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I am deeply honored and extremely excited to join the Washburn University School of Law family. In the short time I have been Dean, I have been gratified and encouraged by the warm receptions I have received from you, our alumni.

Your enthusiasm and support for the Law School reflect a tremendous educational experience that was enriching both professionally and personally. This nurturing educational environment, in which the faculty not only excels at scholarship and is exceptional in the classroom but also is open and accessible to every student, is truly unique among law schools. This extraordinary tradition was one of the powerful attractions for me to Washburn University School of Law. I intend to ensure that this distinctive attribute of our Law School continues to flourish.

Our Law School's regional and national reputation is built upon a solid foundation of excellence in legal education, commitment of the Law School at every level to the success of students, and the diverse educational and professional backgrounds of its faculty members. Washburn Law continues to demonstrate its excellence in numerous areas: the Legal Analysis, Research, and Writing Program was recently recognized in the top 25 in the nation by US News and World Report; we have one of the best student-to-faculty ratios (13.9-1) among all law schools; our moot court teams continue to excel at nationwide competitions; our bar pass rate in 2006 was 90% for Kansas and 92% for Missouri; and our Centers of Excellence and our widely recognized Clinical Program are leaders on the national level. The recent addition of the joint JD-MBA program with the School of Business will further enhance opportunities for our students. We have much to be proud of. One of my primary goals is to "shine the light" on the excellence of Washburn University School of Law, both regionally and nationally.

My years of experience have shown me that organizations that succeed and thrive are those that forge ahead, capitalize on their strengths, and find new opportunities. Organizations that don't do these things tend to wither, wilt, and decay. We will not wither on my watch but rather will press onward to seize opportunities and build on the Law School's tradition of excellence. With your help and the tremendous support of President Jerry Farley, we will move the Law School forward to set the standard for others to follow. If you haven't already, please join me in this great endeavor. Thank you.

*Sincerely,
Tom Romig*





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Dean Thomas J. Romig



Washburn University School of Law welcomed its new dean, Thomas J. Romig, Major General, U.S. Army, retired, on July 2, 2007. Dean Romig comes to the School of Law from a distinguished career. A native of Manhattan, Kan., Romig graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in social sciences from Kansas State University and a commission as a Second Lieutenant in Military Intelligence through the Army ROTC program.

Although interested in law school, Romig chose to enter the Army after graduating from Kansas State and following basic training was assigned as a paratrooper at Fort Bragg, N.C. During his fourth year of service as a military intelligence

officer he was participating in military exercise when his parachute canopy collapsed and he fell 75 feet and broke his back. It was then that he decided to revisit his earlier interest in law school. He applied and was selected for the Army Funded Legal Education Program, attending law school at Santa Clara University School of Law in California. After serving as an editor on the *Santa Clara Law Review* and a member of the Honors Moot Court Board, Romig graduated with honors in 1980. Upon graduation, he became an officer in the Judge Advocate General's Corps.

His many military legal assignments included prosecuting felony and misdemeanor criminal cases in Texas; Chief of Planning for the JAG Corps; Chief of Assignments for the JAG Corps; Chief Legal Officer for Army Air Defense forces in Europe; and Chief Legal Officer for U.S. Army V Corps in Germany and U.S. Army forces in the Balkans. Additionally, for three years he taught International Law at the ABA-accredited Judge Advocate General's School, in Charlottesville, Va. While at the JAG School, in addition to teaching, he served as



a thesis advisor and reviewed research papers for both new- attorney and graduate-level courses.

As a senior leader in the JAG Corps, Romig's other military positions included Chief of Army Civil Law and Litigation and Chief of Military Law and Operations, both in Washington, D.C. In 1996, he received a Master's degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.

From October 2001 to October 2005, Romig served as the 36th Judge Advocate General of the Army, the top military lawyer for the U.S. Army, during one of our nation's most challenging periods in recent history. He led and supervised an organization of more than 9,000 personnel comprised of roughly 5,000 active and reserve military and civilian attorneys and more than 4,000 paralegal and support personnel spread throughout 328 separate offices in 22 countries. He oversaw a world-wide legal practice including civil litigation, criminal prosecution and defense trial practice, criminal appellate practice, an independent military judiciary, international law, administrative law, legal assistance, labor and employment law, environmental law, fiscal and procurement law, claims, and ethics compliance.

Romig was the principal military legal adviser to the Secretary of the Army, the Chief of Staff of the Army, and key members of the Army senior leadership team. He planned for and sustained the largest combat mobilization and deployment

of military legal personnel since World War II.

Romig also institutionalized the first strategic planning process for the Army JAG Corps to lead the way for dramatic change in how legal services are provided to the Army.

“Throughout my legal career, I have had an abiding interest in legal education and working with young people.”

As the Judge Advocate General, Romig conceived the strategic plan to vastly expand the JAG School's scope and effectiveness by creating the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School. As part of that expansion, Romig realigned and physically moved all Army paralegal training and education from a traditional Army training facility located at a fort in South Carolina to Charlottesville, Va., creating a paralegal academy within the Legal Center structure that dramatically enhanced the education of the Army's several hundred paraprofessionals. He also established the first ABA-accredited paralegal degree program for all Army paralegals.

After retiring from the Army in 2005, Romig became Deputy Chief Counsel for Operations with the Federal Aviation Administration. In this key executive position within the FAA legal department, he oversaw the Airport and Environmental Law Division, the Personnel and Labor Law Division, and the Enforcement Division. In addition, he supervised nine multi-disciplinary Regional Counsel Offices and the Aeronautical Center Counsel Office. For a period of five months, he was the Acting Chief Counsel of the FAA, until a political



appointment was made by the President to fill the position.

During his career as a JAG, Romig thought numerous times about returning to academics as a law school dean. After his retirement from the Army, the law

schools which had openings for a dean did not interest him.

Romig's interest in a deanship was piqued again when he learned of the opening at Washburn University School of Law. He was attracted to the excellent reputation of the law school as well as the opportunity to return to Kansas, where he still had family. The opportunity also allowed him to do what he had long desired to do — return to working in legal education and helping people prepare for legal careers. After applying, interviewing, and visiting the law school, Romig knew Washburn Law was the fit he was looking for.

“Throughout my legal career, I have had an abiding interest in legal education and working with young people. I believe my greatest strengths and enjoyment lie in developing new lawyers, motivating and caring for those in my trust, and developing and implementing a vision that transforms legal institutions to enhance their effectiveness and expand their potential. I believe I have a leadership style that capitalizes on collegiality and the abilities and strengths of the members of the organizations I have been privileged to lead,” stated Romig.

He continued, “I believe new lawyers need to be imbued with the values and ethical tenets of our profession and the worth of public service.”

Romig is admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, the U.S. Army Court of Criminal Appeals, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, and the Supreme Court of the State of California. During his career, Romig has received numerous awards and recognition including the following: Santa Clara University School of Law Alumni Association Special Achievement Award; United States Senate Tribute for Military Service, Congressional Record June 14, 2005; Kansas Senate Resolution #1833, March 2006, for Distinguished Military Service; Kansas House Resolution #6021, March 2006, for Distinguished Military Service; Kansas State University Distinguished Alumni of the ROTC Program; Hungarian Ministry of Defense Distinguished Military Service Award; United States Army Distinguished Service Medal; United States Army Legion of Merit; and United States Army Meritorious Service Medal (five awards).

Those on campus and at the law school who have had the opportunity to work closely with Romig have expressed their enthusiasm:

“Washburn University School of Law has a long proud history of excellence. Because of our reputation we are able to attract high-quality faculty and students. The position of Dean is also a coveted one across the nation. Dean Romig emerged as the top candidate from our search process. He comes with an extensive background, not only in the practice



President Jerry Farley

demonstrated ability to succeed and to motivate others to excel,” said Dr. Jerry Farley, president, Washburn University.



Prof. Nancy Maxwell

interviewed people who had worked with him and they described him as a compassionate leader, who was able to recognize individuals’ talents and place them in positions that allowed them to succeed. Because of this ability, Tom had consistently selected people from diverse backgrounds to work with him, which is very much in keeping with the tradition of our law school. When Tom interviewed on campus, he thoroughly enjoyed interacting with the students and his enthusiasm was absolutely infectious. I believe all of these leadership qualities will be invaluable as we compete to recruit top

of law but in the oversight and administration of a prestigious complex legal organization. Tom will continue our tradition of providing quality legal education and caring for our students. He has a

students, continue to expand job placement opportunities for our graduates, and hire talented faculty and staff members.”

Bernie Bianchino ’74, who served as the other co-chair of the dean’s search committee, added, “It

is easy to simply look to Tom Romig’s many accomplishments and honors and reach the conclusion that he will be a great dean. But, I believe that it will be his ability to relate to people and his capacity to make everyone feel that he cares about them personally that will make him stand out as a dean and as the leader Washburn Law needs.”

When discussing faculty, staff, and students at the law school, Dean Romig said, “Through all of my experiences and interactions, the one common thread has been my emphasis on the value and importance of each individual not only for what each contributes today but also for what each can become in the future.” He continued, “My experience taught me that success comes to institutions and organizations when they place this value ahead of all else.”

Faculty, staff, and students of the School of Law are elated to have Dean Romig join the school and are looking forward to him leading the law school to its next level of excellence in legal education. Romig said, “I can think of no greater pursuit which will enable me to contribute in as broad and enduring fashion to our profession than being a law school dean. I want to shine the light on Washburn Law, not only regionally but nationally as well.”



Bernie Bianchino



C. William 'Bill' Ossmann '77

Alumni

Bill Ossmann

received the Adjunct Professor of the Year Award from the law school graduating Class of 2007. An award greatly deserved for an individual who puts his heart and soul into not only Washburn University School of Law, but the Topeka community as well.

Ossmann graduated with a BS in mathematics from Kansas State University in 1973, a JD from Washburn Law in 1977, and an MPA from the University of Kansas in 1992. In addition, Ossmann completed courses in fire science from Kansas City and Hutchinson Community Colleges.

After graduation from law school, Ossmann started a private practice with a fellow graduate for one year before he went to work as a criminal prosecutor in the district attorney's office. In 1993, Ossmann became an assistant district attorney and later first assistant district attorney for Shawnee County, Kan. From 1993 to 1997, he worked as a special assistant attorney general for the Kansas Department of Agriculture, and since 1997 he has worked for the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation services, currently serving as chief litigation attorney.

Ossmann began teaching at Washburn Law back in the 90's. "I taught trial advocacy a long time ago when only a few faculty members taught class. We re-worked the program in the 90's, and I have fallen into adjuncting ever since." Ossmann also is extensively involved in the Washburn Law Intensive Trial Advocacy Program (ITAP). In addition to teaching students, Ossmann participates in the NITA (National Institute for Trial Advocacy) outreach program sponsored by Washburn Law. Ossmann believes the NITA Outreach provides a great service, "I think the county attorneys are grateful that Washburn Law offers the outreach program. It gives them additional experience and learning opportunities convenient to their location." Ossmann puts in countless hours preparing for and instructing the ITAP and NITA courses. He also serves as a faculty member of the Rocky Mountain Regional Trial Skills programs and the National Public Service

Lawyers Program at NITA's National Education Center in Louisville, Colo., and the Midwestern Regional Trial Skills Program and Midwestern Deposition Program in Chicago, Ill.

Ossmann gives an inordinate amount of time back to the School of Law, but he doesn't feel like it is work. "I feel like I have fun rather than feel like I'm working at giving something back. It's a chance to re-charge, have fun, and a chance to re-examine what you do when you are teaching others." He enjoys the chance to work with law school students. When he worked in the DA's office he would supervise the offices interns and enjoyed that as well.

Ossmann believes the most important aspect of being a trial attorney is to "be prepared." He said, "I may not have been the most brilliant attorney, but I was certainly the most prepared. The outcome is always better that way. Teaching students and other practitioners the best way to be prepared to succeed is very rewarding, and I always come away learning something new."

In his spare time Ossmann serves as volunteer fire chief and an EMT with the Shawnee County Fire District #4, which covers portions of western Shawnee County and eastern Wabaunsee County. He also trains fire service and EMS personnel on liability and legal issues.

Ossmann reflects on his profession stating, "The law is fun and very rewarding. It's a profession that has more impact on others lives than many professions, and it is something to be taken seriously. However, everyone should remember not to take themselves quite so seriously."

Through Ossmann's dedication and service to the Law School, he has helped build a strong Trial Advocacy program, has been instrumental in the ITAP and NITA programs, and has been a strong advocate for the Law School. It is with this level of support that Washburn Law's programs continue to improve and receive outstanding national and regional recognition.



Professor Nancy Maxwell

Faculty

Professor
Nancy
Maxwell

believes in the value of a good education, the reward of working hard, being generous and compassionate to those who need it, and giving others the opportunities to succeed. These beliefs, instilled by her parents, along with her chosen profession as a lawyer and professor, are the perfect outlets for these core beliefs.

Maxwell received her juris doctor, with distinction, from the University of North Dakota, School of Law, in 1975. After working in private practice for two years, she applied for an opening at the University of North Dakota's law school and was hired as a one-year visiting faculty member. The Dean at North Dakota informed her if she had a desire to teach law as a career, she would need to obtain an LL.M. from a well-respected law school. Maxwell applied to Harvard, was accepted and graduated in 1979 with an LL.M. in Law Teaching.

Maxwell said her LL.M. experience was the best experience of her life. "I had the opportunity to meet and mingle with the more than 100 foreign LL.M. students. This was my first exposure to different legal systems, which was fascinating and exciting. I felt my mind was in overdrive the entire time, which had a significant impact on someone who had lived her entire life in North Dakota," said Maxwell.

After graduation, Maxwell worked in private practice in Grand Forks, and was the only woman practicing law at the time. That fact alone brought her a great deal of clients in family law who wanted a woman attorney. She also practiced in criminal defense work.

Wanting to remain in the Midwest, Maxwell liked the opportunity to teach at Washburn Law and was struck by how faculty members cared about students. She was hired with seven other new faculty members, five of whom are still at the law school today. "Because of the large number of new faculty members hired over a short time, we had the opportunity to make a significant impact on the direction of the law school. What was impressive, though, was that we had the

support and mentorship of the seasoned Washburn Law professors, which was extremely valuable to young law teachers new to legal education."

Maxwell believes the best opportunities she has been given were things she never planned or had imagined for herself. "While at North Dakota I never thought I would be teaching law, let alone that I would end up doing research on comparative family law issues, co-authoring articles with European legal scholars and working with study abroad programs," said Maxwell.

She recalls advice given to her from family and friends, and it's the same advice Maxwell gives to others, "Clarify your core values and beliefs and remain true to them. Remember not to let mistakes cripple you because in making mistakes comes the greatest opportunity for growth and change. Finally, success comes from the opportunities provided by others and that there is a moral obligation, when it is within your ability to do so, to provide those opportunities to others."

That advice is what Maxwell gives to her students. She believes that teaching law students is a concrete way to have a significant impact on society. Maxwell wants to be able to open doors for others and provide opportunities and connections so others will have the ability to achieve their dreams, just as she has done. Maxwell encourages students to "form strong supportive communities, both at the law school and in your personal lives. Remember that the friendships and mentoring relationships you form in law school have the potential to sustain you throughout your career and personal life."

The greatest satisfaction Maxwell receives from teaching is hearing from former students that something she said or did made a difference in their lives. Maxwell said, "What more could anyone ask?"



Eryn Wright '08

Student

Eryn Wright's varied careers prior to law school have given her a wealth of knowledge to pull from and made her realize it is ok to have very different careers throughout your life. Through these careers she has learned that everyone has something to contribute, you can learn from others around you, and if you stop learning you stop growing.

Wright's parents had a big impact on her outlook on life. Growing up, she was encouraged to do anything she wanted and was told to never limit herself. She remembers her parents telling her, "Be true to who you are, don't pretend to be something different and don't succumb to other's opinions. Be true to what you believe." Wright encourages others she meets to do the same, and lives by those standards. Through several interesting careers, Wright's hunger to continue to learn not only in academic settings, but in life as well, continues to flourish.

Wright graduated from the University of Kansas in 1995 with two degrees, one in Theatre and Film and one in Psychology. During school she was very involved in theatre and film and did some local casting. After graduation, she moved to Los Angeles to pursue her love of theatre, film and casting. In L.A., Wright was hired by a casting firm and ultimately worked in television and episodic casting, including *Seinfeld* and the series *Earth to the Moon*, about the Apollo missions, starring Tom Hanks. After five years, Wright decided to give up the fast-paced, star-studded, extreme hours of casting and return to Kansas to work on a graduate degree in social work.

Once back in Kansas, Wright worked as a therapist while working on her Master's in Social Welfare from the University of Kansas, she worked with people with severe and persistence mental health issues. Wright became frustrated with the system and noted, "social workers didn't know enough about the law, and the law wasn't working in their favor." She ultimately decided to attend law school and become part of a solution to advocate for those individuals with severe and persistent mental health issues.

Wright chose Washburn Law after dropping in to visit the school, completely unannounced. "I stopped by and Karla Beam, director of admissions, stopped everything she was doing and gave me a personal tour. The atmosphere was very different and welcoming at Washburn Law, and I decided this was the place for me," recalls Wright.

While at Washburn Law, Wright has taken advantage of the many opportunities the school provides for students. This summer she worked at local law firm, Wright, Henson, Clark, Hutton, Mudrick & Gragson L.L.P. During the summer of 2006, she worked at the Kansas National Education Association. She had an externship with Social and Rehabilitation Services and this fall she will clerk for The Honorable John W. Lungstrum. Wright said the experience she has gained in these positions will be of value in helping her determine what she will do after she graduates next fall.

Wright has been active in student activities as well. She has participated in the ACLU student organization, Washburn Law Democrats, and the *Family Law Quarterly*. She was part of a group of students who wrote an amicus brief pertaining to the paternity of known sperm donors. For the 2007-2008 academic year, she will serve as the articles editor for the *Washburn Law Journal*. At the urging of several professors, Wright along with several other students, established the Gay Straight Legal Alliance. The group is open to all students interested in promoting diversity and acceptance and who believe in equal rights and fair treatment of all people.

Wright is still unsure where her career will lead after law school. Whatever she decides, she knows she not only wants personal satisfaction from her career, but wants client satisfaction as well. Wright states, "Who knows where I will go from here, I love to learn and have a hunger to do new things." Whether that is in research, working for an organization or in a law firm, she still strongly believes one thing: "It's never too late to try new things. If you have the opportunity and the means – go for it and don't give up. You can have several careers and still be successful."

Business & Transactional Law Center



Professor David Pierce



Beyond Competence: Transforming Knowledge and Skills into Professionalism

The Business and Transactional Law Center is fulfilling its mission: “to provide a variety of educational opportunities for students to learn how to function as transactional lawyers who can effectively represent clients engaged in business enterprises.” The Center accomplished its mission this year through the dedicated efforts of our alumni. Center programming also provided students with the opportunity to experience first hand what it means to be a “professional.” Professionalism is one of those qualities that is difficult to describe but readily recognized when you experience it.

During the spring semester professionalism was on display for law students when Tom Loftus, senior counsel to Chevron U.S.A., Inc. in Houston, Texas, presented multiple programs to our students over a two-day period. Students witnessed his passion for the practice of law as an in-house corporate



Tom Loftus '80

counsel. They learned the techniques Loftus has perfected to design, document, and execute transactions. They learned the importance of effective corporate communications to ensure corporate representatives have the information and counsel they need to perform their jobs in an ethical, legal, and professional manner.

Students had the opportunity to spend an afternoon with the “brothers Cavanaugh” as Steve Cavanaugh '80, with the law firm of Cavanaugh, Smith & Lemon, P.A., teamed up with brother David Cavanaugh, with the CPA firm of Cavanaugh & Porter, P.A., to present a program titled:

“Representing the Start-Up Business: The Initial Client Interview, Selecting and Creating the Proper Business Entity, and Related Tax Considerations.”

This was one of the Center’s “bring your documents and tell us how you do it” programs. Steve provided students with detailed client interview checklists as well as

sample documents used to create and operate various forms of business entities. David provided the tax and accounting input so important for creating the optimum business structure. Steve provided students with important insight into not only business law, but also the “business of law.”

Steve and David both exhibited the professionalism that guides their client-centered careers to provide the best service possible to their clients.

During the fall semester Winton Hinkle '68, and Professor David Pierce discussed the possibility of pursuing extracurricular programming for students in the law practice environment. The concept was to get students “out-of-the-house” and into the work environment to expose them to lawyers engaged in the practice of law. The Center’s first experiment with this concept took place during the spring semester. Hinkle began by identifying lawyers with the Hinkle Elkouri Law Firm interested in sharing a day with our students at the firm’s Wichita offices. Although he had many willing participants, for this experiment the team was



David Cavanaugh & Steve Cavanaugh '80

Business & Transactional Law Center

assembled from among the firm's extensive cadre of Washburn Law graduates, including: Donna Bohn '90, Michael Herd '82, Amy Liebau '97, Scott MacBeth '92, Megan Mercer '06, Brian Perkins '05, Scott Pohl '90, and Dale Ward '90.

Hinkle's team put together a program built around the purchase and sale of a business. Students were provided with a copy of the proposed Purchase and Sale Agreement, which they discussed in advance of the program. Twenty students, including first-, second-, and third-year students, participated in the program. The students met at the law school at 7:00 a.m. and traveled by chartered bus to Hinkle Elkouri's offices in downtown Wichita. At 9:30 a.m. the students began a day in the life of the transactional attorney. In addition to exploring the substantive and practical aspects of the purchase and sale, each attorney in the team spent time discussing their personal development as an attorney, their work as a transactional lawyer, and their professional perspective on the practice of law.

One of the highlights of the day was when C.R. Hall, one of the firm's business clients, shared his views about the attorney-client relationship from the client's perspective. Hall reaffirmed what the students had deduced from their day with the members of the Hinkle Elkouri Law Firm: the importance of a client-oriented law business comprised of capable, dedicated attorneys who appreciate not only the technical aspects of the law practice, but also the practical realities of the business enterprises in which their clients participate.

Students returned to the law school and completed the 16-hour excursion into the practice of law. Students found the experience not only educational, but also inspirational. The students obtained a glimpse of the future that awaits them; a future of service, dedication to excellence, daily intellectual challenges, and pride in a job well done—a client well served. The program was also educational, and inspirational. Megan Mercer '06, *lawyer*, who just a year before had been a student in Washburn Law's Commercial Drafting course, was now teaching the law students. She informed students that their education, in so many ways, begins after law school as they learn how to use the information and skills they have been taught. When Mercer joined the

Hinkle Elkouri Law Firm the role of "professor" passed from the Washburn Law faculty to Dale Ward '90, and the other lawyers at the Hinkle firm to transform Mercer from law graduate to lawyer. It is remarkable to know that the post-law school legal education process is functions quite well.



Winton Hinkle '68

In an effort to improve the law school's effectiveness in preparing graduates for the practice of law, the Skills Committee of the Center's Board of Advisors, chaired by Sue Jean White '80, completed its report titled: "Skills Needed for First Year Lawyers and Lawyers Early in Legal Career." The report identifies a number of "basic lawyering skills" plus skills of particular importance for the business and transactional lawyer. The preliminary findings of the report have been shared with the faculty and the Center will begin implementing report recommendations as part of the Center's programming for the 2007-2008 academic year. The report will also be used as the faculty works through the self-study and strategic planning processes.

One final note on professionalism. Through the efforts of The Honorable Christel Marquardt '74, students had the opportunity to spend an afternoon with William Neukom, the president of the American Bar Association and, for 17 years, the general counsel to Microsoft. Neukom provided students with yet another personification of the "professional" dedicated to service at so many levels.

By Professor David Pierce

If you would like to learn more about the Center, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact director, Professor David Pierce, at (785) 670-1676 or david.pierce@washburn.edu

Center for Excellence in Advocacy

This spring, the Center's alumni members and law students continued to invest talent, resources and energy into increasing opportunities for outstanding advocacy skills training at Washburn Law.

The Center's advisory board members were active this past semester. Mike Manning '77, gave the law school commencement address and received an honorary doctor of laws degree at the May graduation ceremony.

The Honorable Paul L. Brady '56, accompanied by his wife Xernona Clayton, were in Topeka, May 17, to attend ceremonies surrounding the re-naming of the Topeka 501 Education Center. The center was re-named the Lucinda Todd Education Center in honor and memory of Judge Brady's aunt, Lucinda Todd, one of the original plaintiffs in *Brown v. Board of Education*. Todd's father was the first parent to sign up as a plaintiff in the historic *Brown* case, and lawyers including Thurgood Marshall met regularly at Todd's house between 1950 and 1954 planning strategies in that case.

Lynn Johnson '70, gave the keynote address at the Law School advocacy awards dinner, April 10, 2007.

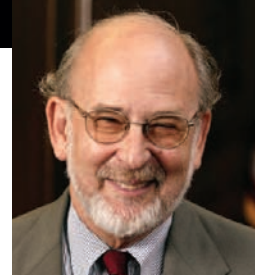
Programming in the center continues to offer many opportunities. The Intensive Trial Advocacy Program (ITAP) was again a success with a record number of 50 students attending from May 14 - May 19. Twenty-two faculty members participated



ITAP Program



Professor Michael Kaye



in the program including alumni Cal Williams '78, Lee Barnett '79, David Cooper '94, Mike Francis '75, Scott Hesse '84, Dick Lake '68, Bill Ossmann '77, Duston Slinkard '03, Bernard Hurd '68, and Ron Pope '84.

Also joining the ITAP program were Professors Charles Rose, Stetson University School of Law, and Chris Behan, Southern Illinois University School of Law. Both professors are incredibly experienced trial advocacy professors who have taught in the Washburn Law Outreach and ITAP programs on previous occasions. Washburn Law Professor Aida Alaka joined Rose and Behan.

Cal Williams, who is incredibly active in the law school advocacy program, has been instrumental in helping establish the Western Kansas Public Service Outreach Program, held yearly in Hays, Kan., for government, public defender, and legal aid lawyers in the western portion of our state. Williams created the Calvin K. Williams ITAP scholarship, which is awarded yearly to deserving students in the current ITAP class. This year the award recipients were Whitney Miranda '08, Thao Nguyen '07, and Sayra Hurley '09.

Part of the mission of the Center is to encourage and promote the effective teaching of trial advocacy. During the fall 2008 semester, Mike Francis will teach advanced trial advocacy with an increased focus on using technology. Francis, a veteran trial advocacy adjunct professor at Washburn Law, has taught advanced trial advocacy for several years.

Center for Excellence in Advocacy



ITAP Faculty

Kevin Regan '81, and Lucy McShane, Regan Law Firm, Kansas City, Mo., taught a trial advocacy class in Kansas City to accommodate the number of students commuting from that area. The course was taught one night a week at the Jackson County, Mo., courthouse. Regan and McShane raised money from local attorneys for scholarship awards. These were awarded to the outstanding students who demonstrated excellence in the concluding trial of the course. Nathan Runde '08, Derik Smith '08, and Peter Andreone '08, received stipends.

Dick Lake '68, a highly experienced trial lawyer, recently joined ITAP. Lake also contributed financial support to the ITAP program and to the scholarship fund established by Regan and McShane in their advocacy class.

In fall 2008 Lake will teach a trial advocacy workshop in the basic trial advocacy course taught by Bill Ossmann. This course includes students currently enrolled in Professor Kaye's fall evidence class. The evidence and advocacy course instructors coordinate so the advocacy skills program follows what the students are learning in evidence class.

The summer trial college offered students an opportunity to develop advocacy skills by working with experienced litigators in specialized areas: deposition practice and cross

examination techniques. Students earn one credit hour for each specialized course, and unlike other skills courses, these are graded. The class met on weekends to allow students to work during the week and prepare for the skills exercises, taught NITA style, through small hands-on workshops led by practitioners. At the end of the course, students demonstrate their skill in a final graded presentation evaluated by the full course faculty.

This year's deposition skills faculty included Todd Hiatt '05, Ken Kula '94, Bill Ossman '77, Scott Hesse '84, Lee Barnett '79, and Ron Pope '84. Professor Jim Martin, Washburn School of Business, participated as a lecturer. Many of the students who completed the 2007 ITAP took the deposition skills course to continue their skills work.

The Center, along with coordination from the Legal Analysis Research and Writing program, hosted the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, March 7-9, in the Robinson Courtroom and Bianchino Technology Center. Immediately after the Tenth Circuit visit, the Center sponsored, "The Art of Advocacy: Writing to Win" program March 9-10. The program focused on written persuasive advocacy and brought together state and federal judges from the trial and appellate level, practicing lawyers, law clerks, and law students to exchange views on a key component of appellate advocacy: the brief. The conference concluded with a reception and dinner at the *Brown v. Board of Education* Museum. Justice Lee Johnson '80, of the Kansas Supreme Court was keynote speaker.

By Professor Michael Kaye

If you wish to learn more about the Center, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact director, Professor Michael Kaye, at (785) 670-1370 or michael.kaye@washburn.edu.

Professor Linda Elrod



Children & Family Law Center

The Washburn University School of Law Children and Family Law Center sponsored several activities during the spring semester.

Children are increasingly impacted by changes in immigration rules. On March 16, the Children and Family Law Center and the Kansas Association of Counsel for Children, co-sponsored a program titled “Immigration and Children: Searching for the Voice of the Child.” Associate Professor David Thronson, University of Nevada at Las Vegas Law School, keynote speaker, explored the intricate interaction of family law and immigration from the perspective of the child caught in the middle. Angela Ferguson and Kathleen Harvey, solo practitioners in immigration law in the Kansas City area, explained the basics of immigration law and discussed ethical considerations. Michael Sharma-Crawford '02, discussed the



Andrea Rusche '07 and Claudia Weaver '07

immigration consequences of juvenile offenses. This is the third year the two groups have worked together to provide programming; in 2005, the Privatization of Child Welfare, and in 2006, The Indian Child Welfare Act.

The Family Law Student Society, under the leadership of Amy Coppola '07, and Kerrie Lonard '07, put together several “Lunch and Learn” programs.” In January, Dr. Bud Dale '09, Andrea

Rusche '07, and Claudia Weaver '07, explained the process of researching, writing, and filing an amicus brief in the Kansas Supreme Court. The case involved an issue about the rights of a known sperm donor in an artificial insemination situation when there was no agreement with the mother as to parenting. The issue involved the Kansas Parentage Act, known vs. anonymous donors, and constitutional rights of fathers. The students and Professor Elrod also made a presentation on appellate brief writing for “The Value of Amicus Curiae Briefs as Teaching Tools,” for the *The Art of Advocacy: Writing to Win*, Continuing Legal Education Program at Washburn, on March 10, 2007.

The April “Lunch and Learn” program was about alternative dispute resolution. Art Thompson, the dispute resolution coordinator for the Kansas Supreme Court, discussed available dispute resolution procedures throughout the state. Sheri

Keller, Shawnee County Court Services, talked about case management and the new program her office has developed for High Conflict Couples. Topeka attorney Bill Ebert, who also teaches a course in Mediation at Washburn Law as an adjunct, advised students on the benefits of mediation for parents in custody disputes.

Faculty and students continue to support the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) of

Children & Family Law Center



Ron Nelson '81, Governor Kathleen Sebelius and Professor Linda Elrod

Shawnee County. Professor Elrod serves on the CASA Advisory Board. Professor David Pierce helped found the CASA program in Southeast Kansas. Over 25 law students served as CASAs and volunteer in a number of ways.

Faculty members in the Center worked on legislative changes this year. Professor David Pierce suggested an important change for the recently enacted Revised Child in Need of Care Code. Senate Bill No. 118 became law upon publication in the Kansas Register on April 5, 2007, and amends K.S.A. §§ 38-2219 & 38-2249 (Supp. 2006). The amendments make it clear that reports prepared by a court-appointed special advocate or by the SRS may be read by the presiding judge prior to being offered or admitted into evidence. If the judge relies upon the report to support a fact or conclusion, the report must be admitted into evidence, but this requirement does not limit the judge's ability to become familiar with the contents of a report prior to a proceeding.

Linda Elrod, the Richard Righter Distinguished Professor of Law, was the Reporter who helped draft the Uniform Child Abduction Prevention Act (UCAPA). UCAPA, approved by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL) in July 2006, and by the American Bar Association in February 2007, was introduced as Senate Bill 18 in Kansas. Elrod, Ron Nelson

'81, and Eric Fish from NCCUSL, testified in both the Senate and House Judiciary Committees. UCAPA complements the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act by making the threat of abduction a basis for emergency jurisdiction. The Act outlines risk factors for abductions and offers numerous remedies for judges to consider to protect children from abduction by parents or those acting with them. UCAPA attempts to limit child abduction by allowing persons entitled to custody of a child to seek restrictive measures if a parent or other person does certain activities which indicate an intent to abduct the child.

Amy Coppola '07, and Laura Schoenberger '07, finished their year as student editors for the *Family Law Quarterly*. Holly Fisher '08, will be the student editor-in-chief for 2007-2008; Megan Fluharty '08, will be executive research editor in charge of *The Law in 50* with Tracey Johnson '08 (fall 2007), and Christine Campbell '08 (spring 2008).

The Washburn Law Clinic offered 20 students "hands on" experience with family law cases and live clients. Professors Aliza Organick, Lynette Petty and Sheila Reynolds each supervised several interns working on family law cases. A variety of opportunities to learn about and become involved in family law activities happened throughout the year. In addition to several family law specialty courses and the Clinic, students were encouraged to be involved in watching court cases, attending continuing education programs, and meeting with alumni and family law practitioners.

By Distinguished Professor Linda Elrod

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Washburn Law Clinic



Professor John Francis



Since 1979, Washburn Law Clinic students have had the privilege of learning the practice of law under the supervision of Professor Sheila Reynolds. For nearly three decades, Reynolds has supervised Clinic interns with patience and wisdom, doing so from a wealth of experience. During Reynolds' time in the Clinic, the faculty supervisors have also had the benefit of her knowledge, steadiness, and ethical expertise.

This past year, Reynolds decided to enter phased retirement. While Reynolds will remain on the law faculty teaching Professional Responsibility and the Professional Responsibility Seminar, she will no longer supervise students in the Law Clinic.

Reynolds supervised Clinic students' representation of clients in family law matters. These matters included divorce, paternity action, adoption, and guardianship. In addition to giving students experience in the specialized area of family law, Reynolds also chose to use these cases as vehicles for students to develop broader skills and knowledge necessary to practice civil law, regardless of the specialized area. Reynolds philosophy of using specialized cases to teach broad-based lawyering skills is shared by the rest of the Law Clinic faculty.

Reynolds' rich background and important professional accomplishments have always been a tremendous asset to the Clinic. She was a Woodrow Wilson Fellow at Harvard and graduated Order of the Coif from the University of Kansas School of Law. Before teaching she worked as a legal services

lawyer in Kansas and Missouri and developed legal services programs for the Kansas Department on Aging. Reynolds has served on the

Kansas Bar Association (KBA) Professional Ethics Advisory Committee since 1984, acting as chair from 1992-95. She has written chapters for three KBA practice handbooks, and in 1999 received the KBA Outstanding Service Award recognizing her as a distinguished authority and lecturer on legal ethics and family law. (She can attest that on many occasions, each of the Clinic professors has knocked on her door seeking guidance on complex ethical questions presented by cases.) In 2007, she received the KBA Pro Bono Services award for cases she handled for indigent persons through the Kansas Legal Services program.

Also of note, while Reynolds was teaching in the Law Clinic, for six years she also served as the associate dean of the law school. Maintaining these responsibilities concurrently is not a job for the faint of heart. The Clinic will miss having Reynolds supervise legal interns. Fortunately, she will keep her office in the Clinic, so faculty can still knock on her door, seeking guidance with legal ethics questions.

Irvine E. Ungerman Award

It's only fitting this spring's recipients of the Irvine E. Ungerman Award for Outstanding Clinic



Professor Sheila Reynolds

Washburn Law Clinic



Amy Coppola '07, and Maria Nieto '07

Students earned the award for work they did under the supervision of Professor Sheila Reynolds.

Amy Coppola '07, and Maria Nieto '07, were the co-recipients of the Ungerman Award for the outstanding clinical intern in the spring of 2007. Although they each handled several cases during the semester, they distinguished themselves in one particular case on which they were co-counsel, with highly competent and professional representation of a client seeking to adopt her great-grandson over the objection of the child's mother. The case required research and written memoranda on the legal issues of parental unfitness and consideration of the best interests of the child in an adoption proceeding, a motion, memorandum, and court argument to compel discovery, a pretrial questionnaire and hearing, and finally, a full day trial, with nine witnesses, including two expert witnesses. Coppola and Nieto demonstrated a wide variety of lawyering skills in the short span of the seven weeks they had to prepare for trial. Both gained the trust and confidence of the client and worked well with each other, and with others they encountered, during the representation. Throughout the representation, they worked diligently

and with enthusiasm and are most deserving of this honor. Coppola and Nieto won the case for their client, with the court finding the mother unfit and granting the adoption for their client.

Prof. Organick Shares Her Experience with New Mexico Students

Professor Aliza Organick shared her clinical teaching experience with law students at the University of New Mexico School of Law. This summer, Organick was a visiting law professor in the respected Southwest Indian Law Clinic at New Mexico. Organick is supervising New Mexico law students representing native clients in a broad range of cases.

Organick also co-organized a symposium and workshop at New Mexico Law School titled: "Indian Law Clinics and Externship Programs: Pedagogy, Methodology, and Curriculum Design" This is the first symposium to focus exclusively on the unique challenges of Indian Law Clinics. There are approximately a dozen Indian Law Clinics nationwide and several in Canada. This international workshop was designed for clinical law professors from around the country to discuss issues in the emerging area of Indian Law Clinics. Three clinicians from Canada participated in the symposium. Attendees explored and developed pedagogy and materials unique to Indian Law Clinics, began to develop scholarship in this clinical area, and created a network of professors teaching in Indian Law Clinics.

By Professor John Francis

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Steven G. Cooper
Washburn University School of Law
Alumni Association

Opportunities for Participation and Involvement

Thomas J. Romig assumed his duties as dean of Washburn University School of Law, July 2, 2007. Everyone was anticipating his arrival, and rightfully so. His demonstrated leadership skills and enthusiasm will capitalize on and enhance the strengths of the law school. And, with your help and support, he will take the law school to the next level.

The alumni association will be hosting numerous “Meet the Dean” receptions during the summer, fall and spring semester to enable alumni to meet Dean Romig. Reception sites include Salina, Lindsborg, Topeka, Manhattan, Kansas City, Wichita, Dodge City, Garden City, Chicago, Hays, Colby/Goodland, Denver, Phoenix, Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston, Las Vegas, and Albuquerque. I encourage you to attend one of these receptions. It will be a great opportunity to meet Dean Romig, as well as other alumni, faculty and staff.

In addition to these “Meet the Dean” receptions, a number of other alumni events will take place. They include the second annual alumni association golf scramble, September 14 at Falcon Lakes Golf Course near Kansas City, and the annual Dean’s Circle Dinner, September 15 at the InterContinental Hotel in Kansas City.

Many volunteer opportunities also exist for alumni to become involved in law school activities. Alumni can: help the admissions staff recruit top-notch students by making phone calls or writing letters to prospective students and attending alumni admissions events; participate in career assistance programs by talking to students at seminars about their practice areas, conducting mock interviews, reviewing resumes and cover letters, and letting the law school know about job opportunities; participate in the mentor program and be mentors to first-year students; and, speak or lecture at the law school.

Finally, alumni giving creates scholarship opportunities for many deserving students. Washburn Law distributes more than \$1.2 million annually in institutional scholarships – but more is needed. The cost of a legal education, and the debt burden incurred by law students to obtain that education, is constantly increasing and will adversely affect law school admissions and retention. Generous contributions from alumni will enable the law school to provide additional scholarships and help ensure the future success of Washburn Law.

Information on all of the above, as well as other alumni receptions, events, volunteer and giving opportunities, is available at www.washburnlaw.edu/alumni. Your continued support of the law school is instrumental to its future success and growth. Alumni involvement is part of the momentum that will help Dean Romig and the faculty and staff transform Washburn into a truly great law school.

I look forward to seeing you at a future alumni event.

Steven G. Cooper '73



Dean John E. Howe, Lincoln, Neb., former dean of Washburn University School of Law, died Feb. 4, 2007, at the age of 88. Howe joined Washburn Law in 1959, at the age of 40, to serve as dean.

Howe received his LL.B in 1943 from the University of Kentucky School of Law. Immediately after graduation he completed an LL.M. from the University of Michigan and began private practice in a small law office in Kentucky. After two and a half years, Howe moved to Creighton in 1946 to teach property and commercial law courses.

After six years at Creighton, Howe accepted a position at St. Louis University where he taught property law and eventually, Howe became Associate Dean. After seven years at St. Louis University, he joined Washburn Law in 1959 as dean. Howe served as dean until 1970, the third longest serving dean in Washburn Law's history. Not only did Howe serve the law school in an administrative capacity, which was ultimately tested during the 1966 tornado that destroyed the law school, but he served as educator, fundraiser, and overall Washburn Law enthusiast.

Upon becoming dean, Howe immediately focused his attention on legal writing. Before the end of his first year the Law Review Board produced an intramural journal, which became the *Washburn Law Journal*.

Howe's tenure as dean included the turbulent years at Washburn Law after the

tornado of 1966 hit the Washburn campus. Carnegie, the building which housed the law school was destroyed. Howe helped move thousands of law books to storage to preserve them. He also relocated the administrative office of the law school to his basement and ran the law school from his home. After the tornado hit campus, University President John Henderson charged Howe with raising money to build a new building. In an instant, Howe's priority for the next several years became fundraising for a new law school. Taking the lead and working with law school alumni, Howe raised \$1.2 million, and in 1969 the new building opened its doors for the fall semester.

Howe continued to serve as dean of Washburn Law until 1970 when he stepped down but remained on the faculty as Professor until 1978. From 1978 to 1981 he taught part-time, teaching Water Law. Howe was an emeriti faculty member of Washburn and was designated a distinguished professor of law prior to his retirement. In 1970, Howe received the Honorary Life Member Award from the Washburn Law School Association and served as executive secretary of the Washburn Law School Association from 1970 to 1978. Howe and his wife, Marggy, established the John and Marggy Howe Endowed Fund, an unrestricted fund to benefit the School of Law. Memorials may be directed to the John and Marggy Howe Endowed Fund.

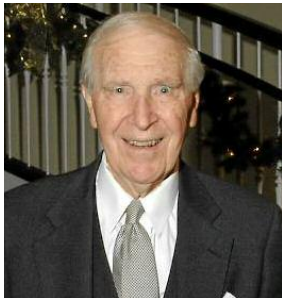
1930's

Eugene M. Elliott '35, Tacoma, Wash., died March 3, 2007, at the age of 96. Elliott graduated from Stanford University in 1932 and received his law degree from Washburn University in 1935. He practiced in Tacoma, Wash., from 1935 until 1947. Elliott then moved

his family to Sublette, Kan., in order to help his father farm, and was elected the Haskell County Attorney. In 1955, he returned to Tacoma where he was a partner in the law firm of Eisenhower Carlson until his retirement in 1985.

Cecil M. Miller '39, Largo, Fla., died March 1, 2007, at the age of 95. Miller was a graduate of Kansas State University and Washburn Law. He practiced in Kansas from 1939 to 1941 and worked 31 years as a special agent with the FBI, serving as an agent and/or supervisory agent in bureaus throughout the east coast.

1940's



The Honorable Harold S. Herd '42, Coldwater, Kan., died April 23, 2007, at the age of 88. Justice Herd attended Southwestern College in Winfield, Kan., for two years, then transferred to

Washburn University to study law. He received his B.A. in 1940 and J.D. in 1942 from Washburn Law.

Justice Herd then joined the war effort, serving in the Pacific Theater as a naval officer on the USS Rio Grande and USS Cache. He left the Navy as a Lieutenant in 1946 and returned to his hometown to practice law. He maintained his private law practice in Coldwater until 1979. During the 1950s, he served as mayor of Coldwater, Comanche County Attorney, and then Coldwater City Attorney. In 1964, he ran for

and won election to the Kansas State Senate as a Democrat and was Senate Minority Leader from 1969 to 1973. In 1979, Herd was appointed to the Kansas Supreme Court and served on the Court until 1993. Upon retiring from the Kansas Supreme Court, Justice Herd became a Distinguished Jurist in Residence at Washburn Law, teaching constitutional history until 2002, when he retired to his home in Coldwater.

Justice Herd served on the Washburn Law School Association Board of Governors; the Kansas Committee for the Humanities; Executive Council of the Kansas Bar, and President of the SW Kansas Bar Association. His honors include: Who's Who in America; Who's Who in American Law; and Who's Who in American Bench and Bar. Herd was a Fellow in the American and Kansas Bar Foundations. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the Kansas Bar Association in 1991, and the Distinguished Service Award from the Washburn Law School Association in 1995. Herd received special recognition from Kansas high school teachers for his constant efforts in helping students understand the U. S. Constitution. Memorials may be directed to The Honorable Harold S. Herd Law Scholarship Fund.

Lyman G. Friedman '43, Charleston, W.Va., died Dec. 1, 2006, at the age of 88. After being a sole practitioner in Kansas City, Friedman became a special attorney in the office of chief counsel for the Internal Revenue Service in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1950. In 1958, he went to Washington D.C. to join Wenchel, Schulman & Manning and became a partner in 1962. Friedman joined Williams & Connolly in 1978, where he handled tax matters for high-profile sports and entertainment figures and worked at the firm until he was in his 80s.



Roy L. Bulkley '49, Topeka, Kan., died April 4, 2007, at the age of 85. Bulkley received his A.B. from Baker University in 1943. After serving in the Navy from 1942 to 1946, he entered Washburn Law, and received his LL.B in

1949. He was admitted to the Kansas Bar and began private practice of law. In 1950, Bulkley was elected judge of the Court of Topeka, the youngest to serve in the office at that time, and served two terms. In November 1954, he was elected Shawnee County Attorney and served one term. Bulkley was regional council for the Small Business Administration until his retirement. He received recognition for 50 years of practice from the Kansas Bar Association.

1950's

Lewis E. Nugen '50, Wellington, Kan., died May 28, 2007, at the age of 87. Nugen began private practice in Wellington after graduation. He served as a probate judge, and as Sumner County Attorney, then returned to private practice. He continued practicing law until the age of 82.

James E. Benfer Jr. '53, died April 21, 2007, at the age of 78. Benfer received his B.A. in Political Science in 1950 from Washburn University and graduated from Washburn

Law in 1953. He was admitted to practice in the State of Kansas and before the United States Supreme Court. He was a member of the Topeka and Kansas Bar Associations.

David R. Gilman '57, Mission, Kan., died March 6, 2007, at the age of 76. Gilman served two tours in the U.S. Navy, including service aboard the USS Boxer. He graduated from Washburn Law in 1957. Gilman began his practice in 1958 in Overland Park, Kan., where he practiced for 48 years. Gilman was a member of the Johnson County and Kansas Bar Associations, the Kansas Trial Lawyer's Association, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and the American Civil Liberties Union.

1960's

James W. Hervey '60, Durant, Okla., died January 11, 2007, at the age of 72. Originally from Wichita, Kan., his decision to pursue a law degree was based solely on his desire to become an FBI Agent. As a special agent of the FBI, he was stationed in Washington, D.C., New Orleans, La., Jackson, Miss., Baltimore, Md., and Dover, Del. He later worked for Bell Labs in Whippany, N.J. before accepting a position as general security manager for Southwestern Bell in Oklahoma. He retired in 1991.

Harold Henderson '61, Eureka, Kan., died Jan. 16, 2007, at the age of 74. In 1953 Henderson joined the U.S. Army and served in Germany until his discharge in 1955. He graduated from Washburn Law in 1961. He

spent two years as a judge in Salina. In 1974, he moved to Eureka to work for Hibbard Abstract, which he then purchased, creating The Title Co. and The Closing Co., which he operated until his death.

1970's

Mary A. Schneider '70, San Diego, Calif., died Jan. 25, 2007, at the age of 63. Schneider earned a B.B.A. from Washburn University, graduating *summa cum laude*, and a M.S. from Kansas State University. She graduated from Washburn Law in 1970 at the top of her class, and was the first woman to serve as editor of the *Washburn Law Journal*. Schneider taught briefly at Washburn Law and practiced law in Great Bend, Kan., before joining the office of the U.S. Attorney in Kansas City, Mo. After living in Charlotte, N.C. from 1980-1982, she returned to Kansas City and became a law clerk for Judge D. Brook Bartlett. She rejoined the U.S. Attorneys office in Kansas City as an assistant U.S. district attorney in 1983, where she served as chief of the Criminal Division for several years. In 1988, Schneider moved to San Diego, Calif., where she was appointed an assistant U.S. district attorney for the Southern District of California and was serving in the Appellate Division of that office at the time of her retirement in 1999. She was a member

of the Kansas, Missouri and California bars.

Gary C. Hagan '74, Wichita, Kan., died March 27, 2007, at the age of 68. Hagan received his undergraduate degree from Washburn University and graduated from Washburn Law in 1974 after which he engaged in private practice. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea from 1960 to 1963.

Lt. Col. Robert L. Kennedy Sr. '77, Lenexa, Kan., died March 17, 2007, at the age of 82. In 1942, Kennedy enlisted in the U.S. Army and was assigned to the Air Corps, graduating from Aerial Navigation School in March 1944, as a second lieutenant. In 1970, he retired from the USAF as a Lieutenant Colonel with 27.5 years of service. After retirement Kennedy obtained his undergraduate and law degrees from Washburn University and was admitted to the Kansas Bar in 1977. In 1980, he moved to Kansas City, Kan., and helped form the Holbrook & Ellis law firm, now Holbrook & Osborn of Overland Park, Kan. Kennedy continued in the practice of law until 2006.

1960's



Arthur E. Palmer '63, Topeka, Kan., was named to the 2006 Kansas Super Lawyers list by *Law and Politics* magazine.

Thomas Wright '64,

Topeka, Kan., was named as chairman of the Kansas Corporation Commission by Governor Kathleen Sebelius.



Daniel D. Metz '66, Lincoln, Kan., along with Jennifer O'Hare, has formed the office of Metz & O'Hare Chtd., Lincoln, Kan.



Brian J. Moline '66, Topeka, Kan., retired June 2007 after 20 years with the Kansas Corporation Commission, serving the last 4 years as the Commission's chairman.

The Hon. James J. Smith '66, Garnett, Kan., Fourth Judicial District judge, retired after 27 years on the bench.

Norman J. Furse '67, Topeka, Kan., received the Distinguished Government Service Award from the Kansas Bar Association at their 2007 annual meeting.

The Hon. George F. Scott '67, Galena, Mo., was appointed as an associate circuit judge in Missouri's 39th Judicial Circuit.

Richard F. Hayse '69, Topeka, Kan., received the Professionalism Award from the Kansas Bar Association at their 2007 annual meeting.

1970's

Roger L. McCollister '70, Lawrence, Kan., received the Outstanding Service Award from the Kansas Bar Association at its 2007 annual meeting.

Steven K. McGinnis '70, Pleasanton, Calif., was named general counsel and corporate secretary for Loring Ward International Ltd. and its subsidiaries, while retaining his current position as chief regulatory & compliance officer for the company.

Phil Elwood '71, Topeka, Kan., was named to the 2006 Kansas Super Lawyers list by *Law and Politics* magazine.



Thomas R. Powell '71, Wichita, Kan., was named general counsel for USD 259, Wichita, Kan.



John T. Bird '74, Hays, Kan., was awarded the John D. Montgomery Distinguished Service Award during the annual Washington Days meeting of the state Democratic Party. The award is considered the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a non-publicly elected Kansas Democrat by the Kansas Democratic Party.

Mike Lennen '74, Wichita, Kan., has joined Westar as vice president, Regulatory Affairs, Topeka, Kan.

The Hon. Christel E. Marquardt '74, Topeka, Kan., has been named to the Washburn University Board of Regents by Governor Kathleen Sebelius. Her term will expire June 2011.



Robert E. Keeshan '75, Topeka, Kan., received the Pro Bono Certificate of Achievement from the Kansas Bar Association at its 2007 annual meeting.



James P. Rankin '76, Topeka, Kan., was named to the 2006 Kansas Super Lawyers list by *Law and Politics* magazine.

L. D. Rector '76, Colorado Springs, Colo., was named a Colorado Super Lawyer in the 2007 edition of *Colorado Super Lawyer* magazine.

Thomas L. Theis '76, Topeka, Kan., was named to the 2006 Kansas Super Lawyers list by *Law and Politics* magazine.



Nola Foulston '77, Wichita, Kan., received the Distinguished Government Service Award from the Kansas Bar Association at their 2007 annual meeting.

John B. Wood '78, Bronxville, NY, has joined Thompson & Knight in its real estate and banking practice group in the firm's New York office.



1980's

Keith L. Roberts '80, Woodbridge, Va., is now court executive for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, Washington, D.C. Roberts was also recognized for 25 years of federal service. He served as an Air Force Judge Advocate General for over 21 years, then served as Deputy General Counsel, Executive Office

of the President, Office of Administration from 2002 until June 2007.

Kevin B. Johnson '81, Wichita, Kan., joined Wallace, Saunders, Austin, Brown & Enochs Chtd.



Daniel L. Muchow '81, Phoenix, Ariz., was named in the June 2007 issue of *Southwest Super Lawyers* magazine as being in the top 5% of attorneys in Arizona and New Mexico in Environmental Law.

The Hon. Larry D. Hendricks '82, Topeka, Kan., has been appointed district judge for the Third Judicial District in Kansas by Governor Kathleen Sebelius.

Craig H. Kaufman '82, Tucson, Ariz., was named in the June issue of *Southwest Super Lawyers* magazine as being in the top 5% of attorneys in Arizona and New Mexico in Business Litigation.

Patricia A. Gilman '83, Wichita, Kan., received the Pro Bono Certificate of Achievement from the Kansas Bar Association at their 2007 annual meeting.



Todd D. Epp '84, Harrisburg, S.D., joined Galland Law Firm P.C. as a staff attorney.

Ronald P. Pope '84, Topeka, Kan., has been named by *Lawdragon* to the publication's Lawdragon 3000 Leading Plaintiffs' Lawyers in America.



James C. Brent '85, Lexington Park, Md., received the Department of Navy's Meritorious Civilian Service Award for outstanding service and significant accomplishments having far reaching impacts to the Department of the Navy.

Charles T. Engel '85, Topeka, Kan., along with Jason Geier '00, formed the firm of Engel & Geier.



Jerry H. Schemmel '85, Littleton, Colo., received the Colorado Sportscaster of the Year Award from the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association. He will also be the play-by-play radio broadcaster for the Billings' Mustangs for the 2007 Pioneer League baseball season and will continue as the radio broadcaster for the NBA's Denver Nuggets.

Michael Cannady '88, Augusta, Kan., is now a member at Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, LLC.



Stephen M. Howe '88, Shawnee, Kan., joined The Jones Law Firm, P.A. as an

associate attorney practicing in the areas of general civil, business and commercial litigation.

The Hon. Maritza Segarra '88, Junction City, Kan., was appointed by Governor Kathleen Sebelius to serve as the district court judge in the Eighth Judicial District.

Robert A. West '88, Lenexa, Kan., has joined Haynes Benefits as a principal concentrating in the areas of employee benefits, pension health plans and other human resources employment consulting.



Denise M. Anderson '89, Kansas City, Mo., joined Polsinelli Shalton Flanigan Suelthaus.

The Hon. Eric W. Godderz '89, Burlingame, Kan., was appointed by Governor Kathleen Sebelius to serve as district judge in the Fourth Judicial District, Kansas.

Larry F. Vigil '89, Washington, D.C. is working for U.S. Senator Wayne Allard as senior policy advisor, Homeland Security, in Washington, D.C.

1990's

Mahmud Noormohamed '90, Westport, Ma., went to work for American International Group (AIG), Warwick, R.I. as a Legal Auditor.



Lynn Ward '90, Wichita, Kan., was recently named a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. She also received the Pro Bono Award from the Kansas Bar Association at its 2007 annual meeting.

Nancy A. Ogle '91, Wichita, Kan., opened her own practice Ogle Law Firm, LLC, Wichita, Kan.

Paul E. Ailslieger '92, Wichita, Kan., joined Koch Minerals Services, LLC as Tax Manager.



Gwynne E. Harris Birzer '92, Wichita, Kan., has joined Hite, Fanning & Honeyman L.L.P.



Aaron T. Blasé '93, Phoenix, Ariz., is a staff attorney at Ryley, Carlock & Applewhite.

Class Actions

Travis A. Pearson '93, Wichita, Kan., has been promoted to associate general counsel and assistant secretary of Flint Hills Resources, the refining and petrochemical group of Koch Industries, Inc.

Daniel Cahill '95, Kansas City, Kan., was recently appointed by Governor Kathleen Sebelius as a Wyandotte County district judge.

Lee J. Davidson '95, Topeka, Kan., is an assistant attorney general in the office of the Attorney General, Topeka, Kan.

Jennifer M. Chun '95, Raleigh, N.C., was named director of international investment properties of Coldwell Banker Commercial TradeMark Properties.

Norbert C. Marek Jr. '95, Westmoreland, Kan., was appointed Wabaunsee County Attorney.



Jennifer L. Stultz '95, Wichita, Kan., is with Biggs Law Group, L.C.

Nancy J. Andervich '96, Hutchinson, Kan., joined First National Bank as trust officer, trust services.



Thomas E. Patterson '96, Alpine, Utah, was named as head of the State Department of Corrections by Governor Jon Huntsman Jr.

Sarah J. Loquist '97, Wichita, Kan., became assistant general counsel for USD 259, Wichita, Kan.

Steven C. Vosseller '97, San Diego, Calif., joined The Gomez Law Firm focusing on serious personal injury, product liability, wrongful death, medical malpractice, dental malpractice, and discrimination, harassment or wrongful termination.



Toni M. Wheeler '97, Lawrence, Kan., has been promoted to the director of legal services for the city of Lawrence, Kan.

Patricia A. Blankenship '98, Wichita, Kan., was named to receive the *Wichita Business Journal's* 2007 40 Under 40 Award and was recognized for her contributions to the Wichita community.

Paula N. Johnson '98, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, accepted a regulatory attorney position with Alliant Energy Corporate Services, Inc.



Peter J. Vanderwarker '98, Overland Park, Kan., accepted a position as senior attorney with Kansas City Power & Light Company.

Christopher J. Vinduska '98, Wichita, Kan., is now a member of Klenda, Mitchell, Austerman & Zuercher, L.L.C.

Charles A. Hamilton '99, Lincoln, Neb., has opened his new law practice, Hamilton Property Law.

Chelsey G. Langland '99, Lawrence, Kan., received the Outstanding Young Lawyer Award from the Kansas Bar Association at its 2007 annual meeting.

Jonathan J. Martin '99, Cypress, Texas, was elected partner of the law firm Baker & McKenzie LLP.

Christopher M. Mitchell '99, Wichita, Kan., is with ICM, Inc., Colwich, Kan.

Bryan P. Stanley '99, Kansas City, Mo., was promoted to partner at Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal.



Shannon R. Wilson '99, Wichita, Kan., has joined the Sedgwick County District Attorney's Office.

2000's

Kyle M. Fleming '00, Pittsburg, Kan., joined CDL Electric Co., Inc., Pittsburg, Kan.

Jason E. Geier '00, Topeka, Kan., along with Charles T. Engel '85, formed the firm of Engel & Geier.

Charles L. Rutter '00, Wichita, Kan., is now an associate with Case, Moses, Zimmerman & Wilson.

Christine Young-Terpening '00, Shawnee, Kan., joined the employee benefits law firm of Haynes Benefits, Lee's Summit, Mo.

Heather M. Wilke '00, Topeka, Kan., is a staff attorney for the Kansas Department of Labor.

Edward T. McNally II '01, Overland Park, Kan., joined CNA Insurance, Overland Park, Kan.

Kitra R. Schartz '01, Manhattan, Kan., is an associate with Morrison, Frost, Olsen & Irvine, L.L.P.

Kelly K. Mahoney '02, Boone, Iowa, joined Mahoney Law Firm P.C.

Wesley L. Ashton '03, Olathe, Kan., accepted the position of manager of government relations for Aquila, Inc. headquartered in Kansas City, Mo.

John W. Broomes '03, El Dorado, Kan., joined Hinkle Elkouri Law Firm practicing in the areas of civil litigation and oil and gas law.



Angelee R. Gregory '03, Milton, Kan., joined Leslie Rudd Investment Co., Wichita, Kan.

Jennifer M. Hill '03, Wichita, Kan., was named to receive the Wichita Business Journal's 2007 40 Under 40 Award for contributions to the Wichita community.

Michelle A. Specht '03, Wichita, Kan., is a clerk for U.S. Senior District Judge Wesley Brown, Wichita.

Jennifer M. Wilbert '03, Andover, Kan., is an HR generalist at the Federal Courthouse in Kansas City.

Trevin E. Wray '03, Gardner, Kan., joined the Kansas Office of the Attorney General where his focus is in civil law.

Justin A. Barrett '04, Colby, Kan., started Barrett Law Firm P.A.

Shawn I. Atkins '05, Hays, Kan., was named business development executive of Nex-Tech, a subsidiary of Rural Telephone.

Michael J. Burbach '05, Gaithersburg, Md., joined the Securities Practice Area of Bingham McCutchen L.L.P. as an associate in the Washington, D.C. office.



Darla J. Goodrich '05, Panora, Iowa, joined Brokers International Financial Services L.L.C.

Jason R. Griess '05, Lincoln, Neb., was promoted to residential title insurance examiner at Nebraska Title Co.

Scott A. Grosskreutz '05, Topeka, Kan., has joined Cavanaugh, Smith & Lemon P.A.

Justin D. Mettlen '05, Raytown, Mo., accepted a position in the Missouri Attorney General's Office as an assistant attorney general in the Financial Services Division.

Jamie L. Parsons '05, Montesano, Wash., joined Ingram, Zelasko & Goodwin as an associate attorney.

Melissa A. Rausch '05, Shawnee, Kan., joined Husch & Eppenberger as an associate in the firm's tax and estate planning practice group.

James J. Armbrust '06, Topeka, Kan., started the Armbrust Law Office.

Melissa L. Castillo '06, Orlando, Fla., joined the Orlando Immigration Court.

Jeffrey M. King '06, Independence, Mo., joined Crews, Waits, Brownlee & Berger, Kansas City, Mo.

Paula D. Langworthy '06, Wichita, Kan., was appointed vice-chair of the Mid-American All-Indian Center in Wichita, and appointed to the Economic Development Board for the City of Derby, Kan.

Brian J. Malone '06, Saint Louis, Mo., is the assistant county counselor for the Saint Louis County Counselor's Office.

Stephanie R. Nall '06, Lawrence, Kan., joined Parker & Hay L.L.P., Topeka.

Jesse T. Paine '06, Olathe, Kan., joined the Johnson County District Attorney's Office.

Joel J. Rook '06, Salina, Kan., joined the Salina Public Defender's Office.

Megan K. Walawender '06, Lenexa, Kan., joined McAnany, Van Cleave & Phillips, P.A., as an associate in the firm's labor, employment and school law practice group.



Ali N. Marchant '07, Wichita, Kan., joined Fleeson, Goings, Coulson & Kitch, L.L.C., practicing primarily in the area of litigation.



Planned Giving

M. Wayne and Carolyn J. Davidson Establish Law Scholarship

M. Wayne Davidson grew up in Emporia, Kan., and received his bachelor of science degree from Emporia State University in 1954. He graduated from Washburn University School of Law in 1960.

During law school, Davidson worked for Earl Hatcher '23, then in private practice and writing a hornbook on the topic of damages. While Hatcher wrote the manuscript, Davidson did the basic research. Davidson's respect for Hatcher was, and still is, immense and a highlight of his life. As fate would have it, shortly before they finished the book, Melvin Belli, noted trial attorney, produced a three volume treatise on damages, and Hatcher's book was never published.

After graduation Davidson worked three years with the Topeka firm of Schroeder, Heeney & Groff. He then joined J. Harlan Stamper '60, and other members of a Kansas City, Mo. firm. In 1968, Davidson established his own firm, which today is Davidson Deckert & Glassman, P.C.. Davidson developed close relationships with his clients, which have endured to this day, such as serving for nearly 40 years as general counsel and as a member of the board of directors of Cobalt Boats of Neodesha, Kan., one of the premier boat builders in the United States.

In 2001, Davidson's wife Carolyn retired as administrative vice president of a large trucking company and took over the administrative work of his law firm. Because most of Davidson's clients are close friends, Wayne and Carolyn work as

a team, giving their clients prompt and quality legal services.

The Davidson's have wonderful sentiments for Washburn Law in that it provided Wayne's legal education which improved their lifestyle. Reflecting back on his life, Davidson feels very indebted to Washburn Law for giving him the opportunity to receive a quality legal education at a very reasonable cost; to associate and work with great law professors, practicing lawyers and jurists; to be able to attend classes in the morning, providing time for his full-time afternoon job, plus two part-time jobs; and to graduate debt-free.

Davidson said, "We decided it was time to share some of our good fortune with Washburn Law. We want to help encourage future law students to come to Washburn Law by providing a scholarship in our names. The School of Law made a real difference in our lives and we want to be a small part in providing the same opportunity for future law students".

Alumni and friends interested in joining the Davidson's in building the future of Washburn University School of Law through trusts, estates, and other planned gifts are encouraged to contact:

Martin Ahrens
Advancement & Planned Giving Officer
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Giving Back...



**Lynn R. Johnson
'70, Endowed Fund**

“Washburn University School of Law has come a long way from its home in the “trailers” that housed the law school after the tornado of 1966. I started law school in the fall of 1967, and attended

classes in doublewide “trailers” through the first two years of law school before moving to the brand new law school building for my third year. The new building was a direct result of the vision and dedication of Washburn Law alumni who worked tirelessly to ensure that the law school would have the best facility possible. A facility that the class of 1970 reaped the benefits of during our third year. The vision and dedication by Washburn lawyers in the late 1960’s has continued to be an inspiration to those that followed, and now Washburn is a world class law school recognized for its faculty, students, academic excellence, and innovative approach to learning how to be a well-rounded lawyer.

When I was going to law school in the trailers I could not imagine the Washburn Law of today, and the opportunities it provides to young law students. I have always been impressed with the Law Clinic that prepares students for the everyday responsibilities and duties of being a lawyer. The Law Clinic has now been joined by the Center for Excellence in Advocacy, the Business and Transactional Law Center, and the Children and Family Law Center. These specialized and innovative specialty Centers provide a unique opportunity not afforded to students at other law schools. Because I am a trial attorney, the Center for Excellence in Advocacy is of special interest to me—and I know from experience that Washburn will continue to be a leader in advocacy education, research and training, and will continue to graduate lawyers who will become great trial attorneys.

I have always been proud of my Washburn Law degree, and even prouder of what Washburn University School of Law has become over the past 37 years. I appreciate the opportunity to continue to be an active Washburn Law alum!”

**Richmond '63,
and Barbara
Enochs Law
Scholarship
Fund**

“I have practiced law for the last 44 years, and it has been most rewarding and fulfilling.

I have never regretted my choice to attend Washburn University School of Law and I have very much enjoyed being a trial lawyer. My experience at Washburn Law was very significant in shaping my future, but also was a helpful resource for creating and establishing friendships which have become a pleasure to call upon from time to time over the many years.

It is indeed a pleasure that my wife and I have created this scholarship fund for future trial advocates who are attending Washburn Law. It is a small way for us to extend our appreciation for my experience in practicing law and how endearing the whole experience over the years has been for us.

It is our hope that this scholarship fund will benefit current students in leading them through the path we have fondly enjoyed over the past many years.”



Each semester, Washburn Law is fortunate to have numerous speakers at the law school. Most speak over the lunch hour to groups of students and faculty. Speakers are invited to the law school by various student groups, faculty members and other law school departments. Washburn Law appreciates all speakers who take time out of their busy schedule to provide a variety of expertise and insight in their respective field of practice or business.

The Washburn Business Law Society hosted **Kyle Steadman '95**, Foulston Siefkin, Jan. 25, 2007. Steadman discussed medical malpractice and litigation which included tips such as understanding the case better than your opponent, learning pattern instructions, practicing writing to tell a story, and not being afraid to fail.

The Business Law Society and the Business and Transactional Law Center hosted **Thomas A. Loftus '79**,



senior counsel with Chevron USA, Jan. 26-27, 2007. Loftus discussed "Drafting Principles for the Transactional Lawyer."

As part of the Capital Punishment Seminar taught by Rebecca Woodman '87, **Ray Krone** spoke on the death penalty, Jan. 29, 2007. Krone was sentenced to death and later exonerated. Krone

spent more than a decade in prison, some of it on death row, before DNA testing cleared his name. He is the 100th former death row inmate freed because of innocence since the reinstatement of capital punishment in the United States in 1976. He was the twelfth death row inmate whose innocence has been proven through post conviction DNA testing. Prior to his arrest, Krone had no previous criminal record, had been honorably discharged from the military, and had worked in the postal service for seven years.



The Asian American Law Student Association hosted **Ron Thornburgh**, Kansas Secretary of State, Feb. 1, 2007, who discussed leadership.

The Black Law Student Association and the Professional Development Office hosted **Deryl W. Winn '86**, a shareholder in McAnany, Van Cleave

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& Phillips, P.A, and **Joyce McCray Pearson '89**, director of the law library and associate professor of law at the University of Kansas School of Law, Feb. 19, 2007. Their discussion titled "It's My Prerogative," focused on their experiences as minority practitioners in two contexts – large firm practice and a non-traditional legal career.



The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy hosted **Professor David Forte**, Feb. 19, 2007. Forte discussed the Ten Commandments and the Establishment Clause of the United States Constitution.

The Professional Development Office and PAD hosted **Jeff Goodman**, manager of legal recruiting for Spencer Reed Group (an executive search firm) in Overland Park, Kan., Feb. 22, 2007. Goodman discussed what law firms in Kansas City are looking for in new employees, expectations regarding a legal career, the process of applying for and finding legal occupations, and interviewing skills.



The Black Law Student Association hosted **Judge Ernest Johnson**, district court judge, Wyandotte County, Feb. 27, 2007. Johnson's discussion was titled "Sentencing Guidelines, Equal Treatment Under the Law?" He discussed his perspectives and answered

various questions about his experiences as a judge in a predominantly minority county.

The Christian Legal Society hosted **Kathy Ostrowski**, legislative and research director for Kansas for Life, March 7, 2007. Ostrowski discussed current legislation in Kansas affecting life issues regarding human cloning, embryonic stem-cell research, criminal sanctions for the murder of unborn children (not abortion), and end-of-life rights/euthanasia.



The Children and Family Law Center along with the Kansas Association of Counsel for Children, hosted **Prof. David Thronson**, associate professor of law, University of Nevada at Las Vegas, March 15, 2007. Thronson discussed "Immigration and Children: Searching for the Voice of the Child."



The Children and Family Law Center hosted **Gena Hofer**, solo practitioner in adoption law in Leavenworth, Kan., March 27, 2007. Hofer discussed issues in adoption law.



The Jewish Law Society hosted **Rabbi Michael Merdinger**, March 28, 2007. Rabbi Merdinger discussed "Law and Morality." He challenged students to be both stewards of morality and legal advocates, but explained that there is no simple solution to this everyday dilemma. Merdinger has practiced both as a lawyer and a rabbi.





The Business Law Society in conjunction with the Business and Transactional Law Center hosted **Stephen W. Cavanaugh '80**, president and shareholder, Cavanaugh, Smith & Lemon P.A., and **David Cavanaugh**, partner, Cavanaugh & Porter, P.A., April 2, 2007. Cavanaugh discussed "The Initial Client Interview, Selecting and Creating the Proper Business Entity, and Related Tax Considerations."



The Environmental Law Society hosted **Brad Loveless**, Westar Energy, April 2, 2007. Loveless discussed energy law and the environment.



The Center for Excellence in Advocacy hosted **Julie Green**, associate professor of Art, Oregon State University, April 2, 2007. Green is currently completing an essay on the ritual of the final meal for U.S. death row inmates. Her paintings, videos and installations have been included in over 50 group exhibitions. The Center for Excellence in Advocacy co-sponsored Green's exhibit at the Mulvane Art Museum on campus.



The International Law Society hosted **Dr. Bob Beatty**, April 4, 2007. Beatty discussed the international law tribunal that recently tried the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia.

The Federalist Society hosted **Chief Judge Danelle Reece Tacha**, Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, April 4, 2007. Tacha discussed her recent area of research: the differences in male and female judges'

jurisprudence. She also discussed how she became a judge and the confirmation process, as well as what she looks for in a law clerk.

The Intellectual Property Society hosted **Ken Kula '94**, of counsel at Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP, Kansas City, and adjunct professor at Washburn Law, April 5, 2007. Kula discussed his experience in litigation.



The Christian Legal Society hosted **Rep. Lance Kinzer**, partner in the Olathe law firm, Schlagel, Damore, Gordon & Kinzer, LLC, Olathe, Kan., April 5, 2007. Kinzer discussed the role of the christian attorney in Kansas politics.



The J. Reuben Clark Law Society hosted **Jill Marchant**, Applebee's associate general counsel, April 13, 2007. Marchant discussed her experience as in-house counsel for a large corporation.



The Children and Family Law Center hosted **Art Thompson**, dispute resolution coordinator with the Kansas Office of Judicial Administration; **Bill Ebert**, solo practitioner and Washburn Law adjunct; and **Sherri Keller**, court services officer, April 16, 2007. They discussed mediation and case management.

The Sports and Entertainment Law Society hosted **Michael Glazier**, a former NCAA staff member, April 17, 2007. Glazier discussed how he created a special niche in sports law by representing universities and athletic departments in disputes regarding compliance and various issues.





President Jerry Farley, Michael C. Manning '77 and Ben Blair '65

Distinguished ALUMNI Recognition

The Distinguished Alumni Recognition has recently been established by the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Board of Governors. The purpose of the program is to provide recognition for distinguished alumni and to highlight the wide variety of careers that demonstrate the diversity of Washburn Law alumni. It also serves to highlight to students and the public the diverse, outstanding individuals who have graduated from Washburn Law.

The Board will select 12 distinguished alumni each year. A notice for nominations will be placed in *The Washburn Lawyer* Spring/Summer publication, beginning in 2008, with a deadline for nominations of December 31. Nomination forms will be available this year on the alumni page of the Washburn Law web site, at www.washburnlaw.edu/alumni beginning in October 2007. The Distinguished Alumni Committee of the Board of Governors will review nomination submissions. If less than 12 nominations are received then the Distinguished Alumni Committee will determine additional nominees. The Distinguished Alumni Committee will then present the nominations to the Board of Governors for review and approval. Information and photographs of selected alumni will be published in *The Washburn Lawyer* in the Spring/Summer edition and will also be displayed on a large screen monitor in the Washburn Law lobby.

The following are the first 12 alumni being recognized for the Distinguished Alumni Recognition Program.

John Dawson '06

John Dawson was one of 18 regular first-year students at Washburn University School of Law in 1903 and graduated from the School of Law in the first class of 1906.

Dawson was one of seven of Washburn's first entering class, who were already lawyers upon entering law school. At the time, he was 34 years old and had been admitted to the bar in 1898 in Wakeeney, Kan., after reading law in a law office in Hill City. Dawson came to Topeka in 1899 to be bond clerk for the State Treasurer, and near enrollment day in 1903, became chief clerk in the Attorney General's office. He was named assistant attorney general in 1904 and served until 1908. In 1909, he served as private secretary to Governor W.R. Stubbs for six months. Dawson left that position to become attorney for the State Railroad Commission. In 1910, he was elected attorney general and again in 1912. In 1914 Dawson served as president of the National Association of Attorney's General. Dawson was elected to the Kansas Supreme Court in 1914. He was the first graduate of any Kansas law school to sit on the court. Dawson served the Kansas Supreme Court for 30 years, then the third longest term in the Court's history. He served as Chief Justice from 1937 to 1945 and retired at age 70.



In 1945, Dawson began serving as the governors Pardon and Patrol attorney. He served in that position for 10 years, for 4 governors.

Dawson was a part-time Lecturer at the School of Law from 1909 to 1917. In 1927, Dawson received an Honorary Doctor of Law degree from Washburn University and received the Distinguished Service Award in 1949 from the Washburn Alumni Association.

John Dawson died February 19, 1960 at the age of 90.



Clifford Hope Sr. '17

Clifford Hope Sr., graduated from Washburn Law in 1917, and served as class president. He was admitted to the bar that same year.

Hope served during WWI as a second lieutenant with the thirty-fifth and eighty-fifth divisions in the United States and France from 1917 to 1919. After the service, Hope entered private practice in Garden City, Kan. From 1921 to 1927, Hope was a member of the Kansas House of Representatives; he served as speaker pro tempore in 1923, and then speaker in 1925, at the age of 31. Hope was elected to the 70th Congress as a Republican, and served from 1927 to 1957. He was elected to the Committee on Agriculture during his first term and was chairman of that committee in the 80th Congress. Beginning in 1932 he was the ranking Republican member of that committee.

During his congressional tenure Hope also served on the committee on post war economic policy and planning of the 78th Congress; the republican steering and congressional committee; and was chairman of the republican conference. Hope was the U.S. delegate to the Conference of the Interparliamentary Union at Stockholm, Sweden in 1949. He was congressional advisor to the U.S. delegation to the Inter-American Conservation Conference in Denver, Colo., in 1948. In 1945, Hope was appointed as one of the legislative advisors to the first Food and Agriculture Conference of the United Nations held in Quebec and was subsequently appointed in that capacity to each of its annual meetings.

After Bob Dole, Hope has the longest tenure of any other Washburn Law graduate in Congress.

Hope served for 30 years in Congress, including four years as chair of the house agriculture committee. He served in the Kansas Legislature from 1919 to 1925 and as the Kansas

Representative to Congress from 1927 to 1957. He practiced law for many years in Garden City, and was senior member of the firm then known as Hope, Haag, Saffels & Hope.

In 1951 Hope received the Distinguished Service Award from the Washburn Alumni Association.

Hope's son, Clifford R. Hope, Jr., graduated from Washburn Law in 1950. Clifford Hope Sr. died May 16, 1970, at the age of 76.

Marie Russell '25

Marie Russell came from a family of lawyers. Russell earned her A.B. degree from Kansas University plus the equivalent of one year's law school work. She graduated *cum laude* from Washburn Law in 1925. She was admitted to the Kansas bar that same year. Russell earned a Masters degree in Social and Economic Research from Simmons College in Boston.



Russell stayed at Washburn Law for one year as assistant to the Dean of the Law School and law librarian. She helped Dean Harry K. Allen with research for a book he was writing on real property. She then took a position with The Farm Mortgage Trust Company in Topeka, Kan. Russell left that position to become state law librarian and stayed at the library the rest of her working life, a period of over 40 years. In 1928, Russell started what turned into a 30 year stretch of part-time teaching at Washburn Law, and was the first woman lecturer at Washburn Law. Russell taught common law pleading and conflict of laws.

After retirement from the State Library, Russell traveled extensively. She also maintained her interest in and attendance at bar meetings, institutes, and the various clubs and organizations of which she was an active member.

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The School of Law has the Marie Russell Law School Scholarship. Marie Russell died April 28, 1981, at the age of 82.



Delmas Hill '29

Delmas Hill received his undergraduate degree in 1926 from Washburn University and his law degree in 1929, from Washburn University School of Law.

Judge Hill was a United States District Judge appointed by President Truman in 1949, and is the only Washburn Law graduate to sit on the United States Court of Appeals, appointed by President Kennedy in 1961.

Hill was admitted to the Kansas bar in 1929 and began practicing law in Wamego, Kan. In 1930, Hill was a candidate for County Attorney and won the election. He was re-elected in 1932. In 1934, Hill was appointed assistant United States attorney for the District of Kansas. He retained that position until 1936. Hill was appointed Tax Attorney for the Kansas State Tax Commission by Governor Huxman. After Huxman was defeated in the next election, Hill resumed his private practice in Wamego. Hill enlisted as a private in WWII. He was appointed to the Army Judge Advocate Training center, graduated in the top 10 percent of his class, and was commissioned as a first Lieutenant. A military commission was created to charge Japanese personnel on crimes that violated the Laws of War. Hill helped prosecute General Yamashita, Commanding General in the Philippine Islands. Hill represented the prosecution in front of the Philippine Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court. From General Douglas MacArthur, Captain Delmas Hill was granted a Bronze Star for his achievements.

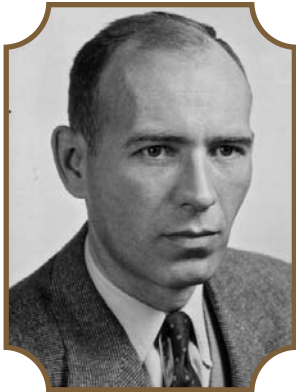
After WWII, Hill returned again to private practice in Wamego. In 1946 he became State Chairman of the Kansas Democratic Party. Hill worked in the 1948 presidential campaign for Harry Truman. In October 1949, President Truman nominated Hill to become the United States District Judge for the District of Kansas. He was confirmed without incident. Judge Hill along with Chief Judge Arthur Mellott, had an enormous case load. It is reported they disposed of twice as many cases as any federal judge nationwide, at the time.

Upon Judge Mellott's death, Hill was appointed Chief Judge of the Kansas District Court. In 1961, the membership of the Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit was enlarged along with a new position for a third district judge in Kansas by Congress. In September 1961, President Kennedy nominated Hill to fill the new position on the Circuit Court. Again, Hill was confirmed without incident. For 16 years, Hill was a circuit judge on the appellate court. Hill took senior status in 1977.

Hill was a loyal supporter of the School of Law and the Kansas Room at the law school is named in his honor. He was instrumental in fundraising for the law school following the 1966 tornado and endowed one of the school's first significant scholarships, the Delmas C. Hill Law Scholarship Fund. The scholarship fund gives a law student full resident tuition plus a stipend of \$2,000 a year for three years. Hill served on the Washburn Law School Association Board of Governors in 1969, 1970 and 1974. He received an Honorary Doctor of Law Degree in 1958 from Washburn University School of Law. Hill also served for 20 years as a member of the Washburn University Board of Trustees.

Delmas Hill died December 2, 1989, at the age of 80.

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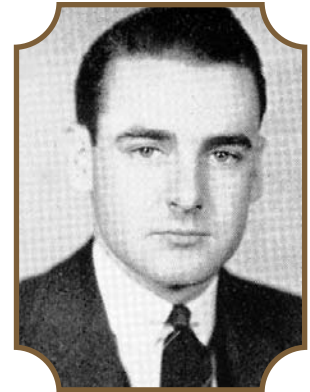
Richard Donnelly '38

Richard Donnelly graduated from Washburn University with a Bachelor of Arts in 1936 and with a law degree from Washburn Law in 1938. He received a JSD from Yale Law School in 1949.

Donnelly was admitted to practice in Kansas in 1938 and began private practice. He served as attorney for the Federal Land Bank of Wichita, from 1938 to 1942. For three years, he served in WWII. Donnelly's first teaching assignment was with Washburn Law from 1946 to 1947. From 1947 to 1948 he was the Sterling Fellow at Yale Law School. Donnelly accepted the position of associate professor of law at the University of Virginia in 1948 and taught there until 1950. He joined Yale Law School in 1950 as associate professor of Law. In 1953 he became professor of law and served in that capacity until his death in June 1966. At Yale, Donnelly taught criminal law, criminal procedure, evidence, and law and psychiatry. Donnelly's specialty was criminal law. His colleagues at Yale described him as, "One of the earliest members of a small but well respected band of innovators who brought to the study of the criminal process the range of insights to be found in the disciplines of psychiatry, psychology and sociology. Through his teachings and writings he imparted to his students his deep concern for the welfare and rehabilitation of society's offenders." Donnelly was the Simeon E. Baldwin Professor of Law at Yale. He was the lead author of a 1962 Criminal Law textbook and authority on mental health law.

Donnelly is the only Washburn Law graduate to teach at both the University of Virginia and at Yale. Donnelly died May 1980, at the age of 65.

Jack Campbell '40



Jack Campbell attended Washburn University and received both a Bachelor of Arts in 1938 and graduated *magna cum laude* with his Juris Doctor in 1940. Campbell was the Governor of New Mexico serving two, two-year terms from 1963 through 1967. Campbell's re-election in 1964 with 60 percent of the vote is still a record for gubernatorial elections in the state of New Mexico. Not long after being elected governor, Campbell carried out a campaign promise and set off a dynamite blast to begin construction of a bridge over the Rio Grande Gorge near Taos. In 1996, the state dedicated the Jack M. Campbell Highway — U.S. 64 from Taos to Tierra Amarilla — in recognition of his efforts in the 1960s to build the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge and complete U.S. 64 across northern New Mexico.

Campbell went to New Mexico from Kansas in 1940. From 1940 to 1941 he worked at the law firm of Reid & Iden in Albuquerque. In 1941, he became a special agent for the FBI in Washington D.C. and Los Angeles, Calif. From 1943 to 1946, Campbell was in the U. S. Marine Corps, First Lieutenant, Rifle Platoon Leader in the Third Marine Division, and participated in landings on Bougainville, Guam and Iwo Jima, where he also served as executive officer for the Division Chief of Staff. After the Marines, Campbell was a member of the law firm of Atwood, Malone & Campbell in Roswell, NM. From 1953 to 1963 he was in partnership with John F. Russell in Roswell. Campbell was a state representative from 1955 to 1962, serving as Speaker of the House from 1961 to 1962. After serving as governor, he practiced law in Santa Fe and became a leading lobbyist, particularly for the oil and gas industry, at the Capitol. He was a member in the law firms of Stephenson, Campbell & Olmsted and Olmsted & Cohen

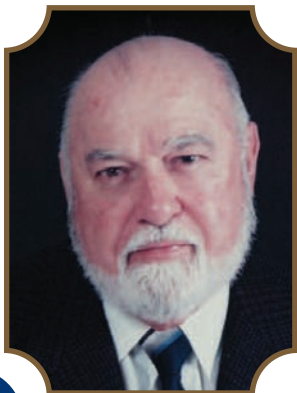
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from 1967 to 1972. In 1973, Campbell founded the law firm of Campbell, Bingaman & Black and worked there until he retired in 1991. The firm represented numerous oil companies over the years before legislative committees and district and state courts. Campbell played a major role in the development of the carbon dioxide fields of northeastern New Mexico.

Campbell received the Pete Porter Award for Excellence in Public Service from the New Mexico Oil & Gas Association in 1996; the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Distinguished Public Service Award in 1974; received an Honorary Doctorate of Science degree from New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology; and a Doctor of Laws from New Mexico State University, University of Albuquerque, College of Santa Fe. In 1965 Campbell received the Distinguished Service Award from the Washburn Law School Association on the 25th anniversary of his law school class.

Campbell was remembered for improving services for the mentally ill and reducing partisan politics in filling state jobs, he also appointed New Mexico's first science adviser, reflecting his interest in science and technology.

Jack Campbell died June 14, 1999, at the age of 82.



Jerry Michaud '51

Gerald Michaud attended Washburn University where he earned his bachelor's degree in 1949 and his law degree in 1951. He graduated *cum laude* from law school and was on the Board of the Law Review.

Michaud is known as a world-class medical malpractice lawyer whose career includes numerous ground breaking cases. Some of those cases include: proving benzene caused cancer which won a \$34 million verdict against Texaco; proving birth control pills caused strokes, kidney disease, heart disease, blood clots and hair loss, and forcing drug companies to reformulate the pills with less estrogen; and proving super-absorbent tampons caused toxic shock syndrome and winning an \$11 million verdict from International Playtex in the 1983 death of a Wichita woman. The company voluntarily recalled the product two weeks after the trial and changed it to make it safer.

Michaud's illustrious career began in 1959, 8 years after graduating from law school, when he won a law suit on behalf of a woman who had become deaf as a result of an allergic reaction to a tetanus shot.

Michaud's law career consisted of representing the underdog and helping those who needed help but couldn't help themselves. Michaud retired in 1995. In 2002, he came out of retirement for a short time to help his daughter Cameron Michaud-Drumright in her law career after graduating from Washburn Law.

Michaud never forgot Washburn University. He and his law firm, Michaud, Cordry, Michaud, Hutton & Hutton, made a generous contribution of \$1,000,000 to establish an endowed chair at Washburn – the Ahrens Chair in Tort Law in 1986. Michaud named the chair after Professor Emeritus James R. Ahrens, his former law school professor.

Michaud was a noted presenter at the school on numerous occasions and was a distinguished speaker at the Ahrens Tort Symposium in 1996. He served on the Washburn Law School Association Board of Governors from 1986 to 1989 and again from 1991 to 1994. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the Washburn Law

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School Association in 1997 and received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Washburn University in 1986. He also received the Washburn University President's Award in 1997 for recognition of his work on behalf of higher education.

Michaud and his wife Shannon were generous to Washburn Law in other ways as well. In 1996, they gave Washburn Law the "Wings of Freedom" by Sandy Scott. The 4,000 pound bronze eagle sculpture has a 22 foot wing span and is located on the northwest lawn of the Law School. In 2000, he donated a bronze sculpture of Benjamin Franklin by George Lundeen, which sits on the south side of the Law School. In 2002, Michaud donated another sculpture, Thomas Jefferson drafting the Declaration of Independence, also by Lundeen. This piece was given to commemorate the graduation of Michaud's daughter and son-in-law, Cameron and Greg Dumright, both from Washburn Law.

Michaud was a member of the Inner Circle of Advocates, an invitation-only group limited to 100 lawyers nationwide. He was active in many organizations including: Wichita, Kansas and American Bar Associations; Wichita Trial Lawyers Association (president, 1971 to 1973); Kansas Trial Lawyers Association (Board of Governors 1964; vice-president 1968 to 1972; president 1975 to 1980; chairman Continuing Legal Education Committee 1979 to 1980); The Association of Trial Lawyers of America (Medical Professional Liability Committee 1971 to 1980, Board of Governors 1985); charter member, Kansas Chapter, American Board of Trial Advocates (president 1974 to 1975); founding member, American Board of Professional Liability Attorneys; diplomat, American Board of Trial Advocates; International Society of Barristers; and International Academy of Trial Lawyers. Michaud received the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association Distinguished Service Award in 1998.

Michaud spent his career working as an advocate and supporter of his clients, Washburn University and Washburn Law. Michaud died July 18, 2005, at the age of 76.

Senator Robert J. Dole '52

Senator Robert J. Dole received his A.B. from Washburn University and his law degree from Washburn University School of Law in 1952.

Senator Dole is currently special counsel at Alston & Bird, L.L.P. in Washington, DC. In 2007, Senator Dole was appointed as the co-chairman of the newly-created White House President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors.

During WWII, Dole served in the U.S. Army as a Second Lieutenant and platoon leader with the 10th Mountain Division in the Allied liberation of Northern Italy. He was severely wounded in the mountains of Italy in 1945 and spent 39 months recovering in hospitals. He served from June 1943 and was honorably discharged as a Captain in July 1948.

In 1950, while a student at Washburn Law, Senator Dole was elected to the Kansas Legislature and served in the House of Representatives until 1953. From 1952 to 1960, he was elected to four consecutive terms as Russell County Attorney.

Dole was first elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1960. He was re-elected and served until 1968. He was then elected to the United States Senate in 1968 and was consistently re-elected and served until 1996. Dole was elected Senate Majority Leader in 1984 and served four consecutive Congresses as Senate Republican leader until he retired from the Senate in 1996. From 1971 to 1973, Senator Dole served as chairman of the Republican National Committee.

Presidential candidate Gerald Ford asked Dole to be his running mate for vice president of the United States in 1976. Dole ran for president of the United States in 1988 and 1996.



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Dole's public service has included prominent appointments including: advisor, U.S. Delegation to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, 1965, 1968, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1979; advisor, President's Delegation to Study the Food Crisis in India, 1966; advisor, U.S. Delegation to Study the Arab Refugee Problem, 1967; member, U.S. National Commission for the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, 1970, 1973; member, Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, 1977; and member, National Commission on Social Security Reform, 1983.

Dole served as the national chairman of the World War II Memorial Campaign from 1997 to 2004; chaired the International Commission for Missing Persons investigating ethnic cleansing in the former Yugoslavia; served as president of the influential Federal City Council in Washington, D.C.; and after September 11, along with former President Bill Clinton, co-chaired the Families of Freedom Scholarship Fund, which raised over \$120 million. Dole serves as chairman of the board of The Dole Foundation, which he established in 1983 to advance educational and workforce opportunities for the disabled.

Dole served as a Washburn Endowment Association Trustee from 1987 to 1998 when he became Trustee Emeriti. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the Washburn Alumni Association in 1966; an Honorary Doctor of Law Degree from Washburn University 1969; and the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award in 1981. In March 2004, Dole gave the keynote address at the Washburn University School of Centennial Celebration Black-Tie Gala.

Some of the many honors Dole has received include: Distinguished Kansan Award in 1976 from the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas; the Citation of Distinguished Statesmanship in 1984 from the Native Sons

and Daughters of Kansas; the Phil Lewis Medal of Distinction Award from the Kansas Bar Association in 1986; Presidential Medal of Freedom, 1997, the nation's highest civilian honor for meritorious contributions to the interest of the United States; Kansan of the Year by the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas in 2004; the Golden Medal of Freedom in 2004 from the President of Kosovo; the Distinguished Service Medal, American Legion; the Teddy Roosevelt Award from the National Collegiate Athletic Association; the Horatio Alger Award from The Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans; and the U.S. Defense Department's Distinguished Public Service Award. Of note, Dole is the only person to receive all three awards from the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas.

Dole established The Honorable Robert J. Dole Scholarship Fund for Law Students with Disabilities, at the School of Law. The fund provides assistance to students with disabilities for tuition, books and other special needs.

Sherman Parks '55

Sherman Parks received his Bachelor of Business Administration from Washburn University in 1949 and his Juris Doctor from Washburn Law in 1955.

Parks was appointed to the Kansas State Court of Appeals by Governor Robert F. Bennett in 1977 and served on the court until his retirement in 1987. He was the first black appellate judge in Kansas and the highest ranking black judicial officer in the state. Parks also was the first black adjunct faculty member to teach at Washburn Law.



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After graduation Parks began his career as an assistant attorney for Shawnee County, serving in that capacity from 1961 to 1966. In 1966, he became the attorney general assigned to the Alcohol Beverage Control Division and maintained that position until 1968. From 1968 to 1971, he was the assistant attorney general, and from 1971 to 1977 was the chief counsel for the Secretary of State's office.

Long interested in education, Parks was a member of the Washburn University Board of Regents and served as chair from 1971 to 1972. He was an adjunct professor at Washburn University School of Law teaching criminal law and criminal procedure. He was a member of the Washburn Law School Association Board of Governors, serving in 1969 to 1970, 1984 to 1987 and 1989 to 1992. Parks received the Washburn University Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award in 1987 and an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Washburn University in 1990. Parks served as the chairman of the Kansas Republican's Veterans Club and as president of the Topeka Council of Parents-Teachers Association. In 1988, Parks received the Martin Luther King Jr. award from the Living the Dream Council.

Parks son, Sherman A. Parks, Jr., also graduated from Washburn Law in 1975. Sherman Parks Sr. died April 8, 1996, at the age of 72.

Delano Lewis '63

Delano Lewis received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 1960 from the University of Kansas and his law degree from Washburn University School of Law in 1963. After graduating from Washburn Law, Lewis began his career in the federal government, first as an attorney with the Department of Justice



and later with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. He then became associate director of the U.S. Peace Corps in Nigeria and country director of the U.S. Peace Corps in Uganda. He was legislative assistant to Senator Edward W. Brook of Massachusetts and chief of staff for Delegate Walter Fauntroy of the District of Columbia.

His career in the telecommunication industry began in 1973, when he joined C&P Telephone Company, a subsidiary of AT&T. Lewis remained with C&P Telephone Company until 1984 when he joined Bell Atlantic (now Verizon). In 1994, he retired from Bell Atlantic as president and CEO of the company's District of Columbia operations. Later that same year he was asked to take the helm of National Public Radio (NPR) in Washington, D.C., as president and CEO.

After five years with NPR, Lewis retired, continuing to serve on the Boards of Colgate Palmolive Company, Eastman Kodak, The Haliburton Co., and Black Entertainment Television.

In June 1999, President Clinton nominated Lewis to be the first United States Ambassador to The Republic of South Africa, and the Senate confirmed him that November, the same year the Topeka Capital-Journal named him Kansan of the Year.

Lewis received the Distinguished Service Award from the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association in 2003.

In July 2001, Lewis retired from diplomatic service, and he now resides in New Mexico. He is president and CEO of his communications consulting practice, Lewis & Associates, in Las Cruces. He consults with and lectures for many groups and organizations including, Amoco Oil Co., The African American Group of Lincoln Life Insurance Co., and The Developmental School's Foundation.

He received an Honorary Doctor of Human

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Letters in 1992 from Queens College, in 1994 from Barry University, in 1995 from Kent State University, and in 1996 from Lafayette College; an Honorary Degree – General in 1988 from Marymount College and in 1997 from Nova University; an Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts in 1997 from Southern Illinois University; an Honorary Doctor of Law in 2000 from Washburn University; and a Doctor of Public Service in 1991 from George Washington University.

Kay McFarland '64

Kay McFarland graduated *magna cum laude* from Washburn University with dual majors in English and history-political science in 1957. She graduated from Washburn University School of Law in 1964 and was admitted to the Kansas Bar the same year. Justice McFarland is Chief Justice of the Kansas Supreme Court, a position she has held since 1995. She is the first woman to serve in that capacity. Her career has been a remarkable series of “firsts.”

Following law school, McFarland was in private practice in Topeka until 1971, when she challenged the incumbent judge of the Shawnee County probate and juvenile courts and won the election. McFarland delivered the court reforms pledged in her campaign and reduced serious juvenile offenses by more than half in the two years she held that office. McFarland was the first woman elected to a judgeship in Shawnee County. In 1973, she became judge of the newly created Fifth Division of the District Court in Topeka, thereby becoming the first woman to be a district judge in the history



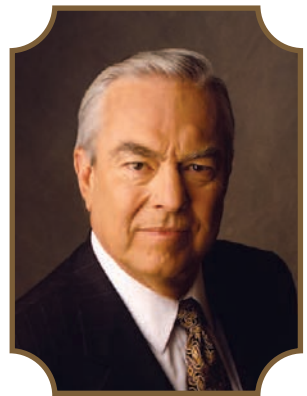
of Kansas. Her election to this office came after her victories over opponents in both the primary and general elections. McFarland was appointed by the governor to be a justice of the Kansas Supreme Court in 1977, and she remained the only woman to hold that office until fellow Washburn Law alumnae Marla Luckert, joined her on the bench of the Kansas Supreme Court in January 2003. In 1995, upon the retirement of fellow alum Chief Justice Richard W. Holmes '53, McFarland became Chief Justice of the Kansas Supreme Court, the first woman ever to hold that position.

McFarland received the Washburn University Alumni Fellow Award for the School of Law in 2005 and the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association in 2006. McFarland received the first Chief Justice Kay McFarland Award from the Women Attorneys Association of Topeka, given in honor of her professional excellence and commitment to service.

William H. Kurtis '66

William H. Kurtis received his Bachelor of Science in Journalism from the University of Kansas in 1962 and his Juris Doctor from Washburn University School of Law in 1966. Kurtis served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1962 to 1963.

In 1966, Kurtis was working for WIBW TV part-time while attending Washburn Law. He provided coverage of the tornado that ripped through Topeka, leaving 16 dead



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and hundreds injured. After learning of the dangerous weather, Kurtis shouted a warning that became synonymous with the deadly twister: "For Gods sake, take cover." He remained on the air to cover the destruction for 24 hours straight. Kurtis received national attention for his coverage of the tornado and is credited with saving many lives.

Kurtis is an acclaimed documentary host and producer, network and major market news anchor and multimedia production company president.

In 1973, Kurtis teamed up with Walter Jacobson and over the next nine years, made Chicago television history. In the process, Kurtis initiated several innovative practices which became standards for the business today, including local "foreign correspondent" reports from the field and his "Focus" unit investigations. Kurtis became the first foreign correspondent for CBS affiliate WBBM reporting from Vietnam, Northern Ireland, and Africa.

Kurtis covered such notable stories as the Richard Speck murders and the Charles Manson trial. He is also credited with breaking the Agent Orange story and the story of Amerasian Children in Vietnam.

In 1982, he co-anchored the CBS *Morning News* with Diane Sawyer, where for three and-a-half years he completed a series of hour-long documentaries for the prestigious CBS Reports. In 1985, Kurtis began his career as a documentarian, for the Peabody Award-winning series *The New Explorers*, which aired on PBS. In 1990, he founded Kurtis Productions and began producing programs for the A&E Television Network, including *Investigative Reports*, *American Justice*, and *Cold Case Files*.

Kurtis is executive producer of *Cold Case Files*, the original forensic series, which began in 1998 as a sub-strand of the Emmy® Award-winning *Investigative Reports*. Since 1992, Kurtis has been the anchor of A&E's *American Justice*.

For over ten years, Kurtis was executive

producer and anchor of *Investigative Reports*, the longest running series on television. *Investigative Reports* was the recipient of several awards, including the Thurgood Marshall Journalism Award for the Kurtis-produced program, *Death Penalty on Trial*. In this series, Kurtis presented some of the most talked-about news-based documentaries on television over the past decade, including the five-part *The Men Who Killed Kennedy*; the two-hour *Newt Gingrich and the Republican Revolution*; the four-part special, *Naked News*; and *The Secret Tapes of Richard Speck*, a controversial exposé of lax conditions in the Illinois prison system that resulted in statewide prison reform.

Kurtis is also executive producer of the weekly series, *Investigating History*, airing on The History Channel.

Kurtis received an Honorary Doctor of Literature from Washburn University in 1985; the Distinguished Service Award from the Washburn Law School Association in 1999; the Distinguished Service Award from the Washburn Alumni Association in 1982; was the keynote speaker at the 30th anniversary of the Topeka tornado, June 8, 1996; and served on the Washburn Law School Association Board of Governors from 1977 to 1978.

Kurtis created the Media and Entertainment Law Fund at the Law School, which benefits students who support law school programs relating to media and/or entertainment law at Washburn Law.



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Washburn University School of Law graduated 151 students during its 101st commencement ceremony, May 12, 2007. Of the 151, students 39 received a Certificate of Concentration in one of the following areas: Advocacy, Business and Transactional Law, Estate Planning, Family Law, Natural Resources Law, Tax Law or Transactional Law.



Michael C. Manning '77, was the commencement speaker and received an Honorary Doctor of Law degree. Manning received his bachelor's degree from Emporia State University in 1971 and his juris doctor, *cum laude*, from Washburn University School of Law in 1977. He was editor-in-chief of the *Washburn Law Journal*. Manning is managing partner in the Phoenix office of Stinson Morrison

Hecker LLP, where his areas of practice are commercial, professional liability, bankruptcy and international commercial relationships litigation.

Manning is noteworthy for his representation in ground breaking cases. In 1984, the FDIC chose Manning to head its litigation against New York, mob-related money broker, Mario Renda. Manning's successful multi-state civil and criminal prosecutions ultimately resulted in Renda's conviction and incarceration and are chronicled in the book, *Inside Job*. In 1989, he acted as lead counsel in the Lincoln Savings/Charles Keating cases. At the time it was the largest commercial litigation in U.S. history, involving more than 51,000 pages of documents and more than 600 depositions. That case is detailed in the book, *Trust Me*.

Manning has spoken on numerous occasions to students, faculty, and alumni at the law school regarding the effective use of technology in the courtroom. He received the Washburn University Alumni Fellow Award for the School of Law in 2002, and serves on the advisory board for the Center for Excellence in Advocacy at Washburn Law. In 1994, Manning was recognized by the *National Law Journal* in its triennial selection of the "100 Most Influential Lawyers in America." Manning is a board member and past president of the FBI Citizens Academy

and a significant fundraiser for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central and Southern Arizona. He serves as chairman of the advisory board of LIFE TEEN, Inc., a Phoenix-based charity which, through spiritual development, helps teens cope with the special challenges they face.

Manning addressed the graduates, "You must, in your practice, constantly focus your attention on ethical considerations. Some thing you are able to give away in your early years as a lawyer, but you will never be able to buy back, is your integrity." He continued, "In your practice, you must constantly focus on ethical considerations which you must hope and you should expect, to become second nature to you as you gain practice experience."

He encouraged graduates to challenge themselves. "You will be presented with new professional pathways that will create anxiety and moments of self doubt. When your practice puts you at that crossroads of the comfortable and familiar pathway to one side, and the daunting challenge or an unknown pathway on the other side, be bold. Push yourself toward that challenge. It is better to fail at a challenge and a cause worth taking, than to succeed in running back and forth over your own tread marks," stated Manning.

"Don't ever be wilted by those who would underestimate you. You are from this great law school, therefore, you come from top stock. In years to come you too will feel as I do about this great law school. Take the great blessing of your Washburn Law degree and couple it with hard work in our profession and pursue the pathway that challenges you and sometimes daunts you. Do not shy away from those that tell you they are better than you. Challenge yourself, push yourself and do honor to our noble profession."

During the ceremony, the Class of 2007 presented the William O. Douglas Outstanding Professor of the Year Award to Professor David Pierce, and the Adjunct Professor of the Year Award to C. William "Bill" Ossmann '75.

Steve Cooper '73, president of the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Board of Governors, recognized several graduating students whose parents are also Washburn Law alums. Those recognized were: William Deer, son of Montie Deer class of 1972; Thomas Hammond, son of Thomas E. Hammond class of 1979; Andrew W. Hartnett, son of Andrew Stone Hartnett class of 1966; Richard Hickey, son of Allen Hickey class of 1962; Robert "Jake" Johnson, son of John Johnson class of 1973; Pam Putnam, daughter of Larry Putnam class of 1976; Blake Reitz, daughter of Sid Reitz class of 1976; and Michael Shultz, son of John "Craig" Shultz class of 1978.



Class of 2007 Donor Honor Roll

The Class of 2007 presented a class gift of \$4,148 to the School of Law. The gift will go toward a need-based scholarship to an incoming first-year student. The following students and parents from the Class of 2007 contributed to the class gift fund. Washburn University School of Law would like to thank all donors for their generous gift and commitment to the law school.

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Faculty Plaudits



Professor Aida M. Alaka

Articles

“Corporate Reorganizations, Job Layoffs, and Age Discrimination: Has *Smith v. City of Jackson* Substantially Expanded the Rights of Older Workers Under the ADEA?” 70 *Albany Law Review* 143 (2006).

Presentations

“Writing with Clarity and Strength: Maximizing Advocacy with Best Writing Practices,” *The Art of Advocacy: Not-So-Secret Tips for Writing Effective, Persuasive and Ethical Legal Briefs*, Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, Kansas, March 10, 2007.



Associate Dean Kelly Lynn Anders

Presentations

“Externship Programs: The Impact of ABA Standard 305,” *Topeka Bar Association*, Feb. 2, 2007.

Panelist, *Legal Diversity Summit*, Nebraska Bar Association, Omaha, Neb., Oct. 6, 2006.



Professor Bradley T. Borden serves as vice chair, Sales, Exchanges & Basis Committee, ABA Section of Taxation and is a member of the Executive Committee, Kansas Bar Association Section of Taxation.

Articles in Other Journals

“Related-Party Like-Kind Exchanges,” 115 *Tax Notes* 467 (April 30, 2007) (co-author with Kelly E. Alton and Alan S. Lederman).

“Tax Opinions in TIC Offerings and Reverse TIC Exchanges,” 23 *Tax Management Real Estate Journal* 88 (March 7, 2007) (co-author with Todd D. Keator).

“Transforming Personal and Intangible Property into Real Property,” 34 *Real Estate Taxation* 52 (1st Quarter 2007) (co-author with Kelly E. Alton).

ABA Section of Taxation Comment Projects and Reports

ABA Section of Taxation Comments on Additional Options to Improve Tax Compliance Prepared by the Staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation (Aug. 3, 2006) (March 15, 2007) (reviewer).

Academic Presentations

“In Defense of Section 1031,” 2007 Joint Meeting of the Law and Society Association and the Research Committee on Sociology of Law, Berlin, Germany, July 2007.

“Policy and Theoretical Dimensions of Qualified Tax Partnerships,” University of South Carolina School of Law Faculty Presentation, Columbia, S.C., April 2007.

“Policy and Theoretical Dimensions of Qualified Tax Partnerships,” Charleston School of Law Faculty Presentation, Charleston, S.C., April 2007.

“Qualified Tax Partnerships,” Washburn Tax Law Colloquium, Topeka, Kan., February 2007.

“Tax-Free Swaps: Using Section 1031 to Preserve Investment Net Worth,” Washburn University School of Law Faculty Presentation, Topeka, Kan., December 2006.

“The Federal Definition of Tax Partnership,” The 2006 Meetings, The Canadian Law and Economics Association, Toronto, Canada, September 2006.

Other Presentations

Moderator, “Practical Implications of Securities Basis Reporting,” and Panelist, “Economic Substance—Will it Invade Everyday Transactions?” American Bar Association Section of Taxation Meeting, Sales, Exchanges and Basis Committee Meeting, Washington, D.C., May 2007.

“Multi-State Tax Issues,” 2007 Federation of Exchange Accommodators Mid-Year Conference, Washington, D.C., April 2007.

Panelist, “Sales and Exchanges: Current Developments,” and Moderator, “Sales and Exchanges of Leases (Part III),” American Bar Association Section of Taxation and Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Joint Meeting, Sales, Exchanges and Basis Committee Meeting, Hollywood, Florida, January 2007.

“Tax Opinions in TIC Offerings and Reverse TIC Exchanges,” BNA Tax Management Advisory Board Meeting, New York, N.Y., December 2006 (with Todd D. Keator).

Panelist, “Sales and Exchanges: Current Developments,” and Moderator, “Sales and Exchanges of Leases (Part II),” American Bar Association Section of Taxation and Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Joint Meeting, Sales, Exchanges and Basis Committee Meeting, Denver, Colo., October 2006.



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James M. Concannon is a member of the Board of Editors, *The Bench* a bi-monthly publication of the American Inns of Court; member of the Kansas Commission on Judicial

Performance; chair of the ABA/AALS Site Inspection Team, University of Wyoming, March 18-21, 2007; member of the Drafting Committee, Uniform Certification of Unsworn Foreign Declarations Act, National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws; chair of the Vice President for Academic Affairs Search Committee, spring, 2007; member of the Executive Committee, Washburn University Faculty Senate; and member of the Kansas Judicial Council, Pattern Instructions for Kansas, Civil and Criminal Committees.

Presentation

“Evidence,” Kansas Bar Association Legislative and Case Law Institute, June 15, 2006.

Chapters in Books

“Witnesses” (chapter 18), “Relevance and Extrinsic Policies Affecting Admissibility” (chapter 19), “Judicial Notice” (chapter 22) and “Privileges” (chapter 23), *Kansas Criminal Law Handbook*. 4th ed. (Kansas Bar Association, 2006).

“Evidence,” *Annual Survey of Kansas Law*. Kansas Bar Association (2006).



Professor Myrl L. Duncan

Presentations

“Water Law in Kansas” at a public meeting, “More Water for Salina: What Can We Do?” Sponsored by the Land Institute, Salina, Kan., March 11, 2007.

“Prior Appropriation on the Ogallala Aquifer: The Age of Conservation Meets the Great American Bar B Q,” Washburn University School of Law (presented to groundwater experts from China, India, Bangladesh, and Nepal), Dec. 11, 2006.



Righter Distinguished Professor Linda Henry Elrod is the director,

Children and Family Law Center, Washburn University School of Law. In the fall of 2006 she was named the Richard S. Righter Distinguished

Professor of Law. She is a reporter for Uniform Child Abduction Prevention Act; member of the National Conference of Commissioners Joint Editorial Board for Uniform Family Law; co-chair of the ABA Pro Bono Custody and Adoption Project Advisory Board; ABA Family Law Section representative to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws Joint Editorial Board for Family Law; editor of the *Family Law Quarterly* for the ABA Family Law Section; Kansas Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Child Support.

Presentations

“Ethical Considerations in Family Law - There Must be 10 Ways to Lose Your License” Recent Developments in the Law Continuing Education Program, Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, Kan., June 22, 2007.

“Making Family Law: Drafting Legislation to Prevent Child Abduction,” North American Regional Conference of the International Society of Family Law, Vancouver, Canada, June 20, 2007.

“The Uniform Child Abduction Prevention Act: Protecting Children,” International Society of Family Law, Vancouver, B.C., June 19, 2007.

Faculty Plaudits

"International Child Abduction: Risk Factors and Prevention," Plenary Session Presenter and Moderator, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, 44th Annual Conference, Washington D.C., June 1, 2007.

"The Value of Amicus Curiae Briefs as Teaching Tools," The Art of Advocacy: Writing to Win, Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, Kan., March 10, 2007.

"The Intersection of Attorney/Guardian ad litem and CASA", Keynote Speaker for Kappa Alpha Theta Founders Day, Feb. 3, 2007.

"Grandparent and Third Party Visitation Rights in Kansas," for Women Attorney's Association of Topeka and Women's Legal Forum, Jan. 24, 2007.

"Family Law: What Rights for Nontraditional Families?", Council of Appellate Staff Attorneys, Dallas, Texas, Nov. 9, 2006.

"The Importance of Connectedness: Why Belong to PAD in 2006?" Speaker for Phi Alpha Delta Initiation, Benson Chapter, September 2006.

"Family Law Update: Marrying, Parenting and Relocating," National Association of Appellate Court Attorneys, Richmond, Va., July 6, 2006.

"Kansas Family Law Update: Kansas Trial Lawyers Association, June 30, 2006.

"What's Wrong with Children's Rights," Plenary Session for the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 43rd Annual Conference, Tampa, Fla., June 2, 2006.

"Preventing Abduction in Child Custody Disputes" Workshop for the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 43rd Annual Conference, Tampa, Fla., June 1, 2006.

Other

Testified in favor of the Uniform Child Abduction Prevention Act (Senate Bill 18) in House Judiciary Committee Meeting, March 8, 2007.

"Why Kansas should enact the SB 18 - the Uniform Child Abduction Prevention Act," prepared

materials and testified in front of Senate Judiciary Committee meeting, Jan. 16, 2007; House Judiciary, March 8, 2007.

"Uniform Child Abduction Prevention Act -The Time is Now," prepared materials and testified in front of Senate-House Interim Committee meeting, Nov. 15, 2006.

Presented final draft of Uniform Child Abduction Prevention Act for approval at annual meeting of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in Hilton Head, S.C., July 9-12, 2006.

PUBLICATIONS

2006 Supplements for 17 chapters of CHILD CUSTODY PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE (West Group Rev. ed. 2004)

2006 Supplements for 16 chapters in KANSAS FAMILY LAW (Thomson West 1999).

Journal Articles:

States Differ on Relocation: A Panorama of Expanding Case Law, 28 (4) FAMILYADVOCATE 8 (2006).

A Review of the Year in Family Law: Parentage and Assisted Reproduction Problems Take Center Stage, 39 FAMILY LAW QUARTERLY 879 (American Bar Association 2006).

"A Move in the Right Direction?: Best Interests of the Child Emerging as Standard for Relocation Cases," 3:3/4 *Journal of Child Custody* 29 (2006).



Professor J. Lyn Entrikin

Goering serves as a member of the Board of Editors of the *Kansas Bar Journal*.

Chapters in Books

"State Taxation of Indian Tribal Activity: Is the Power to Tax the Power to Destroy?", in *Abuso de Poder do Estado na Atualidade* (Mauro Roberto Gomes de Mattos & Liana Taborda Lima, editors. America Juridica, 2006. ISBN: 8576670399.) (co-author with James B. Wadley).

Presentations

“The Ethics of Legal Writing,” Continuing Legal Education Seminar, State of Kansas, Department of Administration Legal Section, Topeka, Kan., June 1, 2007.

“Report on The Nairobi Conference on Legal Writing Pedagogy for African Legal Academics,” Global Legal Skills Conference, Chicago, Ill., May 4-5, 2007.

“Winning Fair and Square: Ethics in Advocacy Writing,” The Pedagogy of Legal Writing Conference, Nairobi, Kenya, March 17, 2007.

“Winning Fair and Square: Ethics in Advocacy Writing,” The Art of Advocacy: Not-So-Secret Tips for Writing Effective, Persuasive and Ethical Legal Briefs, Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, Kan., March 10, 2007.

“Researching Kansas Legislative History,” Presentation to Kansas Appellate Court Research Attorneys, Kansas Judicial Center, Topeka, Kan., Jan. 18, 2007.



Professor Ronald C. Griffin

Other Publications

Vernon’s Kansas Statutes Annotated, Uniform Commercial Code, Volumes 7, 8 and 9 Pocket Parts (2006)

(Thomson West : St. Paul, Minn.).

Presentations

“A Chat About National Security,” 2007 Statewide “We the People Competition,” Kansas Department of Education, Topeka, Kan., Jan. 30, 2007.

“Open Letter to Meg About York: Lewis and Clark Expedition,” Tent of Many Voices, United States Department of Interior-United States National Park Service Bi-Centennial Celebration of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 23, 2006.



Professor Randall L. Hodgkinson

Presentations

“Difficulties in Criminal Appellate Advocacy,” Appellate Practice Symposium, Kansas Bar Association, Topeka, Kan., April 20, 2007.

Book Chapters and Similar Publications

“Diversion” (Chapter 5), *Kansas Criminal Law Handbook*, 4th ed. (Kansas Bar Association, 2006).



Professor Janet Thompson

Jackson served on the boards of Mainstream, Inc., a Topeka nonprofit organization that manages the Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, and Missouri nonprofit associations and Wittenberg University Alumni Board, Springfield, Ohio.

Presentations

Speaker, “Essay Exam Taking Techniques,” Council on Legal Education Opportunity: Thurgood Marshall Legal Opportunity Educational Program, 2007 Mid-Winter Academic Enhancement Seminar, Alexandria, Va., Jan. 6, 2007.



Professor Jeffrey D. Jackson

Articles

“Beyond Quality: First Principles in Judicial Selection and Their Application to a Commission-Based Selection System,” 34 *Fordham Urban Law Journal* 125 (2007).

Presentations

“Just the Facts: Writing a Persuasive Fact Statement,” The Art of Advocacy: Not-So-Secret Tips for Writing Effective, Persuasive and Ethical Legal Briefs, Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, Kan., March 10, 2007.

Forum Panelist, “What Does Freedom of the Press Mean When the Press is the Internet?,” Washburn University Constitution and Citizenship Forum, Topeka, Kan., Sept. 18, 2006.



Professor L. Ali Khan

Articles

“Forcing them to be Free: Bush’s Project for the Muslim World,” 8 *Global Dialogue* 1 (2006).

“An Islamic View of the Battlefield,” 7 *Barry Law Review* 21 (2006) (Symposium issue: God and War).

Faculty Plaudits

Legal Commentaries

"Combating Defamation of Religions," MWC News (Dec. 31, 2006).

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"Suppressive Rulings: Turkey's Headscarf Ban," National Law Journal (online edition) (July 24, 2006).

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"The Veil and the British Male Elite," MWC News (Oct. 26, 2006).

"Fighting Words: The Abuse of Islam in Political Rhetoric," Jurist: Legal News & Research (Aug. 20, 2006).

"The War Crime Machine: Defeating the IDF," Counterpunch (July 29/30, 2006).



Professor Tonya Kowalski

Presentations

"Better Advocacy Through Persuasive Issues and Point Headers," The Art of Advocacy: Not-So-Secret Tips for Writing Effective, Persuasive and Ethical Legal Briefs, Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, Kan., March 10, 2007.



Professor Nancy G. Maxwell

Articles

"The Psychological Consequences of Judicially Imposed Closets in Child Custody and Visitation Cases Involving Gay or Lesbian Parents," 13 *Wm. & Mary J. Women & L.* 305 (2006) (with Richard Donner).

Presentations

"Living Diversity: Broaden the Spectrum" and "Sexual Orientation: 'The Knew Kid' on the Block," panels as part of Second Annual Washburn Law Diversity Week, Topeka, Kan., March 6 and March 7, 2007.

"Adoption and New Family Realities," panel at International Conference on LGBT Human Rights,

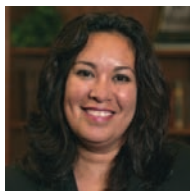
Montreal, Canada, July 2006.



Professor William G. Merkel

Articles

"A Cultural Turn: Reflections on Recent Historical and Legal Writing on the Second Amendment," 17 *Stanford Law & Policy Review* 671 (2006).



Professor Aliza Organick serves as president of the Kansas Association of Counsel for Children, 2006-2008.

Articles

"Creating a Tribal Law Clinic in Kansas: Carving the Peg to Fit the Hole," 82 *North Dakota Law Review* 849 (2006).

Presentations

Panelist, "Panel and Group Discussion on Tribal Governance," Tribal Law & Government Conference 2006, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan., Oct. 27, 2006.

Presenter, "Creating a Tribal Law Clinic in Kansas: The Joys and Challenges of Bringing a Clinic into the World," The Pedagogy of American Indian Law, UND Northern Plains Indian Law Center, Grand Forks, N.D., Oct. 13-14, 2006.

Presenter, "Kansas ICWA Cases in Review," Seventh Annual Native Nations Law Symposium, Sac and Fox Nation, Aug. 25, 2006.



Professor David E. Pierce is

program chair for the 53rd Annual Institute of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation; and chair, Long Range Planning Committee, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law

Foundation. He received the Meritorious Achievement Award from Pittsburg State University and William O. Douglas Outstanding Professor of the Year from Washburn University School of Law.

Presentations

Presenter, "Issues in Oil and Gas Leasing

Transactions,” 7th Annual CLE Slam-Dunk Program sponsored by the Kansas Bar Association and the Kansas State University Foundation, Manhattan, Kan., Feb. 19, 2007.

Featured General Session Speaker, “Oil and Gas Law Update,” 58th Annual Oil & Gas Law Conference sponsored by the Energy Law Institute of the Center for American and International Law, Houston, Texas, Feb. 15, 2007.

“Recent Developments in Business and Transactional Law.” Recent Developments in the Law. Washburn Law School, Topeka, Kan., June 21, 2007.

“Oil and Gas Lease 2007: Problems, Solutions, Improvements.” 125th Annual Meeting of the Kansas Bar Association, Wichita, Kan., June 9, 2007.

“Banking, Commercial and Contract Law Developments,” Annual Survey of the Law. Kansas Bar Association, Topeka, Kan., May 20, 2007.

“Transactional Evolution of Joint Operating Agreements in the Oil and Gas Industry.” Special Institute on Oil and Gas Agreements: Joint Operations, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, American Association of Professional Landmen, Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies, Santa Fe, N.M., May 17, 2007.

“Applied Contract Law for the Transactional Lawyer.” Washburn Law School, Topeka, Kan., March 2, 2007.

“Recent Developments in Nonregulatory Oil and Gas Law: Beyond Theories and Rules to the Motivating Jurisprudence,” 58th Annual Oil & Gas Law Conference sponsored by the Energy Law Institute of the Center for American and International Law, Houston, Texas. Feb. 15, 2007.

“Representing Landowners in Oil and Gas Transactions,” 7th Annual CLE Slam-Dunk program sponsored by the Kansas Bar Association and the Kansas State University Foundation, Manhattan, Kan., Feb. 19, 2007.

“Recent Developments in Oil & Gas Law and a Review of Basic Oil and Gas Lease Principles,” 31st Annual KBA/KIOGA Oil and Gas Law Conference,

Kansas Bar Association and Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association, Wichita, Kan., Oct. 27, 2006.

“Common Interests Created in Oil & Gas,” “Technical Aspects of Oil & Gas Exploration, Production, and Marketing,” “The Oil & Gas Lease: Implied Covenants,” “Environmental Regulation of the Oil & Gas Industry,” Oil & Gas Short Course, Center for American and International Law and the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, Houston, Texas, Oct. 16, 2006.

“Introduction to Legal Drafting.” Washburn Law School, Topeka, Kan., Oct. 6, 2006.

“Professional Responsibility Demands When Representing the Kansas Child,” Allen County Bar Association and CASA of the 31st Judicial District, Iola, Kan.. Sept. 25, 2006.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Supplements to Volumes 1-5 of Kuntz a Treatise on the Law of Oil and Gas (LexisNexis 2006) (with Professors Anderson and Smith).

Contributions to Volumes 160, 161, 162, and 163 of the Oil and Gas Reporter (LexisNexis 2006) (with other editors).

Articles

“Recent Developments in Nonregulatory Oil and Gas Law: Beyond Theories and Rules to the Motivating Jurisprudence,” 58 Institute on Oil and Gas Law and Taxation 1-1 (LexisNexis 2007).

“Interpreting Oil and Gas Instruments,” 1 Texas Journal of Oil, Gas & Energy Law 1 (2006), University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas.

OTHER

Drafted Senate Bill No. 118 responding to requests by district court judges to define procedures for the use and administration of reports provided by Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs). Testified before the Senate and House Judiciary Committees in support of the Bill.



Professor Sheila Reynolds served on the Kansas Judicial Council Advisory Committee on Forms from May 2006 to May 2007 and is the recipient of the Kansas Bar Association 2007 Pro Bono Certificate Award.

Publications

Ethics for Attorneys Serving as Case Managers or Conciliators, Shawnee County Domestic Service Providers, October 2006 (10 pages).

Ethical Considerations in Representing Juvenile Offenders, Governor's Conference on Juvenile Justice, August 2006 (33 pages).



Professor Michael Hunter Schwartz

Other Publications

"Towards a Vision of a Humanized Classroom: A Few Ideas for Improving Students' Experience in Large, Doctrinal Classes," Conference Materials for "Balance in Legal Education: One Year Later," 2007 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Schools (January 2007).

"New Ideas in Old Bottles: Integrating Bar Pass Instruction in Upper-Division Bar Tested Courses," Conference Materials for "Integrating Academic Support Across the Curriculum," 2007 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Schools (January 2007).

"Best Practices For Integrating Academic Support Into The First-Year Curriculum, Influencing Doctrinal Faculty, And Designing Introductory Programs," Conference Materials for Best Practices in Academic Support Conference (November 2006).

Presentations

Presenter, "Six Active Learning Ideas for Adding New Modes to Your Teaching," Institute for Law School Teaching's Thirteenth Annual Summer Conference (June 8, 2007, Boston, Massachusetts).

Presenter, "Ex-L in Law School Training," Council on Legal Education Opportunity's Summer Institute (June 5, 2007, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania).

Presenter, "Ex-L in Law School Training," Council on Legal Education Opportunity's Summer Institute (June 4, 2007, Columbia, Missouri).

Invited Speaker, "The Clock is Ticking: Maximizing Your Limited Instructional Time with Students," and Invited Teaching Consultant, Wisconsin Law School (February 2007).

Selected Panelist, "Integrating Academic Support Across the Curriculum," 2007 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Schools (January 2007).

Panelist, "Balance in Legal Education: One Year Later," 2007 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Schools (January 2007).

Plenary Speaker, "Best Practices For Integrating Academic Support Into The First-Year Curriculum, Influencing Doctrinal Faculty, And Designing Introductory Programs," Best Practices in Academic Support Conference (November 2006).

"Best Practices in Assessment," Washburn University School of Law Adjunct Faculty Appreciation Lunch/Training Program (Fall 2006).

Keynote Speaker, "Maximizing Learning in a Multi-Generational Setting," New York Accredited CLE Provider Conference, Sponsored by the New York Continuing Legal Education Board (New York State Judicial Institute on the campus of Pace Law School).



Foulston Siefkin Lecture

Jeffrey Rosen, professor of law at The George Washington University Law School and legal affairs editor of *The New Republic*, gave the 29th Foulston Siefkin Lecture at Washburn Law, April 13, 2007. His presentation was titled, “The Supreme Court: Judicial Temperament and the Democratic Ideal.”

Rosen received his A.B., *summa cum laude*, from Harvard University, a B.A. as a Marshall Scholar at Oxford University, and his J.D. from Yale.

Rosen has been called “The nation’s most widely read and influential legal commentator,” as well as “One of the ten best magazine journalists in America.” Rosen has authored numerous law review articles as well as four books, including *The Most Democratic Branch: How the Courts Serve America*; *The Naked Crowd: Reclaiming Security and Freedom in an Anxious Age*, which was named one of the best books of the year by the *San Francisco Chronicle*; and *The Unwanted Gaze: The Destruction of Privacy in America*, which *The New York Times* called “The definitive text on privacy perils in the digital age.” His most recent book, *The Supreme Court: The Personalities and Rivalries that Defined America*, has been called “[a]n illuminating look at the human side of the highest court.” Rosen’s countless essays and commentaries have appeared in *The New York Times* magazine, *The Atlantic Monthly*, *The Washington Post*, *The New Republic*, on National Public Radio, and in *The New Yorker*, where he has served as a staff writer.

Foulston Siefkin L.L.P. has sponsored the Foulston Siefkin Lecture at the School of Law since 1978.

This lecture series brings a prominent legal scholar to Washburn University School of Law to challenge and enhance the legal thinking of students and faculty and to enrich the quality of education at Washburn Law. Articles derived from the lectures are published by the *Washburn Law Journal*. ♦



Legal Analysis, Research, and Writing Program Recognized Nationally

The Legal Analysis, Research, and Writing (LARW) Program at Washburn University School of Law has been recognized as a leading legal writing program, ranking in the top 25 out of a field of 184 accredited law schools in the *U.S. News & World Report’s* 2008 edition of *America’s Best Graduate Schools*.

Professor J. Lyn Entrikin Goering, director of Washburn’s LARW Program, credits the program’s success to the foresight and leadership of the Law School faculty, who recognized the need to establish a strong legal writing program long before she joined the Washburn faculty.

“The success of the LARW program rests on the commitment and support of the entire faculty. It was our law faculty who voted in favor of my proposal to devote the necessary resources to establish positions for full-time, tenure-track legal writing professors for our program,” Goering said. That vote took place in October 2004, and Goering has been building the program ever since.



Rankings for the legal writing programs are based solely on votes by law faculty listed in the AALS Directory of Law Teachers as teaching in the field, or by directors of legal writing programs. Each ballot recipient was asked to vote for up to 15 legal writing programs considered the most highly regarded among those who specialize in the legal writing field.

“The results therefore reflect the evaluation of our program by other faculty members across the country who are experienced in teaching legal writing,” said Goering.

Raising the national visibility of Washburn’s legal writing program has been one of Goering’s goals. In addition to sponsoring a legal writing symposium in March, the law school recently began hosting DIRCON, the listserv for the Association of Legal Writing Directors. ♦



Writing to Win Symposium and CLE

The Center for Excellence in Advocacy sponsored the “Writing to Win: The Art of Advocacy” symposium March 9-10, 2007. The symposium was organized by Professor J. Lyn Entrikin Goering, director of the Legal Analysis, Research and Writing Program at Washburn Law, and Professor Michael Kaye, director of the Center for Excellence in Advocacy. The symposium offered valuable information to

litigators who need to write persuasively for trial and appellate court audiences and served to highlight Washburn Law’s special commitment to effective legal writing. Attendees included practicing lawyers, judges, faculty members and law students. More than 55 people attended the symposium on Friday and more than 50 attended the Saturday CLE. Washburn Law faculty joined panel discussions during the symposium as participants and moderators. Following the symposium members of the Legal Analysis, Research and Writing Program presented a CLE program on persuasive writing techniques, focusing on presentation of factual statements, effective issue formulation and other brief writing skills.

The symposium followed the visit of the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals. Members of the appeals court participated in the symposium’s opening panel. The panel, moderated by Kansas Court of Appeals Judge Nancy Caplinger ‘85, included Deanell Reece Tacha, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit, and Tenth Circuit judges Mary Beck Briscoe and Neil Gorsuch and Eighth Circuit Judge Duane Benton.

A second panel of judges presented the views of trial judges on written advocacy. This panel was moderated by Kansas Court of Appeals Judge Stephen D. Hill ‘75, and included U.S. District Court Judge J. Thomas Marten ‘76, Shawnee County District Court Presiding Judge Nancy Parrish ‘85, Johnson County District Court Judge Janice Russell and Crawford County District Court Judge Donald Noland ‘76.

The symposium featured the Center’s first Advocacy Writing Scholar in Residence, Professor Mary Beth Beazley, from the Michael E. Moritz College of Law, Ohio State University. In addition to providing the symposium’s keynote address, Beazley taught a writing class, conducted a faculty professional development session and gave a luncheon presentation on organizing and presenting winning briefs.

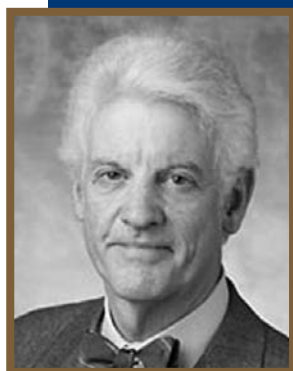
Several Washburn Law students joined faculty on symposium panels. One panel discussed student and faculty work on an amicus curiae

brief filed in a death penalty case argued twice last year in the U.S. Supreme Court. The panel also discussed an amicus brief in a Kansas case involving parental rights of sperm donors, which is currently pending in the Kansas Supreme Court. The latter amicus brief received international attention. Professor Sean O'Brien, University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Law and Professor Linda Elrod, lead lawyers on the death penalty and parental rights briefs, were joined by law students Claudia Weaver '07, Andrea Rusche '07, and Dr. Milford (Bud) Dale '09.

Students and faculty also shared a panel to offer insights about the writing skills learned in moot court brief writing and discussed how that experience relates to brief writing in law practice. Third-year students and national Moot Court award winners Matthew Ballard '07, Kelly Kauffman '07, and Karen Quintelier '07, joined Professors Jeffrey Jackson and Tonya Kowalski on the panel.

Other symposium speakers included Stan Sexton, partner, Shook, Hardy & Bacon, Kansas City, Mo., who explored whether law schools should teach multimedia advocacy and discussed using electronic technology to produce the persuasive high-tech brief; Professor Sean O'Brien, who lectured on storytelling techniques in appellate work; and Rebecca Woodman '87, Kansas Appellate Defender's Office and counsel for respondent in *Kansas v. Marsh* in the United States Supreme Court, who talked about persuasive themes and narrative techniques in appeal briefs in criminal cases.

The Saturday afternoon continuing legal education program featured presentations by Washburn Law Legal Analysis, Research and Writing Program faculty. These included: Jeffrey D. Jackson, "Just the Facts: Writing a Persuasive Fact Statement"; Tonya Kowalski, "Better Advocacy Through Persuasive Issues and Point Headers"; Aida Alaka, "Writing with Clarity and Strength: Maximizing Advocacy with Best Writing Practices"; and J. Lyn Entrikin Goering, "Winning Fair and Square: Ethics in Advocacy Writing." ♦



ABA President-Elect speaks at Washburn Law

William H. Neukom, president-elect, American Bar Association, spoke to students and faculty at Washburn Law, April 12, 2007, about "The Rule of Law." Neukom was the first in-house counsel for Microsoft. During his 17 years as lead counsel for Microsoft, Neukom led the company's efforts to establish, distribute, and protect intellectual property rights around the world. He was instrumental in securing the landmark legal victory in *Apple Computer v. Microsoft Corporation*, which spanned 1988–1995. He also led Microsoft's defense of antitrust claims brought by the U.S. Federal Trade Commission, U.S. Department of Justice and the European Union, which culminated in consent decrees in 1994 and in 2001. Under his direction, Microsoft's community affairs program initiated a number of key corporate giving strategies, including the Microsoft Giving Campaign, the Microsoft Matching Gifts program, the Microsoft Volunteer Program, and several national scale projects, including Libraries on Line. Prior to joining Microsoft, Neukom was a partner of Preston Gates & Ellis LLP, where he had a general practice with emphasis on litigation, commercial law, and nonprofit organizations. He rejoined the firm in the fall of 2002 from his position as executive vice president of law and corporate affairs at Microsoft. ♦

Advocate in Residence

Carol Cline was this year's Advocate in Residence. Cline is a Johnson County

deputy public defender, an instructor in the Washburn Law Intensive Trial Advocacy Program, and has served as a team member for the Washburn Law Public Service Lawyers Outreach program. She recently served as the acting chief public defender in Garden City. Cline is a graduate of the University of South Dakota Law School and holds a Masters in Education Administration from the University of South Dakota. Prior to becoming a lawyer, she taught school for 12 years.

Cline presented a professional development talk to law school faculty titled "Taking Politics out of the Prosecutor's Office." She also attended criminal procedure classes and taught a workshop open to all law students on effective opening statements at trial that included hands-on skills exercises. She addressed students on careers in trial work and met with students informally for lunch and breakfast. ♦



10th Circuit Court of Appeals

Washburn University School of Law and the Center for Excellence in Advocacy hosted the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit March 7-9, 2007. Arguments were held in the Robinson Courtroom and Bianchino Technology Center. The court heard 6 arguments each day for a total of 18 arguments over the course of three days. All first-year students were required to attend one oral argument. Second and third-year students were

encouraged to attend arguments as well. In addition, the Tenth Circuit judges held question and answer sessions on several days for the law school students.

Judges from the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals who heard arguments at Washburn Law were: Chief Judge Deanell Reece Tacha and judges Bobby R. Baldock, Mary Beck Briscoe, Neil M. Gorsuch, Robert H. Henry, Jerome A. Holmes, Paul J. Kelly, J. Thomas Marten, and Michael W. McConnell. ♦

New Board Members

The following Washburn Law alumni were elected to serve a two-year term on the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Board of Governors. Their term will be effective July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2009.



Marck R. Cobb received a B.S. from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1970, a master's from the Naval Postgraduate School in 1977, and his J.D. from Washburn Law in 1989. Cobb is a former pilot and retired as deputy chief, Long-Range Planning Division, HQ Air Force, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 1990. He served as general counsel and secretary/treasurer for Woodmen of the World, an insurance organization, until 1997. From 1997-2000 he served as senior manager, Financial Services for Royal Neighbors of America in Rock Island, Ill. Cobb now manages the family ranch in Galva, Kan. and performs legal mediation. Cobb has endowed the Marck R. Cobb Law Scholarship at the School of Law.



Stephen Martino graduated with dean's honors in 2002 from Washburn Law, where he served as staff writer for the *Washburn Law Journal*. Martino serves as executive director of the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission. From 2002-2005, he was an attorney with Foulston Siefkin in Topeka. He served as deputy campaign manager for Sebelius for Governor in 2002.



Manuel B. Mendoza graduated from Washburn Law in 1958. In 2001, he retired as senior counsel from State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company after 43 years. “Manny” Mendoza and his wife Margot reside in Bloomington, Ill. They have three children, two having graduated from Washburn Law.



Linda Parks graduated *cum laude* from Washburn Law in 1983 and was a member of the *Washburn Law Journal*. Parks is managing partner at Hite, Fanning & Honeyman L.L.P. in Wichita, Kan., where she has practiced since 2000. Prior to that, she was with Kahrs, Nelson, Fanning, Hite & Kellogg, Wichita, from 1983 to 2000. Parks is a member of the American, Kansas, and Wichita Bar Associations, the National Conference of Women’s Bar Associations and the Kansas and Wichita Women Attorneys Associations. She is currently serving as president of the Kansas Bar Association.



Calvin Williams graduated in 1978 from Washburn Law and is a sole practitioner in Colby, Kan. For 25 years Williams had a general practice, but he recently limited his practice to criminal defense. He also served as county attorney and part-time SRS child support attorney. He is involved in the Intensive Trial Advocacy and the National Institute of Trial Advocacy programs at Washburn Law.

Current board members re-elected to serve another two-year term from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2009 were: Rita Bicknell '95, Pittsburg, Kan.; Richmond Enochs '63, Olathe, Kan.; Terry Mann '86, Wichita, Kan.; Gary McCallister '75, Chicago, Ill.; and Carol Duffy McDowell '75, Topeka, Kan. ♦

Kuether Memorial Golf Tournament

The annual John F. Kuether Memorial Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Washburn Student Bar Association, was held March 31, 2007, at Lake Shawnee Golf Course, Topeka,



Kan. One hundred fourteen students, alumni, and friends of Washburn Law played in the tournament which was followed by lunch, socializing and awarding of prizes. Net proceeds totaling over \$3,500 were contributed to the John F. Kuether Memorial Endowed Scholarship fund, which provides assistance to students at Washburn Law.

Tournament winners included: Championship Flight: Zac Kolich '04, Jeff Scott, George Regan, and Carl Perkins. 1st Flight: Michael Scaletty '07, Adam Peer '07, Chris Roberts, and Ryan Knutson. 2nd Flight: James Garrison '08, Kendall McVay '06, Karan Thadani '06, and Mike Sheridan '06. Closest to the pin, Dave Platt '77; longest drive, Tracy Fisher; and farthest from the pin, David Batchelder '09. Event organizers were Monica Boydston '08, and Kevin O'Keefe '08. Other student volunteers included Kimberly Lynch '09, Megan Fluharty '08, Julia Mowers '08, Angela Carlon '09, and Cory Gallagher '09. ♦

Washburn Tax Law Colloquium

Washburn University School of Law hosted a tax law colloquium, Feb. 9, 2007, at the law school. The following scholars presented and discussed papers: Kristin Hickman, University of Minnesota Law School, “Responding to Treasury’s (Lack of) Adherence to APA Rulemaking Requirements: Remedies, Standing, Sovereign Immunity, and Pre-Enforcement Judicial Review;”



Erik Jensen, Case Law School, "Taxation and Doing Business in Indian Country;" Brant Hellwig, University of South Carolina School of Law, "The Section 1031 Qualified Use Requirement;" Steven Dean, Brooklyn Law School, "Tax Shelters and the Code: Navigating Between Text and Intent" (co-author: Larry Solan); and Brad Borden, Washburn University School of Law, "The Section 761 Election and Qualified Partnerships."

Professor Brad Borden, who organized the colloquium said, "The Tax Law Colloquium brings leading tax scholars to Washburn to discuss various doctrinal, policy, and theoretical tax topics. The discussion allows participants to share knowledge and insight regarding the discussion topics. Inviting top tax scholars to Washburn exposes our faculty and students to thought leaders in the profession and allows us to share our contributions to the body of knowledge on tax topics." ♦

Humanizing Legal Education Symposium



Professor Michael Hunter Schwartz

On October 19 and 20, Washburn hosted a conference and symposium entitled "Humanizing Legal Education." The Humanizing Legal Education movement, which was recently granted

status as a section by the American Association of Law Schools called "Balance in Legal Education", takes its lead from recent studies suggesting that, while all graduate students, including law students, come to school with similar levels of depression, anxiety and substance abuse, law students, in comparison to all other graduate students, are the most depressed and the most anxious and have the highest levels of substance abuse by the end of their first year of graduate school.

While the evidence that there is a problem is fairly well-developed, law schools still are struggling to determine the causes of the problem and possible solutions. The Humanizing Legal Education movement responds to these issues. Presenters and conference attendees explored the causes

of these problems and ideas and ways to improve student experiences. More than 30 speakers presented ideas on this topic. Some of the speakers will be featured in the *Washburn Law Journal*.

This conference is the first at any American law school to explore the contours of the problem and to begin working towards solutions. Speakers include national leaders in the movement, including Larry Krieger, Florida State University College of Law; Gerry Hess, Gonzaga School of Law; Susan Daicoff, Florida Coastal School of Law; Daisy Floyd, Dean, Mercer University School of Law; Barbara Glesner-Fines, UMKC School of Law; Paula Lustbader, Seattle University School of Law; and Bruce Winick, University of Miami School of Law. Legal educators from around the country came to Washburn for this ground-breaking conference.

Full details regarding the conference can be found on the law school web site at <http://www.washburnlaw.edu/humanizinglegaleducation/> ♦

Online Chats Added to Law School Admissions Recruiting Process

The Washburn University School of Law Office of Admissions hosted a series of live online chats for admitted students this spring. During the chats, admitted students asked questions online in real time of representatives from Washburn Law faculty, admissions staff, financial aid representatives, career planning, library staff, and current law students.

A bank of computers was assembled at the law school where the Washburn Law representatives together responded to questions about law school programs and policies, scholarships, student life, curriculum and academic programs, and related admissions questions. Approximately 20 admitted students participated in each of the five online chats.

Response was positive from participating students who were evaluating law schools upon admission. ♦

Gerald L. Goodell Receives Justice Award



Gerald L. Goodell '58, received the Justice Award, the Kansas Supreme Court's highest award, on May 25, 2007. Goodell is of counsel with the Topeka firm of Goodell, Stratton, Edmonds and Palmer LLC. He was recognized for his many years of significant contributions to the improvement of justice in Kansas.

Goodell received his BBA from Washburn University in 1954, and his JD from Washburn Law in 1958. Immediately after graduation from law school, he joined the firm, was senior partner and has been of counsel since 2003.

Goodell was elected as a member of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers in 1984 and is the former Editor of the Kansas Bar Association *Real Estate Handbook*. He is listed as a leader in the field of real estate law in the publication *Best Lawyers in America* and represents real estate brokers, developers and lenders. He served as counsel to the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Topeka; the Menninger Clinic from 1958 to 2001; Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas; Heartland Community Bankers Association; and general counsel for all Kansas Savings and Loan Institutions since 1971.

Goodell served as an adjunct professor at Washburn Law teaching Trial Techniques and Real Estate Mortgages while also participating in numerous CLE and professional panels.

Goodell has received numerous awards throughout his career which include: the Distinguished Service Award, from the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association in 1982; the Kansas Bar Association Distinguished Service Award in 1993; and the Topeka Bar Association Warren Shaw Award in 1998. He received an honorary doctor of law degree from Washburn University School of Law in 2002.

Goodell represented the Urban Renewal Agency for Topeka; was a member of the Shawnee County District Judge Nominating Committee from 1977 to 2000; and served as president of the Kansas Bar Association from 1985-1986, and the Topeka Bar

Association from 2000-2001. In June 2006 he completed his term as chairperson of the Kansas Board of Law Examiners. He is a member of the Kansas Judicial Council and is chairperson of the Judicial Council Probate Committee. Goodell serves as a Supreme Court appointee as a commissioner on the State Ethics Board. He is a member and past president of the board of trustees for the Washburn Endowment Association and served as president of the Washburn Law School Alumni Association and the Washburn Law School Foundation. ♦

New Faculty



Rory D. Bahadur

Education

B.Sc., University of the West Indies, 1990

M.A., University of Miami, 1992

J.D., St. Thomas University School of Law, 2003

Professor Rory Bahadur earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology from the University of the West Indies and a Master of Arts in Marine Affairs from the University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science. He was a fisheries biologist for Alaskan Observers Inc. before working eight years as a shipboard, maritime environmental consultant for the National Marine Fisheries Service in Alaska and the United States Army Corps of Engineers. Bahadur subsequently earned his juris doctor from St. Thomas University School of Law in 2003. After a year of practicing as a plaintiff's lawyer in the field of admiralty and maritime law, Bahadur returned to St. Thomas University as co-director of academic support to establish and implement an active learning academic support program.

In 2005, in addition to his duties as director of academic support, Bahadur transitioned to the classroom and began teaching torts and admiralty and maritime law. After his first year of teaching, he won the First-Year Professor of the Year award.

Bahadur remains interested in and is currently researching the unique federal-state tension (Reverse Erie) which exists in maritime law, and its effect on tort litigation. He will teach Torts during the fall semester and Federal Courts and Civil Procedure II during the spring 2008 semester.



Lori A. McMillan

Education

B.A., University of Toronto, 1992
LL.B, Queen's University at Kingston, Ontario, 1995
LL.M., New York University School of Law, 1999
Ph.D Candidate, Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, 2007

Professor Lori McMillan received a Master of Laws in International Taxation from New York University School of Law and expects to receive a Doctorate of Jurisprudence from Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, in 2007.

McMillan was a visiting professor at Queen's University at Kingston Law School, International Study Centre, where she taught substantive tax law courses. Before that she was an instructor in the Legal Research and Writing Program at Osgoode Hall Law School. She also worked as a legal consultant for five years and was an associate lawyer with the Taxation Group of Fasken Campbell Godfrey/Fasken Martineau DuMoulin, Toronto.

McMillan will teach Business Associations during the fall semester and Taxation of Individual Income, and Law and Economics during the spring 2008 semester.



Charlene Smith

Education

B.A., University of Denver, 1959
M.A., University of Denver, 1963
J.D., Hamline University, 1978
LL.M., Temple University, 1982

Professor Charlene Smith rejoins Washburn University School of Law faculty as the James R. Ahrens Chair Visiting Professor of Law. Smith taught at Washburn University School of Law from August 1982 through June 2003 in the areas of torts, legal research and writing, and products liability.

Most recently, she has been a professor of law at Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center since August 2003. She previously taught at Temple University Beasley School of Law, Santa Clara University School of Law and the T.C. Williams School of Law in Richmond, Virginia. Smith has taught undergraduate courses in legal studies, the American legal process, women's legal rights and constitutional law at several universities. After earning her law degree, she served as special assistant attorney general, Office of Attorney General, for the State of Minnesota.

Smith will teach Legal Analysis, Research, and Writing I, and Torts during the fall semester; she will teach LARW II and Law Colloquium during the spring 2008 semester. ♦

Alumni Association Awards

The Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Board of Governors presented their annual awards during the Washburn Law luncheon at the Kansas Bar Association annual meeting, Wichita, Kan.

Distinguished Alumni Award

Richard C. Hite received the Distinguished Alumni Award. Hite received his LL.B. from Washburn Law in 1953, and is partner at the firm of Hite, Fanning & Honeyman, L.L.P., in Wichita, Kan.



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Hite has been an active member of the Wichita, Kansas, and American Bar Associations. He has been active in the International Association of Defense Counsel; the Kansas Association of Defense Counsel (President in 1983-84); the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (Executive Committee from 1985-1987); is a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers (State Chairman in 1987-88); and is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. In 1992 he was appointed chair of the ABA House of Delegates Select Committee and served as the Kansas State Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates from 1986-1995.

Hite has served as a Washburn Endowment Association Trustee since 1986. He was president of the Washburn Law School Alumni Association's Board of Governors. In 1995, he established and has given annually to the Richard C. Hite Faculty Development Fund in the School of Law.

Hite has received numerous honors including being named as one of the Top 100 Missouri Kansas Super Lawyers in 2006; the KBA Phil Lewis Medal of Distinction in 1995; the Wichita Bar Association's Howard C. Kline Distinguished Service Award; the

KBA Outstanding Service Award in 1973 and 1985; and the Washburn University School of Law Distinguished Service Award in 1994.

Hite is well-respected both in the legal and business community, and has provided guidance and support on many levels and in many different capacities to many organizations.



President Jerry Farley, Bernie Bianchino and Steve Cooper

Distinguished Service Award

The recipient of the Distinguished Service Award was Bernie Bianchino. He received a B.A. in Political Science from Washburn University in 1970, and a J.D. from Washburn University School of Law in 1974.

Bianchino was a senior attorney for the U. S. Department of Energy until 1978, and then became counsel for Exxon Corporation for eight years. He joined U.S. Sprint as vice president-law in 1986. After eight years in that position, he spent one year as executive vice president and general counsel of Qwest Communications in Denver. He was chief business development officer for Sprint PCS from 1995 through June 2000. Before retiring from Sprint, he served as chief executive officer of Pegaso PCS in Mexico City. He is currently president and chief executive officer of Jaguar Telecom, LLC.

Bianchino has been a Washburn Endowment Association Trustee since 1992 and is currently the chairperson-elect for the Board of Trustees. He served on the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Board of Governors, and served as president. He currently serves as president of the Washburn Law School Foundation Board and is on the Board of Advisors of the Washburn University School of Law Business and Transactional Law Center. Bianchino served on the Steering Committee of the School of Law Centennial Celebration; the Law School 2000 Major Gifts Committee; and the Dean Search Committee in 2006.

Bianchino and his wife, Marilyn, have generously supported the law school by endowing the Anthony B. Bianchino Law Scholarship Fund at the law school, in memory of Bernie's father. They have also endowed the Theodore E. Dyck Labor

Law Scholarship in memory of Marilyn's father, and made a generous gift for the state-of-the-art Robinson Courtroom and Bianchino Technology Center at the School of Law.

Bianchino received the Washburn University Alumni Fellows Award for the School of Law in 2000.

In addition to financial support, Bianchino gives his time generously speaking on numerous occasions to students and classes at the School of Law. His passion and service to the law school is immeasurable.

Honorary Life Member Award

The recipient of the Honorary Life Member Award was Interim Dean Bill Rich. Rich served as associate dean of academic affairs at Washburn Law



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for three years and was acting dean in the fall of 1985. For several years he worked with Washburn Law Clinic students representing inmates in constitutional challenges to Kansas prison conditions. He co-authored the second edition of *Modern Constitutional Law*, which was published in 1997. His teaching responsibilities include Constitutional Law, Constitutional Litigation, Civil Liberties, and Jurisprudence.

After having served as associate dean for academic affairs for two years, Rich intended to refocus his attention toward the classroom. However, following Dean Honabach's departure, on August 1, 2006, he assumed the duties of interim dean of the Law School.

As Interim Dean, Rich worked to promote the development of joint degree programs with both the School of Business and the Department of Social Work. He also continued the emphasis on the Business and Transactional Law Center, the Center for Excellence in Advocacy, the Children and Family Law Center, and the Washburn Law Clinic.

Rich provided leadership to ensure the School of Law continued on course. His stable leadership ensured a smooth transition for the new dean, Thomas Romig. ♦



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LAW SCHOOL EVENTS

January 2008

Jan. 3 – AALS NY Alumni Reception
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers –
Conf. Room H, Exec. Conference Cntr.
New York, NY

February 2008

Feb. 29 – Foulston Siefkin Lecture – Prof. Karl Jorda
School of Law
Topeka, Kan.

March 2008

March 27 – Mentor/Mentee Reception
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center
Topeka, Kan.

March 29 – Board of Governors Meeting – 9 a.m.
Washburn University –
Kansas Room Memorial Union
Topeka, Kan.

April 2008

April 27 – U.S. Supreme Court Swearing-In Reception
6 to 8 p.m.
Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill
Washington D.C.

April 28 – U.S. Supreme Court Swearing In Ceremony
8:30 a.m.
US Supreme Courthouse
Washington D.C.

April 28 – U.S. Supreme Court Luncheon– Noon
Army/Navy Club
Washington D.C.



May 2008

May 16 – Alumni Association Graduate Luncheon
Noon to 2 p.m.
Sunflower Ballroom
Topeka, Kan.

May 17 – Law School Graduation
Lee Arena
Topeka, Kan.



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