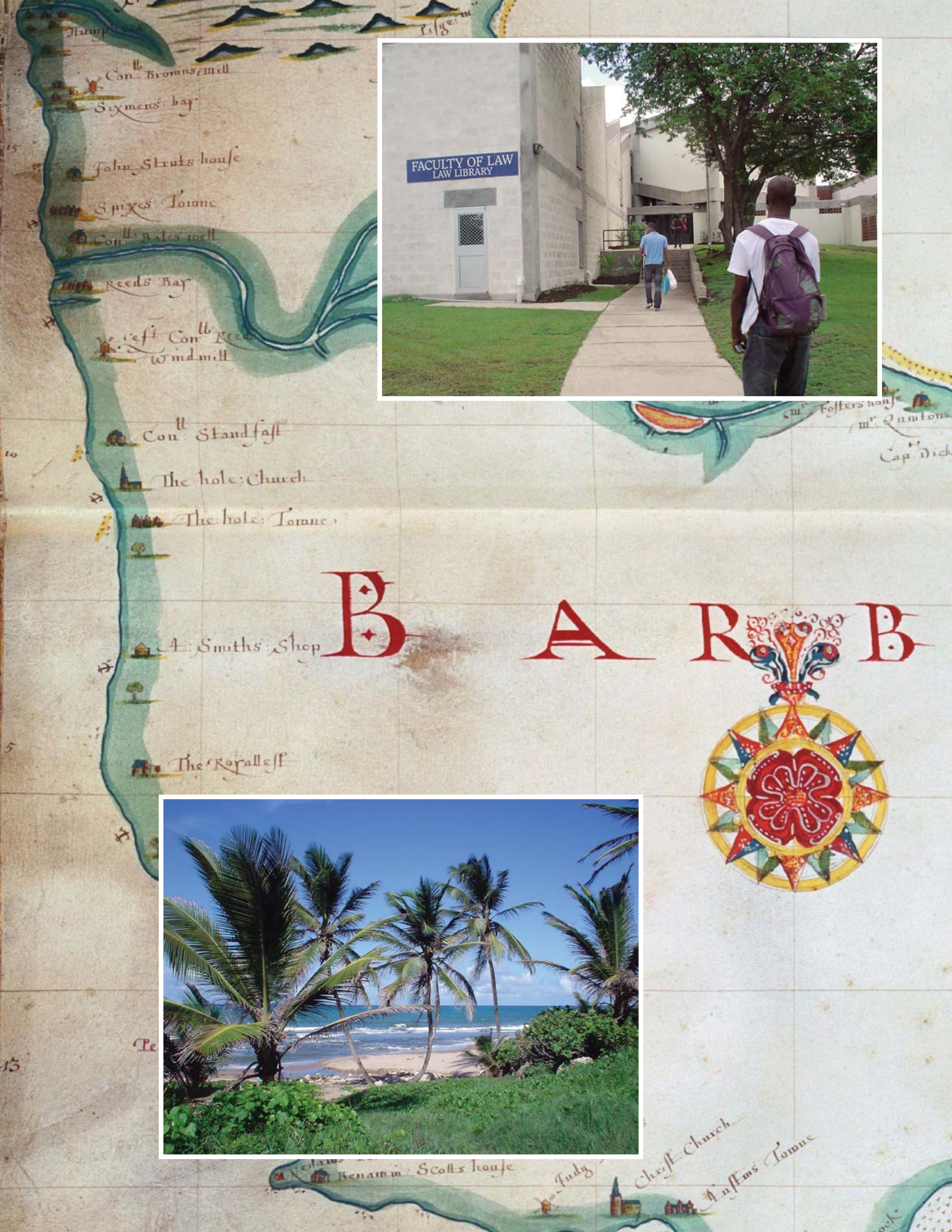


Second-year law students Lauren Tevis and Jessica Dotter were two of 17 students who participated in the 2010 Summer Study Abroad Program on Barbados. Another 12 Washburn Law students are participating in the 2011 program.

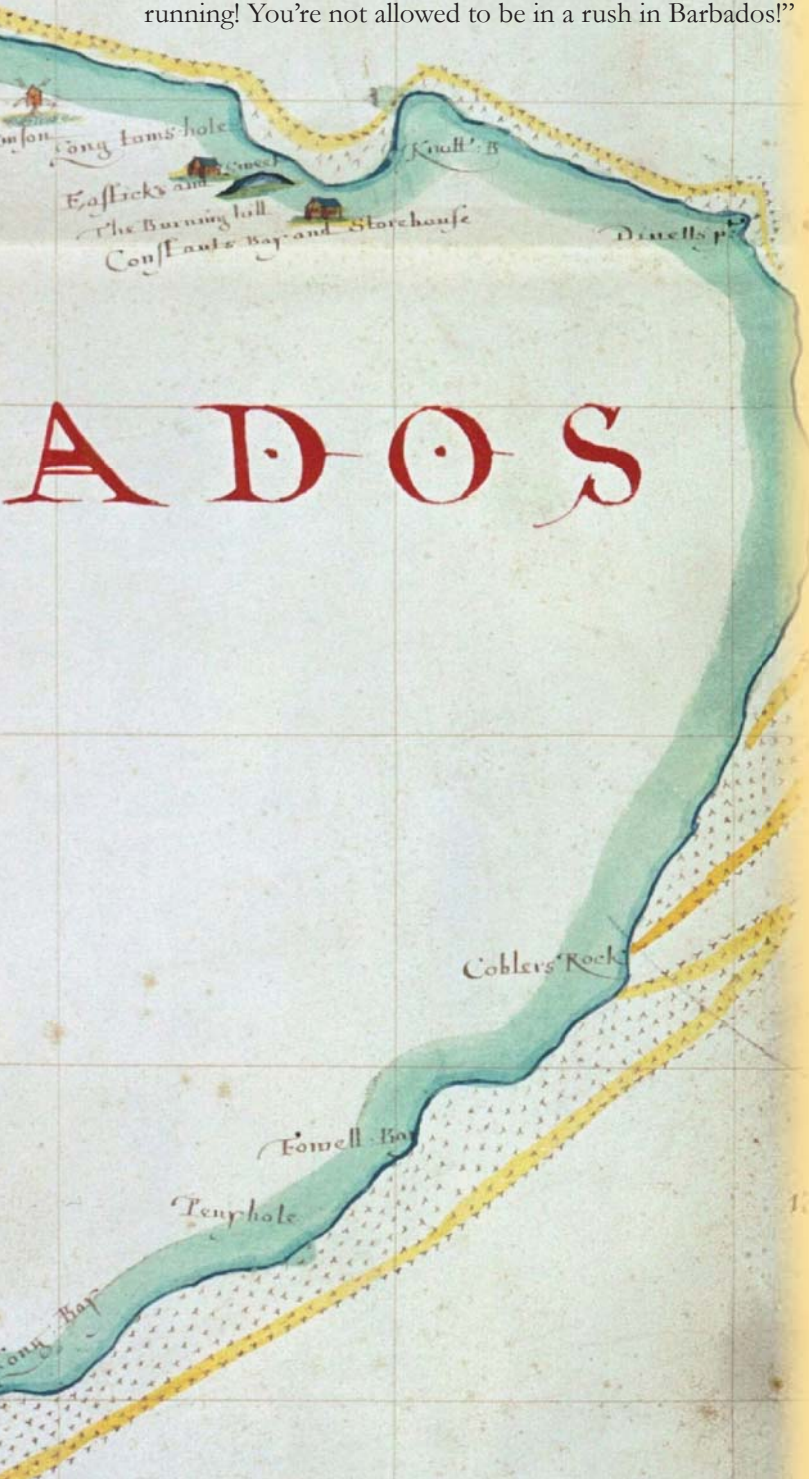
I decided to study abroad in Barbados at the spur of a moment. Professor Nancy Maxwell, the study abroad coordinator, had walked into the informational meeting wearing a bright dress, sunglasses, and a sun hat while dancing to island music. After seeing a few pictures of the beautiful Caribbean island and learning a bit about the program, I conferred with my friend, Jessica Dotter, and we decided this was an opportunity we couldn't pass up. We immediately ran up to the dean's office, registered, and wrote checks to secure our spots. We were the first two on the list. During the rest of that semester I imagined how in just a few months I would

be on a beach, studying, with a fruity drink in hand. I'm pretty sure it was the only thing that got me through my appellate brief.

Other than thinking about the beach, I was not sure what to expect. Professor Maxwell had given us a student handbook, but it mostly contained information about what to pack and different facts, like it is illegal to wear camouflage in Barbados. This was the first year for the Washburn Law Barbados program, and there being no other study abroad programs in the Caribbean, we were true guinea pigs. For me, that added to the experience



of being immersed in a new culture. We had to figure everything out for ourselves, including where to eat dinner every night (the campus cafeteria closed at 4 p.m.), the bus schedule (there isn't one), and of course, locations of the best beaches. None of these challenges were hard to overcome because the locals were always willing to help. I was often reminded of the Midwest culture that I love so much. I never encountered anyone who was too busy or in too much of a hurry to give directions or answer a question. Perhaps it was because everyone in Barbados runs on "island time," where everything can always wait. One time I was racing across a street to avoid oncoming traffic and a local Bajan (what the people of Barbados call themselves) yelled out, "Stop running! You're not allowed to be in a rush in Barbados!"



When I was not rushing to a beach, I did actually study, despite what my parents may think. I tried combining beach time with studying, but quickly learned the wind, sand, and irresistible ocean waving for me to come and enjoy were not conducive studying conditions. I attended class from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday and read one to two hours per night. The first three weeks, Professor Rory Bahadur taught Products Liability, and the last three weeks, Professor Amy Deen Westbrook taught International Economic Law. Both classes were co-taught by University of West Indies professors, which was an interesting experience. They taught in lecture style rather than the traditional law school Socratic style. Not only did we receive a quality academic experience, but the students got to know the professors on a more personal level. Office hours were held at Scotty's, a restaurant at the bottom of the hill from the campus, and the professors would buy refreshments for everyone to share while we asked questions.

Another unique aspect about the Washburn Law Barbados program is that there is no other law school study abroad program on a tropical island, and not many in developing countries. It was an interesting experience living in a country where the standard of living is much lower than that in the United States. Most people live in chattel houses, which are wooden structures built on blocks rather than anchored into the ground. They are small and have no air conditioning. Although one might equate poor neighborhoods with a higher crime rate in the U.S., this is not true for Barbados. The country has an extremely strict gun policy to help protect its tourism industry, and I never felt scared or threatened walking through the neighborhoods at night. Ninety percent of the people of Barbados are of African descent, and although at no time was I treated as an outcast or looked down upon, I definitely experienced what it's like to be a minority. June is not a high-tourism month, so it was rare to see other Caucasians. The other students and I were well-known at the establishments and beaches close to campus and were often referred to as "Kansas" rather than our names. When we said good-bye to our new friends, some of them insisted on taking pictures with us for remembrance.

Although I was in Barbados for only six weeks, I learned a lot about myself. I encountered situations that were unfamiliar to me but learned how to adapt. I grew as a person as I embraced a culture that is very different from my own, and learned that I am more independent than I initially thought. The spontaneous decision to study abroad turned out to be a spectacular life experience.

Allen and Kay Mitchem

SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS FHSU GRADUATES

Allen Mitchem, '47, lived on the family farm southeast of Oakley in Western Kansas in the early 1930s during the height of the depression and dust bowl. A student work program and a loan from his Aunt Ruth provided him with the money to enroll at Fort Hays State University. Mitchem was an excellent student, active in campus life, and the faculty named him outstanding male student of the year in 1940.

After graduation, Mitchem took a teaching position at Ellis High School and enrolled at Washburn University School of Law the following year. The 1941-42 academic year was punctuated by the bombing of Pearl Harbor, but Mitchem was able to complete the school year at Washburn after enlisting in the Navy's V-5 Flight Training Program.

He began flight training at the Olathe Naval Air Station and graduated in the top 10 percent of his advanced flight training class from the Pensacola Naval Air Station. He was commissioned second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. As a pilot, Mitchem flew an estimated 200,000 miles carrying military cargo throughout the Pacific. After the war, he enrolled at the University of Denver College of Law because classes there started in January. He completed a year at Denver and returned to Washburn Law graduating *magna cum laude* in 1947. He then was accepted at Columbia University School of Law and received his LL.M. in 1948.

Mitchem returned to Denver University, and for the next five years he taught full-time in the College of Law. He became an expert on water law, joined officials from Denver, and testified on pending water law legislation before Congress. Mitchem was being tugged by the opportunities of private practice but declined a position with one of Denver's most prestigious law firms because he enjoyed the diversity of legal issues that his smaller private practice allowed. He took a short sabbatical serving as minority counsel to the Senate Interior Committee



during the 87th Congress. Again Mitchem was recognized for his superior service by a unanimous and bipartisan resolution of the committee. Back in Denver, his practice thrived and he served as the permanent arbitrator of grievances and disputes between Martin Marietta Corporation and the International Union of Aerospace Workers.

During the next several decades, Mitchem focused his practice in the area of real estate planning and development. And at an age

when most attorneys have retired, Mitchem, at the age of 70, won a multi-million dollar jury verdict in U.S. District Court.

Mitchem is a strong family man. He and his first wife, Irene, had three sons, all of whom obtained post-graduate degrees. After Irene's death, Mitchem remarried. He and his wife, Kay, now enjoy international travel, as well as their home in Denver that overlooks the majestic Rocky Mountains.

Mitchem's love of the law started at Washburn in 1942 where he was warned that "the law is a jealous mistress." He has never doubted the truth of that statement during the past 69 years. Recently Allen and Kay took their love of Washburn to a new level by making provisions in their estate plans for scholarships to be awarded to graduates of Fort Hays State University who enroll at Washburn University School of Law.

"We thank Allen and Kay for their deep commitment to Washburn Law and for generously including this scholarship in their estate plans," said Dean Thomas J. Romig.

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@wufoundation.org.

Bud and Peggy Cowan Law Scholarship Fund



Wendell F. “Bud” Cowan Jr., ’74, and Peggy S. Martin established the Bud and Peggy Cowan Law Scholarship Fund to benefit Washburn Law students from Cowans’ undergraduate institutions. Bud, a partner with Foulston Siefkin, LLP, in Overland Park, Kan., practices in the areas of litigation and employment law. He is a graduate of Kansas State University, and Peggy is a graduate of Washburn University.

“I am very proud to have been accepted for attendance by, to have been reasonably successful academically at, and to have graduated from Washburn University School of Law,” said Cowan. “Whether in private practice, government, or private business, the law is the most honorable profession. In the nearly four decades since obtaining my J.D., I cannot imagine a more satisfying career that would not have been possible without Washburn Law.

“My wife Peggy, who is CEO of TFI Community Services Inc., and works with lawyers and the legal community on a daily basis, shares my pride of the profession and Washburn Law in particular. Peggy and I want to ‘give back’ to Washburn Law attendees from our schools. Bringing the best and brightest to Washburn Law enhances our school and the bar in general. We appreciate the opportunity to make this gift and are very thankful for the opportunities we’ve had to be able to do so.”

Dean Romig commented, “The Cowans’ scholarship will offer brighter futures for its recipients and will ensure that deserving students are supported in their law school studies.”

Ronald DeMoss Law Scholarship Fund



Ronald DeMoss, ’80, is senior vice president and general counsel for Rent-A-Center Inc., in Plano, Texas. He received his bachelor’s degree in journalism from the University of Kansas in 1976.

“I know how tough it is to fund a law school education,” said DeMoss. “I want to help students with that burden, and fortunately I’m able to do so. I am extremely appreciative of Washburn giving me the opportunity to obtain a law degree. I’m sure I was close to the cut-off line at Washburn. That makes me all the more grateful for Washburn providing me with the skills for a satisfying, financially gratifying, and occasionally thrilling career that has spanned more than 30 years and far exceeded all expectations of an average student from Wichita.”

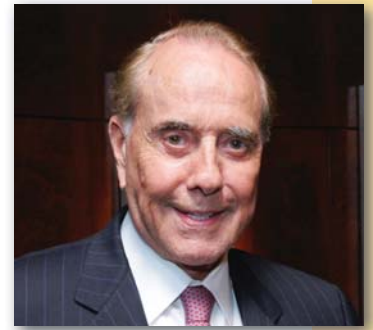
“Ronald’s determination to succeed in law school and in his profession is the essence of the Washburn Law student we work diligently to recruit. His scholarship fund will help us provide for meritorious students who exhibit those same attributes,” remarked Dean Romig.

Senator Robert J. Dole Law Professorship

Senator Robert J. Dole, ba '52 and jd '52, continues his generous support for Washburn University School of Law. Washburn's illustrious alumnus has seen great advances at the law school. Most recently, the Center for Law and Government was launched, and new Center Director Reginald Robinson has made great progress, establishing a certificate program this spring.

Professorships have been instrumental in attracting and retaining top faculty members. Washburn Law is in an excellent competitive position to recruit superior candidates, such as Professor Robinson, with the benefit of professorships like the Senator Robert J. Dole Law Professorship.

"Senator Dole is a vital partner in the work of Washburn Law, and his gifts continue to propel the Center for Law and Government and the School of Law," said Dean Romig. "Senator Dole is an unwavering supporter and staunch advocate of Washburn University School of Law."



Dwight D. Dumler Law Scholarship Fund

Dwight Dumler, '93, *magna cum laude*, is senior vice president of Government Affairs for Rent-A-Center Inc., in Plano, Texas. He received a bachelor's degree in finance from Wichita State University in 1989.

Dumler recently established a homestead scholarship with preference for students from Wichita State University. Dwight was the recipient of the Shughart, Thomson & Kilroy Law Scholarship while he attended Washburn Law.

"It is gratifying to be able to give back," said Dumler. "The support I received during law school made a great experience even better."

Dean Romig said, "The Washburn Law community is grateful for the scholarship fund that Dwight has created and for his resolve to help provide students with a positive law school experience similar to the one he fondly remembers."



Anonymous 1985 Washburn Law Graduate Endows Scholarship for Students Pursuing Career in Government or Administrative Law

The graduate, in making the gift, acknowledged his access to and instruction from the highly qualified and professional law faculty at Washburn Law. He said that such opportunities had provided him with a quality education, which has resulted in his satisfying legal career as both a practicing attorney and a judge. His gift will provide future students wanting to pursue a public or administrative law career with the opportunity to do so.

GTrust Law Scholarship Fund



(Left to right) Stephen R. Page, executive vice president; Daryl V. Craft, president and CEO; and Stephen C. Funk, senior vice president

Three Washburn Law alumni play pivotal roles in the success of GTrust: **Daryl V. Craft, '77**, president and CEO; **Stephen R. Page, '77**, executive vice president; and **Stephen C. Funk, '78**, senior vice president. The three had extensive banking experience before founding GTrust. They represent the core of an experienced team of trust and investment professionals who are committed to providing customers with up-to-date information on retirement, financial and estate planning, investments, and tax planning. The firm manages hundreds of millions of dollars in assets for clients across the country. Recently the three alumni chose to increase their support for Washburn Law by establishing the GTrust Law Scholarship.

“We decided that much of our success at GTrust was a direct result of the education we each received at Washburn University School of Law,” said Craft. “We want to give back to our school. We are pleased to see the new Centers, especially the Business and Transactional Law Center headed by Director and Professor Amy Deen Westbrook.”

“The success of Washburn Law and its Centers for Excellence is directly related to the commitment and support of donors, like our GTrust alumni, whose desire to give back enriches the law school in its entirety,” said Dean Romig.

Professor J.B. Reeves and Julie Reeves Law Scholarship Fund



My father, Jean B. Reeves, joined the Washburn University School of Law faculty several months before he completed a career as the general attorney for the Santa Fe Railroad (later Burlington Northern Santa Fe),” said Douglas B. Reeves, Ph.D. “Although he enjoyed the practice of law, his happiest years were those in the classroom. I had the opportunity to observe a few of his classes, watching him engage students with provocative questions, sharing his booming and infectious laugh, and displaying mastery of the content he was teaching. Years later, his former students tell my mother how much Professor Reeves meant to them, how he took time to work with them individually, and how deeply he respected his students.

“Beyond the law school, Washburn University also enriched the cultural lives of my parents and our entire family over the years. We were raised listening to Washburn choral and instrumental musicians take on increasingly challenging repertoire before growing audiences. Among my favorite memories of a Topeka childhood were trips to the Art Museum, White Concert Hall, and before the 1966 tornado that devastated the campus, the old music building. I hope that my modest gifts to the law school and music department will not only honor the commitment of my parents to students of every age, but also provide help to the next generation of attorneys, teachers, and musicians.”

“We are honored that the Reeves family has chosen to support the Washburn family in memory of Professor Reeves and as a reflection of their family’s cherished experiences with art and music programs on the Washburn campus,” remarked Dean Romig.

The Gorny/Waugh Scholarship Fund

Stephen M. Gorny, '94, *magna cum laude*, is a partner in the law firm of Bartimus, Frickleton, Robertson, Gorny, in Leawood, Kan. He earned bachelor's degrees in political science and sociology from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He and his wife, Erin E. Waugh Gorny, recently established the Gorny/Waugh Scholarship Fund.

"My wife and I are both pleased and proud to start a scholarship at Washburn University," said Stephen. "Although Erin attended the University of Kansas School of Law, her grandfather William K. Waugh II graduated from Washburn, and her uncle **Curtis Waugh, '87**, attended and teaches at Washburn. Through my personal experience in Topeka and that of Erin's family, we have come to greatly appreciate the quality of education the school provides. The faculty, class sizes, facilities, and alumni formulate a true 'gem' of a law school in the heart of Kansas. We want to see the institution continue to flourish so that other people may know and experience all that Washburn has to offer.

"I also felt it was important to provide funding in a manner that can be applied to an individual student because I still clearly remember the financial struggles I went through during those three years. With fondness and fear, I recall securing an apartment within walking distance of campus because my car would often not start and had little to no heat during the winter months. I recall routine meals of macaroni and cheese because of its appealing 43 cents per box price tag. I also smile when thinking about taking the back roads to Lawrence when visiting Erin so that I could save the 40-cent toll on I-70. While I am certain those experiences helped to formulate a sound work ethic, and I would not trade them for anything, I believe that more time worrying about tort and property law, rather than the rent check, will benefit any student who receives the Gorny/Waugh Scholarship.

"While I do not get back to Topeka as often as I would like, each time I do I am reminded of the wonderful people at Washburn University. I am also routinely pleased to recognize so many of the faculty when I receive the Washburn University School of Law magazine. Remarkably, there are more than a dozen faculty members at Washburn who were teaching when I graduated 17 years ago. Two others on staff were students when I was in school. That alone speaks volumes about the dedication of the school's professors."

Dean Romig stated, "Washburn Law is fortunate to have donors like Stephen and Erin whose desire is for others to not only have the opportunity to attend law school but also be able to focus their attention on achieving academic excellence."

Sharp McQueen, P.A. Law Scholarship Fund

Kerry McQueen, '65, is president of Sharp McQueen, P.A., in Liberal, Kan. He received a bachelor's degree from Fort Hays State University in 1961. He recently established the Sharp McQueen, P.A. Law Scholarship Fund.

"From my experience as past president of the Fort Hays State University Foundation, I have concluded that donors do not give to institutions, they invest in ideas and people in whom they believe," McQueen said. "I believe in the endeavors of Washburn University School of Law."

"Washburn Law is privileged to be the recipient of the Sharp McQueen Law Scholarship, and we are heartened by the firm's desire to invest in our students and the law school's mission," said Dean Romig.



Manuel B. and Y. Margot Mendoza and Family Law Scholarship Fund



Manuel “Manny” Mendoza, ’58, always appreciated the education and opportunities Washburn University School of Law bestowed upon him. The first Mexican-American graduate at the law school, and the first lawyer in a long line of Mendozas, he understands the difficulty of balancing academics and working to pay for tuition. During law school, he pressed on through many night shifts at Topeka State Hospital and two other jobs to finance his education, often rushing to morning classes with no sleep. Manny recalls the assistance of Dean Schuyler W. Jackson, who found him a seat by the rear door of the classroom in old Boswell Hall when Manny’s work schedule made him miss the start of class. Dean Jackson also insisted the University provide a small loan to assist Manny in financing his last semester. With the added responsibilities by his third year of a new wife, Margot, and first child, Noelle, he understood the resolve needed to graduate. Within these experiences grew a desire to assist future students from similar backgrounds in some small way so they might not struggle as he did. The idea of funding a law scholarship was born.

But for Manny and Margot, those plans were put on hold with the advent of two more children and the need to provide an education for their family. He and Margot knew their gains (she is an alumna of Baker University, where she met Manny) could be quickly reversed if their children did not follow an enlightened path. All three children went on to Baker, and the last two, **Lisa Mendoza, ’84**, and **Marcos Mendoza, ’89**, graduated from Washburn Law. Furthering his education, Marcos is pursuing an LL.M. in insurance part time in addition to his current career. While Manny and Margot supported Washburn throughout those years by contributions, tuition for their children or volunteer service on the board of governors, the idea of a scholarship came off the shelf when Manny retired after 43 years of claim management and legal counsel duties with State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company. Manny and Margot have been long aware of the changing demographics in the United States, but many Mexican-Americans still could not avail themselves of educational opportunities, creating generational cycles of hardships. The Manuel B. and Margot Mendoza and Family Law Scholarship will assist young Mexican-Americans who might have average grades but are good citizens and could be in leadership roles throughout society if they can garner the graduate skills needed. The scholarship was established for students with this background in mind so they might benefit throughout their careers, as Manny has from his legal education and affiliation with Washburn Law over the past half-century.

Dean Romig said, “Manny and Margot planted the scholarship ‘seed’ in their hearts early on. Through the years, they cultivated their desire to affect a change in society, and now, thanks to their generosity, deserving law students will reap the benefits of the Mendozas’ vision.”

Jerry and Margaret Norton Law Scholarship Fund



Following four years of practice in Salina, **Jerry Norton, ’62**, received his LL.M. degree from Northwestern University, Chicago, and joined the law faculties of IIT/Chicago-Kent and later Loyola University Chicago, where he has been a member of the faculty since 1971. After their move to Chicago, Margaret pursued graduate studies and entered college teaching in the field of art history.

“Education is a lifetime enterprise. Colleges that launch us on this enterprise deserve special gratitude and support. Margaret and I did our undergraduate studies at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina. Following this I attended Washburn University School of Law. We wish to acknowledge debts to these schools by creating a scholarship at the law school with preference given to Washburn Law school students from Kansas Wesleyan

University. Through this fund we hope to express our gratitude to both schools by helping provide financial support for their students.”

“We admire and are thankful for the Nortons’ incalculable desire to improve the futures of aspiring law students,” said Dean Romig.

Tom and Lucy Loftus Law Scholarship Fund

Thomas A., '80, and Lucy Loftus established the Tom and Lucy Loftus Scholarship because “scholarships provide an important tool to enable the law school to recruit candidates, as well as provide financial assistance to prospective law students who might not otherwise have an opportunity to attend law school.”

“Washburn Law provided me with an excellent legal education, conducted in a positive learning environment that has significantly contributed to my professional career, and I wanted to give back some measure of rewards that Washburn equipped me to earn,” said Tom. “Donors funding a scholarship can specify a particular emphasis for the recipient. Accordingly, the Tom and Lucy Loftus Scholarship is dedicated to law students who have expressed an interest in pursuing a career as in-house counsel. As an added bonus, the donation qualifies for matching funding by my employer, Chevron U.S.A. Inc. The Tom and Lucy Loftus Scholarship is set up in perpetuity and will afford me the opportunity to continue donations for additional students.”

“Tom and Lucy have been generous with their time, talent, and treasure throughout the years. The scholarship they have established continues their philanthropic legacy that will benefit Washburn Law students well into the future,” stated Dean Romig.



Dean Thomas J. and Pamela J. Romig Scholarship Fund

Since arriving at Washburn Law, Dean Romig has been committed to ensuring that the law school has the means necessary to recruit highly qualified students from all corners of the nation. In doing so, Washburn Law must be able to compete with other law schools in attracting high-caliber students who want to pursue challenging careers in the legal profession. “By offering significant scholarships, we can compete for these talented students and continue to build a better foundation for the future of Washburn Law,” said Romig.



Calvin K. and Diane L. Williams ITAP Scholarship Fund

Calvin K. Williams, '78, is a criminal defense lawyer in private practice in Colby, Kan. He and his wife, Diane, have established the Calvin K. and Diane L. Williams ITAP Scholarship Fund.

“As I get older, I realize that most of my adult life has been spent practicing law, and that as an attorney, I have had opportunities unavailable to non-lawyers,” said Williams. “Simply put, were it not for Washburn Law none of the opportunities I have experienced would have been possible. I believe that giving back is important and that it pays dividends.

“Since its inception, I have been fortunate to teach a week each May in the Intensive Trial Advocacy Program, and in doing so I know I have learned more from the students than I have given. Helping extend the opportunity to obtain a law degree to others through a scholarship is the least I can do to show my appreciation to Washburn University School of Law and my respect for the profession.”

Dean Romig said, “Cal has been a devoted leader of our Intensive Trial Advocacy Program and an unfailing champion for the law school’s mission. We are thankful for Cal and Diane’s altruism in funding this scholarship and for supporting the activities of Washburn Law and its students.”



ALUMNI

In Memoriam

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

37 **Bernard D. Cohen**, Chattanooga, Tenn., on Oct. 24, 2010, at age 95

47 **Glenn D. Cogswell**, Topeka, on Feb. 7, 2011, at age 89

48 **Marion W. Chipman**, St. Petersburg, Fla., on Jan. 3, 2011, at age 90

48 **Thomas E. Kelly**, Topeka, on March 24, 2011, at age 90

49 **Harold D. Oelschlaeger**, Overbrook, Kan., on Dec. 27, 2010, at age 85

50 **Robert “Jack” Corber**, Williamsburg, Va., on Jan. 25, 2011, at age 84

50 **William E. Stillings**, Topeka, on Nov. 11, 2010, at age 87

51 **William Wilbur “Bill” Dimmitt**, Tulsa, Okla., on Dec. 24, 2010, at age 94

51 **Ronald K. “Ron” Richey**, Colorado Springs, Colo., on Aug. 25, 2010, at age 84

53 **Stan E. Wisdom**, Wichita, on Feb. 13, 2011, at age 83

57 **Gene E. “Lefty” Schroer**, Berryton, Kan., on Dec. 11, 2010, at age 83

58 **Jerry Ann Foster**, Cambridge, Md., on March 29, 2011, at age 79

61 **Anthony “Tony” R. Russo**, Prairie Village, Kan., on Dec. 25, 2010, at age 75

68 **Paul L. Thomas**, Marion, Kan., on Aug. 27, 2010, at age 66

69 **Kenneth P. Seck**, Leawood, Kan., on March 4, 2010, at age 65

70 **Frank L. Johnson**, Racine, Wis., on Sept. 27, 2010, at age 71

75 **The Honorable Michael G. Moroney**, Kansas City, Kan., on May 13, 2011, at age 64

78 **Steven L. Davis**, Emporia, Kan., on Jan. 10, 2011, at age 57

78 **William Maurice Henry**, Topeka, on May 7, 2011, at age 64

79 **Linda Joyce Triplett**, Bellevue, Wash., on Jan. 8, 2011, at age 57

80 **Richard W. Parker**, Naples Fla., on Feb. 16, 2011, at age 56

81 **Michael F. Brunton**, Topeka, on March 24, 2011, at age 62

81 **Thomas W. Moorman**, Arvada, Colo., on April 7, 2011, at age 58

82 **Ronald E. Yaklich**, Pueblo, Colo., on Dec. 25, 2010, at age 62

86 **Laurence A. Bransgrove**, Amarillo, Texas, on Nov. 30, 2010, at age 49

87 **Gerard Rush Rodriguez Metz**, Topeka, on May 4, 2011, at age 58

99 **Stephen M. Estelmann**, Madison, Wis., on Aug. 4, 2010, at age 61

CLASS *Actions*

64 Austin Nothorn, '64, Topeka, Coffman, DeFries & Nothorn, has been named the 2011 Topeka Tax Lawyer of the Year by *The Best Lawyers in America*, a national legal referral guide. He was also included in the most recent edition of *Missouri and Kansas Super Lawyers* in tax, estate planning, and probate. The law firm was named in Topeka Tier 1 of the *U.S. News & World Report Best Lawyers Best Law Firms 2010*.

65 John R. Hamilton, '65, Topeka, an attorney with the law firm of Hamilton, Laughlin, Barker, Johnson & Watson, was selected in the field of eminent domain by *U.S. News & World Report* and *The Best Lawyers in America* and is the only lawyer named in eminent domain in *Missouri and Kansas Super Lawyers*.

69 Jack S. Bender, '69, Halstead, Kan., was elected to the executive committee of the Kansas Learning Center for Health board of trustees.

- **Wesley A. Weathers, '69**, Topeka, is a partner in Weathers, Riley & Sheppard, which was recognized as a Topeka Tier 1 firm by *U.S. News & World Report Best Lawyers Best Law Firms 2010*.

70 Lynn R. Johnson, '70, Mission Hills, Kan., was named 2011 Medical Malpractice Lawyer of the Year by *Best Lawyers* and was honored by the Kansas Association for Justice with the creation of the Lynn R. Johnson Justice Award.

- **Dennis W. Moore, '70**, Lenexa, Kan., retired in January after serving 12 years in the U.S. House of Representatives.

73 Shoko K. Severt, '73, Wichita, was reappointed to the National Endowment for the Arts in October. Her initial appointment was in 1995.

74 Jerome P. Hellmer, '74, Salina, Kan., was appointed chief judge of the 28th Judicial District, which serves the Kansas counties of Saline and Ottawa.

75 Robert H. Royer Jr., '75, Abilene, Kan., was the recipient of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award.

77 Maurice D. Copp, '77, Lincoln, Neb., retired as staff attorney from the Department of Veteran's Affairs Office of Regional Counsel after 31 years of federal service.

- **Franklin D. Diehl, '77**, Lawrence, Kan., was appointed by Governor Mark Parkinson as a public member of the Kansas Lottery Commission.
- **Vernon L. Jarboe, '77**, Topeka, and **James R. McEntire, '77**, Lawrence, Kan., of the Sloan Law Firm, were named to the 2011 list of the *The Best Lawyers in America* practicing in the greater Kansas City region. Jarboe was selected by his peers in the field of real estate law, while McEntire was selected in the field of family law.
- **C. William "Bill" Ossmann, '77**, Topeka, was selected Adjunct Professor of the Year at Washburn Law. He was honored at the law school's May commencement.
- **Patricia E. Riley, '77**, Topeka, is a partner in Weathers, Riley & Sheppard, which was recognized as a Topeka Tier 1 firm by *U.S. News & World Report Best Lawyers Best Law Firms 2010*.

78 Thomas Arnhold, '78, Topeka, was appointed to the Kansas Workers' Compensation Appeals Board.

- **S. Lucky DeFries, '78**, Coffman, DeFries & Nothorn, Topeka, was included in the most recent edition of *Missouri and Kansas Super Lawyers* in tax and appellate law. The law firm was also named in Topeka Tier 1 of the *U.S. News & World Report Best Lawyers Best Law Firms 2010*.
- **Gregory V. Pelton, '78**, Colorado Springs, Colo., has joined the law firm of Sparks Willson Borges Brandt & Johnson in the commercial litigation practice of the firm.

79 Edward S. Kushi, '79, Wailuku, Hawaii, was named first deputy corporation counsel for the County of Maui.

80 Jill Bremyer, '80, McPherson, Kan., has opened a new law office, Attorney Adoption Law LLC, in McPherson that practices adoption and infertility law.

82 Judith L. Olander, '82, Topeka, an assistant attorney for the City of Topeka, has been named the recipient of The Honorable E. Newton Vickers Professionalism Award by the Topeka Bar Association.

84 Alice E. Perry, '84, Springfield, Mass., was awarded a Ph.D. from Northeastern University in January 2011. Perry has spent the majority of her legal career prosecuting major felony cases in the Massachusetts Superior Courts.

- **Cynthia J. Sheppard, '84**, Topeka, is a partner in Weathers, Riley & Sheppard, which was recognized as a Topeka Tier 1 firm by *U.S. News and World Report Best Lawyers Best Law Firms 2010*.
- **Kenneth M. "Mike" Warner, '84**, Kansas City, Kan., federal prosecutor, has been appointed first assistant U.S. attorney for the District of Kansas.

88 Nicholas B. Cox, '88, Tampa, Fla., was named statewide prosecutor by Florida's Attorney General.

- **Michael W. Peters, '88**, Sun Prairie, Wis., president and chief executive officer of WPPI Energy, has been elected to the board of directors of American Transmission Co.

91 Charles "Chuck" J. Graves, '91, Gladstone, Mo., was promoted from senior attorney to associate area counsel for the IRS Office of Chief Counsel.

- **Scott A. McGlasson, '91**, Lenexa, Kan., recently received the Outstanding Service/Lawyer of the Year award from

his law firm Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP. McGlasson opened the firm's Kansas City regional offices in late 2006 and currently manages the region's operations.

93 John J. Briggs, '93, Greeley, Colo., was appointed a Weld County court judge by Governor Bill Ritter.

94 Maureen O. Bryan, '94, University City, Mo., was honored by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* for winning the largest defense verdict in 2010. • **Leslie Kaufman, '94**, Topeka, is president and chief executive officer of the Kansas Cooperative Council. • **W. Charlie Smithson, '94**, Des Moines, Iowa, was named chief clerk of the Iowa House of Representatives.

96 Matthew P. Patterson, '96, Chicago, is senior vice president and market trust director of US Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management in Chicago.

97 Timothy J. Langland, '97, Lawrence, Kan., has joined Americo Financial Life and Annuity Insurance Company, Kansas City, Mo., as in-house counsel. • **Clint J. Westhoff, '97**, Dallas, Texas, has joined Goranson, Bain, Larsen, Greenwald, Maultsby & Murphy PLLC as an associate.

98 Jason C. Neal, '98, Houston, Texas, opened a law practice focusing on commercial taxpayers throughout Texas in *ad valorem* taxation matters such as valuation disputes and delinquent taxes.

99 Donté L. Martin, '99, Wichita, was appointed the city's municipal court administrator. Martin has worked for the Wichita municipal court since 2005.



WHO ARE THEY?

Do you know what event this is at the law school? What year was it? Do you recognize any of the speakers or audience members? Submit your answers to carolyn.barnes@washburn.edu or [facebook.com/washburnlawschool](https://www.facebook.com/washburnlawschool).

00 Darrin C. Devinney, '00, El Dorado, Kan., is the Butler County attorney. • **Lynelle D. Homolka, '00**, Central City, Neb., is the Merrick County attorney.

01 Duane M. Randle, '01, Linn Creek, Mo., opened the law firm of Price & Randle LLC in Osage Beach, Mo.

02 Augustin G. Simmons, '02, Fort Myers, Fla., was selected as a Rising Star in *Florida's Super Lawyers Ratings and Magazine 2010*.

03 Renee C. Leeds-McDaniel, '03, Overland Park, Kan., is an associate attorney with the law firm of South & Associates LC.

04 Andrew R. Davidson, '04, Buhler, Kan., is with the Reno County District Attorney's Office in Hutchinson, Kan.

05 Zachary J. Anshutz, '05, Topeka, was named general counsel for the Kansas Insurance Department. • **Michael J. Burbach, '05**, Overland Park, Kan., has joined Boston Options Exchange Group LLC, Overland Park, Kan.

06 Mary K. Hanisch, '06, Chicago, recently graduated from Loyola University Chicago School of Law with a master of laws degree in business and corporate governance law and is a clinical fellow at the Loyola Business Law Clinic. • **Aubrey N. Jacobs, '06**, Lawrence, Kan., is program manager for the National Alliance on Mental Illness-Kansas. • **Rand E. Simmons, '06**, Emporia, Kan., opened a solo practice that handles criminal and traffic cases as well as juvenile and family law. Previously, Rand worked for Kansas Legal Services in Emporia.

07 Brett A. Jarmer, '07, Topeka, has joined Kauffman & Eye. • **Terri J. Pemberton, '07**, Topeka, has joined the Cafer Law Office.

BRUNS APPOINTED TO KANSAS COURT OF APPEALS



David E. Bruns, '84, was appointed by Governor Sam Brownback to the Kansas Court of Appeals on April 14, 2011. Judge Bruns previously served as a judge for the Third Judicial District Court of Kansas in Shawnee County. Brownback described Bruns as “an accomplished jurist” who will “serve with honor and distinction.” Bruns’ selection fills the vacancy created by the appointment of **The Honorable Nancy L. Moritz, '85**, to the Kansas Supreme Court in November 2010.

After graduating from Washburn Law with honors, Bruns joined the Topeka law firm of Goodell, Stratton, Edmonds & Palmer LLP. He was named partner in 1989 and practiced with the firm until 1999 when he was appointed as a Kansas district court judge for the Third Judicial District. His professional associations include the Kansas District Court Judges Association, the Kansas, Topeka, and American bar associations, and The Honorable Sam A. Crow American Inn of Court. He founded the Topeka-Shawnee County Youth Court in 1983 and currently chairs the Court’s Adult Advisory Committee. In 2004 Judge Bruns received the Americanism Award from the American Legion–Department of Kansas for his work on Youth Court. Judge Bruns has been an adjunct professor at Washburn Law since 1997, teaching courses including Complex Litigation, Pretrial Advocacy, and Trial Techniques.

08 Martisse L. Best-Dettmer, '08, Elizabethtown, Ky., recently completed a two-year stint as a prosecutor for the U.S. Army in the JAG Corps. She currently serves as a special assistant to the U.S. Attorney’s office for the Western District of Kentucky and as an administrative attorney for Fort Knox, Ky. • **Grace R. Talley Willnerd, '08**, Lincoln, Neb., was hired as the licensing director and assistant general counsel to the Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale. She will be serving as the in-house counsel for the business services and licensing divisions of the state.

09 Alejandro “Alex” C. Cuellar, '09, El Paso, Texas, is an investigator with the El Paso County Public Defender. • **Jessica L. Dorsey, '09**, Utrecht, The Netherlands, is a junior lecturer at the University of Utrecht teaching general public international law and comparative human rights law. • **Megan L. McCann, '09**, Cimarron, Kan., is an associate attorney with the law firm of Tamara L. Davis PA. • **Samuel A. Green, '09**, Topeka, is an associate in the law firm of Fisher Patterson Saylor & Smith. • **Hunter Moore, '09**, Holbrook, Ariz., is government relations administrator for Navajo County, Ariz. • **Aaron R. Sauerwein, '09**, Wichita, has joined Hinkle Law Firm LLC as an associate.

10 Ashley M. Barton, '10, Kansas City, Mo., joined Polsinelli Shughart as an associate at its Kansas City office. She will work in the Financial Services department focusing on loan enforcement. • **Eric W. Clawson, '10**, Pittsburg, Kan., has joined the law firm of Wheeler & Mitchelson Chartered. • **Jaskamal P. Dhillon, '10**, Dodge City, Kan., has joined Garcia & Antosh LLP. • **Ashley G. Hawkinson, '10**, Kansas City, Kan., joined Polsinelli Shugart as an associate at its Kansas City office. She will work in the trial department focusing on toxic and mass tort matters. • **Nathan R. Hoffman, '10**, Wichita, Kan., has joined Depew Gillen Rathbun & McInteer LC. • **Kimberly A. Honeycutt, '10**, St. Mary’s, Kan., works in the business department of Polsinelli Shughart as an associate at its Kansas City offices. She will practice in the areas of science and technology. • **Jennifer N. Horchem, '10**, Hays, Kan., has joined Deines & Deines Law Firm in WaKeeney, Kan. • **Daniel A. Jack, '10**, Andover, Kan., was appointed Kansas Securities Commissioner by Governor Sam Brownback. • **Darin L. McCollum, '10**, Goddard, Kan., is an associate at Hinkle Law Firm LLC. • **Ryan K. Meyer, '10**, Wichita, is a law clerk for **The Honorable J. Thomas Marten, '76**, Wichita. • **Andrea K. Ohlman, '10**, Lindsborg, Kan., works as an assistant county attorney for Saline County, Salina. • **Kursten A. Phelps, '10**, Lawrence, Kan., received the Raymond Spring Award from the Washburn Law Clinic. Phelps is the immigration and outreach project attorney for the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence. • **Stephanie A. Ralston, '10**, Topeka, Kan., has joined the Johnson County District Court, Olathe, as a research attorney. • **Kristina A. Scally, '10**, Topeka, earned her Washburn law degree simultaneously with a master of laws, *cum laude*, from Maastricht University. • **Jonathan D. Stokes, '10**, Emporia, Kan., has joined Foulston Siefkin LLP, Wichita.


GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION DECLARING LAW DAY – APRIL 22, 2011



Governor Sam Brownback signs a proclamation making May 1, 2011, Law Day in Kansas. Front row, left to right: Paula Huff, Topeka Bar Association (TBA) executive director; Ardith Smith-Woertz, current TBA president; **The Honorable Judge Sam Crow, '52**; Governor Sam Brownback; **Angel Zimmerman, '06**, Law Day co-chair; Diane Bellquist, TBA Young Lawyer's president and 5K chair; and **Jim Parrish, '73**, TBA immediate past president. Back row, left to right: Dean Thomas Romig, **Tom Stratton, '84**, TBA current vice president; and Kansas Supreme Court Chief Justice Lawton Nuss.



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- \$250/year for 4 years — Life Membership installment plan

Washburn Law Faculty

NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

EMILY GRANT

Visiting Associate Professor

Emily Grant began teaching legal writing courses at her alma mater, the University of Illinois College of Law, where as a student she served as articles editor for the *Illinois Law Review*. She joined the University of Kansas School of Law faculty as a part-time lecturer in the Lawyering Program. Later Grant was named as a full-time lawyering professor while also working with students as part of the Academic Resources Program. Before transitioning to a teaching career, Professor Grant was senior court counsel for the Palau Supreme Court, which serves the small island nation located in the Pacific Ocean. She also clerked at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and for the U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois.

WILL FOSTER

Associate Professor

Will Foster has been hired as an associate professor. He came to Washburn as a visiting professor in 2010 from private practice with Friday, Eldredge & Clark, LLP, in Fayetteville, Ark., where he focused on tax and corporate matters. His practice extended to private equity and financing matters for a variety of companies, as well as corporate acquisitions and reorganizations. Professor Foster received his juris doctor, *summa cum laude* and first in his class, from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, and his master of laws in taxation from New York University School of Law. He has been an adjunct instructor at the University of Arkansas School of Law, where he taught Nonprofit Organizations, and

Mergers & Acquisitions. Professor Foster is a member of the Bar of the State of Arkansas and the Federal District Courts for the Western and Eastern Districts of Arkansas.

PATRICIA JUDD

Associate Professor

Patricia Judd joins Washburn Law after a two-year term as a visiting assistant professor at Brooklyn Law School, New York. She is an experienced international trade attorney with a master of laws in intellectual property law from The George Washington University Law School. She has advised U.S. and foreign governments regarding intellectual property protection and international trade policy, and has directed copyright enforcement initiatives worldwide. Professor Judd previously served as executive director of international copyright enforcement and trade policy for the Association of American Publishers in Washington, D.C. She also was a trademark attorney with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and an international consultant to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission in Sydney, Australia. She earned her bachelor's degree from Duke University and her law degree from Vanderbilt University School of Law.

CRAIG MARTIN

Associate Professor

Professor Martin brings to Washburn Law expertise in international law, particularly the law of war. He has studied law in Canada, Japan, and the United States, and his comparative work is on Japanese and

Anglo-American law. Most recently, he was visiting assistant professor at the University of Baltimore School of Law. For several years he taught intensive courses on comparative constitutional law as a visiting lecturer at Osaka University, Graduate School of Law and Politics, Japan, and taught comparative law as an adjunct professor at Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto. Professor Martin graduated from the Royal Military College of Canada and served four years as a naval officer in the Canadian Armed Forces, during which time he was naval attaché in the Canadian Mission to the United Nations. He obtained a master of laws from Osaka University. After earning his juris doctor from the University of Toronto, he practiced civil litigation for several years at Stikeman Elliott LLP and Lenczner Slaght Royce Smith Griffin LLP in Toronto. He left practice in 2006 to pursue his doctor of juridical science at the University of Pennsylvania.



Aida M. Alaka



Betty Fischer



Will Foster



Patricia Judd



Jalen O'Neil Lowry



Craig Martin

JOE MASTROSIMONE

Associate Professor

Professor Mastrosimone has served as chief legal counsel for the Kansas Human Rights Commission since October 2009. For more than a decade he has dedicated his career to labor and employment law working for government agencies and law firms, including Stinson Morrison Hecker, where as an associate he represented employers before the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, National Labor Relations Board, and state and local fair employment practices commissions. He also served as senior counsel to the five-member National Labor Relations Board with respect to the adjudication of representation cases arising from union organizing campaigns in the Office of Representation Appeals. He previously was an adjunct professor at The George Washington University Law School, his law school alma mater, where he served as notes editor of the *George Washington Law Review* and was a member of Order of the Coif. Professor Mastrosimone has been an adjunct professor since January 2010 at the University of Kansas School of Law teaching lawyering skills to first-year law students.

NEW ASSIGNMENTS

AIDA M. ALAKA

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Aida Alaka was promoted to professor of law and named associate dean for academic affairs effective summer 2011. Before joining Washburn Law in 2005, Professor Alaka was a lecturer at the University of Kansas, where she taught courses in legal research and writing, race discrimination law, and higher education law. Prior to that, she was a partner at the Chicago law firm of Winston & Strawn, focusing on employment law counseling and litigation. Professor Alaka was also a member of the litigation practice group at Holleb & Coff and was seconded to Sears, Roebuck and Company's corporate law department, where she counseled management on employment law issues and managed litigation. Professor Alaka received her law degree from Loyola University Chicago School of Law, where she was editor-in-chief of the *Loyola University Law Journal* and a staff writer for the *Loyola University Consumer Law Reporter*.

JALEN O'NEIL LOWRY

Associate Dean for Student Affairs

Jalen O'Neil Lowry, '87, was hired as associate dean for students affairs. She returned to the law school from her private practice in estate law in 2008. She previously taught at Washburn Law from 1989 to 2001. She earned her bachelor's degree from Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kan. After graduating from law school, she clerked for Justice Harold S. Herd and Chief Justice Robert H. Miller of the Kansas Supreme Court. Professor Lowry is licensed to practice in Kansas state courts, the U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

MOVING ON

J. LYN ENTRIKIN GOERING

Professor Lyn Goering, '87, has accepted a full-time faculty position at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, William H. Bowen School of Law. She joined Washburn Law as a visiting assistant professor in 2003 and became associate professor of law in 2004.

RONALD C. GRIFFIN

Professor Ron Griffin has accepted a full-time faculty position at Florida A&M University College of Law, Tallahassee, Fla., beginning fall 2011. He joined Washburn Law in 1978.

WILLIAM G. MERKEL

Professor William Merkel has accepted a faculty position at the University of South Carolina School of Law, Columbia, S.C. He joined Washburn Law as an associate professor in fall 2005.

RETIREMENTS

ELIZABETH 'BETTY' FISCHER

Betty Fischer, director of administration, retired after 24 years of service to the law school.

CAROL RHODES

Carol Rhodes, secretary, Washburn Law Clinic, retired after 14 years of service.



J. Lyn Entrikin Goering



Emily Grant



Ronald C. Griffin



Joe Mastrosimone



William G. Merkel



Carol Rhodes

ALUMNI NEWS & Events



S. Lucky DeFries, '78



John M. Duma, '81



John R. Hamilton, '65



S. Ken Morse, '80

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Alumni Association welcomes four new members to the board of governors. All are members of the law school Dean's Circle.

S. Lucky DeFries, '78, Topeka, is a shareholder in the law firm of Coffman, DeFries & Nothorn, PA, where he practices in the area of state and local taxation. He has a bachelor's degree from Ottawa University. DeFries is past president of the Tax and Administrative Law Sections of the Kansas Bar Association, where he currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Tax Section. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the National Association of State Bar Tax Sections, having previously served as its chairman. He teaches the state and local tax course at Washburn University School of Law.

John M. Duma, '81, Olathe, Kan., is a sole practitioner concentrating on criminal law, personal injury, and workers' compensation. Duma received an undergraduate degree in political science from Washburn University while lettering four years in varsity basketball. He is a member of the Wyandotte and Johnson County Bar associations, has been admitted to practice law in state and federal courts of Kansas and Missouri, and the U. S. Supreme Court. Duma is a volunteer with the Kansas Lawyers Assistance Program and is the chairman of the Wyandotte County Ethics Committee.

John R. Hamilton, '65, Topeka is with the law firm of Hamilton, Laughlin, Baker, Johnson & Watson. His practice focuses on eminent domain litigation. He graduated from Union University, Jackson, Tenn., with a bachelor's degree in economics. Hamilton is a member

of the Topeka, Kansas, and American bar associations and the Owners' Counsel of America.

S. Ken Morse, '80, Topeka, recently retired as division general counsel of Hill's Pet Nutrition, a division of The Colgate Palmolive Company. He is a member of the American, Kansas, and Topeka bar associations, and the American Corporate Counsel Association. Morse has served on the boards of Family Service and Guidance Center of Topeka, Friends of the Topeka Zoo, Topeka YMCA, and the Auburn-Washburn Public Schools Foundation. He received his undergraduate degree from Kansas State University.

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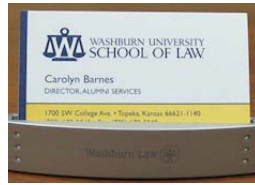
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11-12 Fifth Annual Domestic Case Management Training

19 1L Picnic, Lake Shawnee, Topeka

26 2L and 3L Picnic, Law School South Patio

SEPTEMBER 2011

8 Southwest Kansas Bar Association Meeting, Dodge City, Kan.

15 Second Annual Business Law Student Reception, Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center

16-17 Class of 1986 25-year Reunion

OCTOBER 2011

6 Distinguished Practitioner in Residence, **Steve Minnis, '85**, president of Benedictine College, sponsored by the Business and Transactional Law Center

14 6th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament and CLE, Alvamar Golf Course, Lawrence, Kan.

15 Board of Governors Meeting, Marriott Country Club Hotel, Kansas City, Mo.

15 Dean's Circle Dinner and Reception, Marriott Country Club Hotel

20-21 Breaching Borders Immigration Symposium

28 Alumni Fellows Luncheon, Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center

NOVEMBER 2011

4 Family Law Scholar in Residence, Professor Fergus Ryan of the Dublin Institute of Technology

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