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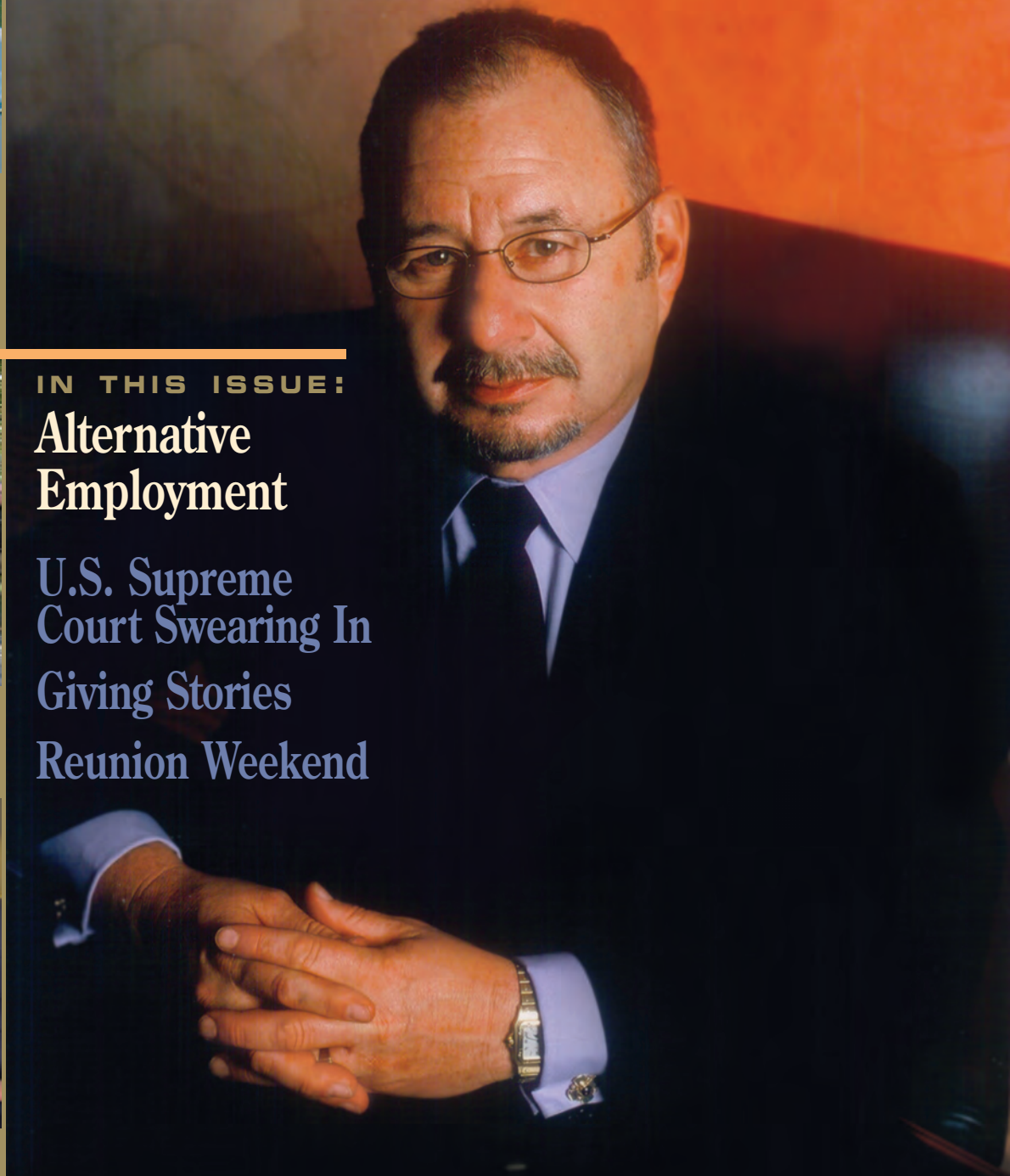


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Dear Alumni and Friends,

It is difficult to believe we are already midway through another academic year. But we are, and I am happy to report all is going well – indeed, exceptionally well! The members of the fall entering class may well be among the most talented, most diverse, most hard working entering students we have enrolled in several years. These students hail from more than thirty-two states and six countries. They bring with them a wide range of talents and interests. This class continues the trend of increasing academic qualifications that has marked the most recent entering classes. My colleagues who have taught them have noted both their high quality and their enthusiasm. And the quality of our student body is not limited to the incoming class. Our second and third year students continue to thrive as well. The success of our Trial Teams at the ATLA regional competition in Denver, where they finished first and second out of sixteen teams from twelve schools, is but one piece of evidence of just how talented our upper class students are. You can be confident that graduates of our law school will be well qualified and prepared to advance the great Washburn Law tradition.

*It is important to recognize, however, not all Washburn Law graduates make their career in the traditional practice of law. Indeed, the Washburn Law tradition comprises more than stellar litigators, accomplished transactional lawyers and jurists. Indeed, many of our alumni have gone on to careers not traditionally associated with law school graduates. In this issue of *The Washburn Lawyer* we highlight the range of those careers by sharing with you the histories of some of our graduates. I know you will find reading about their careers informative and interesting.*

Let me close by reminding you that the renovation of the classrooms is completed. The rooms look grand! They provide a professional ambiance that matches the long-standing quality of our program. I do hope that you will stop by to take a look at them! When you do visit, why not take the time to also meet with some of our students to discuss your insights on the profession and the practice of law? The “Lunch & Learn” programs are a crucial part of the programming in our Advocacy, Business & Transactional Law, and Family Law Centers. In the Lunch & Learn Program, we try to bring our alumni on campus to have lunch with a handful of students. We are confident that a considerable amount of learning goes on during those events. I invite you to join us for one. Lunch is on us!

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at an upcoming alumni event or at the KBA meeting in Vail in June.

Sincerely,

*Dennis R. Honabach
Dean*





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*A*t every single moment
of one's life one is what one is
going to be no less than what
one has been.

– Oscar Wilde, *De Profundis*





several years ago, I wrote a piece for the *Bar-O-Meter*, the Wichita Bar Association's excellent monthly newsletter, entitled "A Different Kind of View from the Bench."

The column was directed toward practicing lawyers who were experiencing little or no joy in their work, encouraging them to look at other possibilities holding more promise for finding fulfillment. As this issue of *The Washburn*

Lawyer so beautifully establishes, a legal education can expand career possibilities exponentially. And as you will see in the pages that follow, true success frequently follows passionate interest.

To a large extent, this piece is a rework of the *Bar-O-Meter* column. It may be shorter; with each day that passes I know less than I did, but the theme is the same. The world is filled with opportunities for those who are open to them, for those who either find or create a different path.

The profiles which follow are particularly timely. I sense not only a growing discontent, but frustration and despair with the state

of the practice among too many members of the practicing bar. Some see it as an institutional problem which we must address as a profession, but as is the case with so many of our issues, institutional problems affect one person at a time and an institutional answer rarely helps any individual.

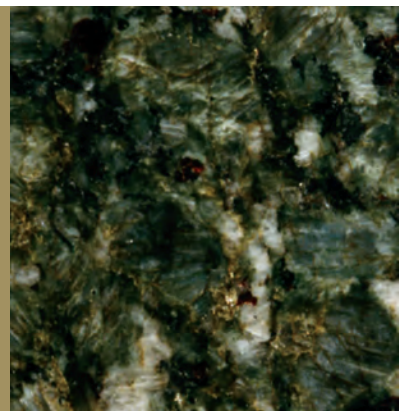
Or as Tom Robbins notes in *Still Life With Woodpecker*, "Equality is not in regarding different things similarly, equality is in regarding different things differently." So be it. And some individual encouragement to our brothers and sisters is appropriate.

A Different Kind of View From the Bench

■ by The Honorable J. Thomas Marten '76
United States District Court



A Different Kind of View From the Bench



While there are several causes for the level of professional dissatisfaction, my personal candidate for the chief cause is that too many lawyers are square pegs trying to fit into round holes. In other words, there are a lot of lawyers who: 1) went to law school because they did not know what they wanted to do with their lives at that particular point; 2) recognized law is an honorable and noble profession carrying a certain prestige (notwithstanding public opinion polls) coupled with the prospect of making a comfortable living; 3) spent three or more years studying, thousands of dollars on tuition and books, and experienced the agony of taking a bar examination; 4) feel that he or she must take a place in the profession as a result of this investment of time, energy and money; and 5) feel that to seek work unrelated to law initially or after finding out he or she is simply miserable in a legal position is worse than a waste of that education — it is failure. These folks feel that they are locked into lifestyles that cannot be downsized without a loss of face, have financial commitments that require a certain level of income only a successful law practice can provide, and adhere to the notion that with just that one bell-ringer, every problem will be solved.

How could anyone buy into that nonsense for a moment? To seek happiness in your work is not only not failure; it is the necessary first step to professional fulfillment. And to find that happiness, wherever it may be, is the absolute pinnacle of success.

Some of us have found a stimulating and satisfying niche within the legal profession. Most judges I visit with feel blessed in their positions. I wish every member of the practicing bar generally could find the same level of contentment in her or his work.

I do not want to overstate the case, but far too many practitioners receive little or no daily nourishment from the practice of law. In fact, they find it depletes their ability to find joy from other sources, placing a serious strain on family relationships and friendships. There certainly are easier, less stressful ways of earning the typical lawyer's living. Yet these good people, these hard-working souls persevere, hoping against hope that something will happen that makes the practice bearable, if not pleasant.

This just does not have to be. Consider how many persons with law degrees have found fulfillment and joy in teaching (and not necessarily at a law school), in business, in politics and public service, in charities, in the ministry, in journalism (print or broadcast), in the sports world, in entertainment, in school administration, in just about any endeavor one can imagine. One lawyer I met a few years ago in New Mexico actually took a few years off to be an over-the-road trucker. His marriage, which was unraveling, was restored, and so was his interest in the law. He now has a successful small-town practice.

While citing as examples well-known persons who have found great success outside of the profession can be misleading, particularly given the magnitude of that success, it does remind us that there are persons who were willing to take risks to achieve happiness and fulfillment. One of the foremost examples is our fellow Washburn Law alumnus, Bill Kurtis (former news anchor in Chicago, former co-host of “CBS Morning News,” currently making documentaries as well as television pro-

grams like “American Justice” on A&E). Mr. Kurtis had been hired by a law firm in Wichita when he decided to opt for a career in broadcast journalism following the 1966 Topeka tornado.

In the entertainment business, David E. Kelley (co-creator of “L.A.

Law,” and creator of “Chicago Hope,” “The Practice,” and “Ally McBeal”) practiced law in Boston before deciding to write and create for television. Actor Dabney Coleman went to law school. Librettist/lyricist Oscar Hammerstein II attended law school for a period of time, before following his muse into the musical theater.

Phil Graham, who had been a law clerk to Associate Justice Felix Frankfurter at the United States Supreme Court,

went on to publish the *Washington Post*. Howard Cosell was a lawyer. Fred Graham is a lawyer who went on to work as a news correspondent. Scott Turow, John Grisham, Richard North Patterson, Philip Friedman, and Steve Martini are a handful of the lawyers who are now best-selling writers. Numerous lawyers are clerks of courts, probation officers and



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occupy other administrative positions within the system. By any measure, how could any of these folks be considered failures?

How do you feel when you leave the office at the end of most days? Are you tired but happy, feeling that you have done something important for your clients? Or do you feel beaten down and wonder how you will get out of bed tomorrow morning to face another day like this one has been?

No job is right for everyone, and, while the law is a profession, the day-to-day practice is a job. It can have enormous tangible and intangible rewards, but it also has the ability to beat down the brightest, most caring, and creative practitioners who cannot find joy in the client demands, time pressures, billing pressures, and this particular kind of legal environment. What torture could be

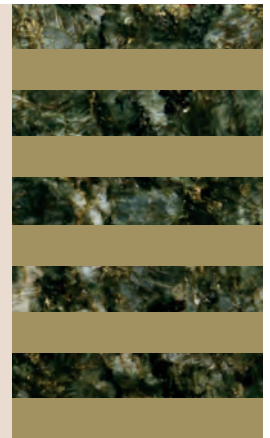
worse than finding no joy in work?

If you practice law, do it because it is a source of joy. Practice law because it feeds your soul. Practice law because you have a need to practice, a burning desire to practice. Practice law because you are driven by the positive goals of our legal system — to provide excellent legal services to clients, to remedy injustice by seeking true justice, to achieve fairness in disputes, to uphold the principles of our Constitution. To practice simply because one does not know what else to do reflects a suppressed imagination at best, and borders on a form of indentured servitude at worst. Or maybe it is the other way around.

It has now been several years since I heard this poem for the first time. It speaks beautifully to a life lived without taking chances:

**I have studied many times
The marble which was chiseled for me —
A boat with a furled sail at rest in a harbor.
In truth it pictures not my destination
But my life.
For love was offered me and I shrank from its disillusionment;
Sorrow knocked at my door, but I was afraid;
Ambition called to me, but I dreaded the chance.
Yet all the while I hungered for meaning in my life.
And now I know that we must lift the sail
And catch the winds of destiny
Wherever they drive the boat.
To put meaning in one's life may end in madness,
But life without meaning is the torture
Of restlessness and vague desire —
It is a boat longing for the sea and yet afraid.**

“George Gray” from *Spoon River Anthology*, by Edgar Lee Masters
(lawyer and law partner of Clarence Darrow)



A Different Kind of View From the Bench

And returning to our old friend Tom Robbins in *Still Life With Woodpecker* again:

How can one person be more real than any other? Well, some people do hide and others seek. Maybe those who are in hiding — escaping encounters, avoiding surprises, protecting their property, ignoring their fantasies, restricting their feelings, sitting out the Pan

pipe hootchy-kootch of experience — maybe those people, people who won't talk to rednecks, or if they're rednecks won't talk to intellectuals, people who're afraid to get their shoes muddy or their noses wet, afraid to eat what they crave, afraid to drink

Mexican water, afraid to bet a long shot to win, afraid to hitchhike, jaywalk, honkey-tonk, cogitate, osculate, levitate, rock it, bop it, sock it, or bark at the moon, maybe such people are simply in authentic, and maybe the jackleg humanist who says differently is due to have his tongue fried on the hot slabs of Liar's Hell. Some folks hide, and some folks seek, and seeking, when it's mindless, neurotic, desperate, or pusillanimous can be a form of hiding. But there are folks who want to know and aren't afraid to look and won't turn tail should they find it — and if they never do, they'll have a good time anyway because nothing, neither the terrible truth nor the absence of it, is going to cheat them out of one honest breath of earth's sweet gas.

It is my great hope that every person can find meaning and joy in his or her work, to be the seeker Tom Robbins speaks of. The persons profiled in this issue certainly are.

Too many lives end prematurely. Some of those lives were happy; some were not. Those that were not might have been but for a lack of courage to seek, staying instead within the safe confines of what was familiar. You are not bound to a life of frustration and discontent. I truly believe it is not the length, but the depth of one's life that is paramount.

To have a life of depth, you must know joy. Seek your joy, or as Joseph Campbell says, "Follow your bliss" wherever it may lie.

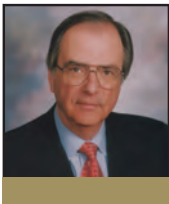
A wonderful friend, and the most courageous person I have ever known, Rhonda Wise Holman, died February 4, 2000, at the age of 39. More than ten years ago, as she was battling the cancer that ultimately claimed her life (but never her spirit), Rhonda wrote, "It is easy to take life for granted. The challenge is to create a world one doesn't want to leave."

That is the story of each person you will read about here. And the inspiration each provides.



Washburn Alumni PROFILES

Not everyone goes to law school to become a lawyer. Although the majority of graduates head off to the “traditional” practice of law, many Washburn Law alums have found their degrees invaluable in “non-traditional” legal careers. The alumni featured on the following pages are using their Washburn degrees in a wide variety of interesting ways from ecumenical services to CEO’s. It is clear to see from these examples that a legal education from Washburn Law prepares our graduates for whatever career path they choose.



Ben Blair '65

Attending law school was not in Ben Blair’s original plans. He moved to Topeka after graduating from the University of California at Berkeley so his first wife could finish her degree at KU. Blair decided to use his extra time and attend law school. He never intended to practice law, but thought the advanced education would be useful.

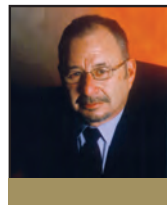
Blair landed the position of General Manager for the Lake Sherwood Development in Topeka, Kansas, while attending Washburn Law. This was the beginning of Blair’s career in real estate. After law school he purchased a small real estate brokerage company which became Griffith & Blair Inc. Blair recently sold his ownership in what eventually became Coldwell Banker Griffith & Blair; however he still is an associate broker for the firm. Blair currently is Owner and President of Kansas Development and Investment Co, Inc., a company engaged in real estate management, investments and development. Blair is currently working on a development project in Grand Lake, Colorado, a 54 lot, single family, residential development.

Blair said his law school experience has helped him during his career. “Law teaches you about life and business and controversy. It teaches you about patience and tolerance, about fairness and order. Every course I took gave me useful tools and knowledge,” said Blair. He also believes that graduating and passing the bar opens doors you may have never dreamed possible.

During his career in Topeka, Blair has had the opportunity to be President of the Washburn Endowment Association and served on the Washburn University Board of Regents, where he was Chair for two years. Blair helped form Crisis

Topeka in the 1980’s and is currently active in Go Topeka. He also served as the President of the Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce. In 1997 Blair received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Realtors, their highest award.

Blair believes the most rewarding part of his career comes from providing important services to people, employment opportunities and the privilege of being a leader in the Topeka community and the realtor community worldwide. Blair has certainly left his mark in the Topeka community with his years of commitment and service. ■



Thomas Corcoran '79

At age 40, Corcoran took the biggest risk of his life and decided to venture out on his own and start his own company.

In 1991 along with his business partner Hervey Feldman, he started FelCor Lodging. For three years, Corcoran did not receive a paycheck. “However, as I look back on the last thirteen years at FelCor I see a company that is truly unique with a culture that I hope is one that is appreciated and enjoyed by all of our employees. Sometimes the culture of a company says more about the company and its people than a lot of other measurements,” said Corcoran.

Corcoran is President and Chief Executive Officer of FelCor Lodging and Trust. FelCor is the second largest public hotel real estate investment trust (REIT) with a market capitalization of \$3.3 billion with approximately 150 hotels. FelCor has been public for more than ten years. Corcoran worked for Brock Hotel Corporation after graduating from law school. Bob Brock, also a lawyer, believed the best education for individuals entering the business world was to obtain a law degree. While at Brock Hotel Corporation, Corcoran negotiated locations for Chuck E Cheese restaurants,

where his law degree proved helpful in negotiations. In 1982 Brock moved his company to Dallas, Corcoran followed and became President and later CEO in 1984. During this time Corcoran was involved in major restructuring of the company.

Corcoran acknowledges that book learning provides a foundation to ones success. However he said, “the other important aspect is the willingness to work hard. I have never considered myself one of the brightest people but few will ever outwork me, I never give up and I love a challenge when people say it cannot be done. You just keep thinking of what your goals are, adjust to the changing environment, develop a strategy and just do it.”

Corcoran knew he wanted to work in the hospitality business after law school. “There is no aspect of work that I can think of where a law degree would not be a positive influence. Most importantly you should do something you like doing and remember each day you wake up, you should want to go to work because it’s fun and fulfilling. Washburn Law provides a foundation for its graduates to be contributors to society in whatever manner they have chosen,” said Corcoran.

Even though Corcoran admits both financial success and freedom provides him with more options, he also confirms money does not buy happiness. “My wife and three children mean more to me than all the successes.” ■



Debra Ingram '86

Debra Ingram never presumes or assumes anything. She has set up political action committees, has successfully raised money politically and for non-

profits, written scripts for television commercials and has mastered public speaking. A combination that provided her the tools for her current position. Ingram is Vice President of Marketing and Leadership Giving at the Tulsa Area United Way. She oversees public and media relations for the organization, development of all campaign materials including print, advertising, television and broadcast commercials and annual promotional videos. Ingram oversees the solicitation and development of the Alexis de Tocqueville Society, donors who contribute \$10,000 or more a year or give to the United Way Endowment.

Prior to the Tulsa United Way, Ingram left law school believing she would return to her home town and practice law with her brother Otis Morrow '73, also a Washburn Law graduate.

Personal circumstances changed her career direction. Ingram went to work for the Trust Department of a bank in Ponca City, Oklahoma. She then spent four years with the Oklahoma Bankers Association overseeing their Trust area, the communication department and worked as a lobbyist at the state and national levels. She then moved to Tulsa taking a job with Sunoco, Inc, as a lobbyist overseeing the lobbying efforts in a seven-state area.

Ingram believes every class in law school provided her with much needed information. “During those darkest nights when you feel you simply can’t go on, write one more word, read one more page. If you don’t think you will ever practice law anyway, don’t give up. Simply having that diploma grants you the stature and respect by others and provides you a way of thinking that others simply do not possess,” said Ingram. She encourages students to keep an open mind about what they can do. “Don’t look at it as having chosen a different career than what you had or dreamed of before you entered law school – think of it as a way to be better in whatever you want to be,” said Ingram.

Ingram enjoyed her time at Washburn Law and appreciated the faculty and availability of their time. “Because someone before me gave to Washburn, I had the opportunity to go to a first-class school without going into debt for life. I owe that to those who follow me.”

Ingram is proud of the fact that during her career she has been able to create law by successful lobbying. She has learned to communicate better, persuade better and win graciously. She sees herself continuing in the non-profit sector. “You don’t get rich financially but you are helping make the world a better place – as idealistic as that sounds, it makes me happy,” said Ingram. ■

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– Debra Ingram



Rev. Victoria Kumorowski '75

From private practice, to the bench, to Chaplain, to Pastor, then to Associate Director of Pastoral Care for Forum Health. Victoria Kumorowski's back-

ground is well rounded. While on the bench, Kumorowski became interested in the legal, judicial and ethical issues raised by recent advances in reproductive and genetic technology. While writing a thesis, she realized there were major spiritual issues underlying those issues. After leaving the bench, Kumorowski changed careers, eventually landing where she is today. Kumorowski said, "my legal background and my interest in bioethics have greatly enhanced my work as a chaplain. It has also helped me to understand many of the major issues now facing patients, family members, health care providers and major health care systems."

Kumorowski currently helps patients, family members, and staff process major emotional and spiritual issues, including end-of-life issues. She is called in to help facilitate the decision making process. Her law degree and background have helped her discern and discuss those underlying issues. Kumorowski supervises ten volunteer chaplains at two different hospitals. She sits on two ethics committees. Kumorowski advocates the use of bioethics mediation to help resolve conflicts as they arise within our system. She believes this new type of mediation could greatly benefit patient's family members, staff and health care systems throughout the county.

Kumorowski would like to eventually teach on a graduate level. "I enjoy listening and exchanging thoughts and ideas with others. I also enjoy writing and exploring legal, medical, ethical and spiritual issues. In my current position I try to ask questions that will challenge and will help empower others to think for themselves," said Kumorowski.

Kumorowski believes bioethics is a nontraditional career students may want to consider. Recent advances in reproductive and genetic technology have raised significant legal, medical and ethical issues. Kumorowski believes these issues arise in every area of the law ranging from family law to criminal and corporate law. The position of a bioethics mediator requires someone who is familiar with the legal and ethical principles associated with healthcare. A career option perfect for someone with a law degree and one that fit perfectly for Kumorowski. ■



William Kurtis '66

The Topeka tornado of 1966 was the turning point in Bill Kurtis' life and career. The words "For Gods sake, take cover," will forever be etched in the minds of Topekans who

lived through the tornado. Kurtis worked at WIBW TV while attending Washburn Law. He was on the air when the tornado hit and he covered the tornado for 24 hours. He is credited with saving many lives. Although Kurtis had already secured a job after graduation with a law firm in Wichita, he chose to continue in television. Kurtis believes it was his calling, and as he assessed his talents and skills, opted for a career where he saw a changing profession with unlimited potential.

That turned out to be the decision of a lifetime. Kurtis has had a remarkable 40 years as a reporter and documentarian. He has been a local anchor, national correspondent, major network anchor, created his own Production Company and has been executive producer of some of A&E's highest rated shows. Kurtis is founder and Executive Director of Kurtis Productions. He produces programs for A&E including *Investigative Reports*, *American Justice* and *Cold Case Files*. Kurtis believes his law degree gives him better insight into producing legal and investigative programs and also gives him respect from attorneys, judges, prosecutors and defense lawyers when working on these programs. His law degree was certainly a benefit when he began his career. Kurtis was one of only about three investigative reporters at the time who had a law degree. He covered national stories of Richard Speck, Charles Manson and Angela Davis to name a few. Kurtis believes his law degree gave him a huge advantage over other reporters.

While in law school Kurtis participated in Moot Court, something he credits with teaching him to research, make oral arguments and present his case. Kurtis credits Professor James Ahrens, who worked with the moot court team, with instilling those qualities and helping him hone those skills. Kurtis' comment, "See Professor Ahrens, I really was listening."

Kurtis has enjoyed every aspect of his career. He has traveled internationally, covered wars, handled environmental issues and been an investigative reporter. He is proud his company has produced over 1,000 shows with a legal connection. Kurtis encourages individuals to "assess your talents and desires and decide what you want to do. Don't

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always do what is expected, do what is in your heart and what your calling is.”

In his spare time, Kurtis is active in renovating and saving small town communities like Sedan, Kansas, where he is very concerned about the environment and saving native grasses. A new project is his involvement with organic food and grass fed beef. He has created a company and hopes to educate the public on its health benefits. Kurtis recently published his newest book *The Death Penalty on Trial: Crisis in American Justice*. “I wrote the book in terms laymen can understand but based on law,” said Kurtis who has tried throughout his career to take the legal ease out of legal matters, and make it understandable to everyone.

In 40 years of service, Kurtis remains as strong a reporter as ever, creating investigative reports and documentaries, geared to the nation as a whole. And through it all, remains committed to his ideals and is thankful for the circumstances and opportunities which led him to a wonderful career. ■



Andrew Marquardt '92

A self described “serial entrepreneur”, Andrew Marquardt has been very successful. He has started three staffing companies and invests in real

estate. Marquardt is Founder, President and CEO of Advantage Tech, Inc, in Lenexa, Kansas, an IT staffing and consulting business.

After a short stint in the “traditional law” arena, Marquardt worked for Polsinelli in Kansas City, served as a municipal judge in Roeland Park for two years and had a law practice with his mother, Washburn Law alumnae The Honorable Christel Marquardt '74. Then Marquardt decided to change the direction of his career. After having children, Marquardt decided in order to have a successful litigation practice, he would need to continue to put in too many hours away from his family. In 1997 he incorporated his IT staffing and consulting business Advantage Tech and discontinued his practice of law.

Marquardt continues to learn from interactions with many people and organizations, but feels his law degree and the education he received during law school has been tremendously advantageous for his current career. “Everything from how to incorporate, deal with personnel issues, handle collections and work with other professionals was touched upon in some way during my law school

experience,” said Marquardt. He believes it was the very best “liberal arts” education he could ever receive.

Marquardt believes people appreciate and respect the dedication a person puts forth in obtaining a law degree, and regardless of where you work, you will always be able to draw on your legal education and have a competitive advantage over those without a law degree. He encourages individuals to get a law degree even if they don't plan on practicing “traditional law”.

Being self employed allows Marquardt time to be active in community activities and organizations. Marquardt is involved in raising funds for many Kansas City area charities who do not receive any national funding. “Owning my own business and thereby controlling my schedule, which consequently allows me to spend more time with my family, is by far the most rewarding aspect of my career,” said Marquardt. ■



Joseph McClymond '52

A true child of the depression, Joseph McClymond did not have many options for pursuing a college education.

McClymond chose to attend Washburn which allowed him to live at home and work while attending school as he earned a B.A. in 1949. Economics also dictated his attendance at Washburn Law. McClymond attended classes in the morning and worked in the afternoons as a surveyor for the City of Topeka to support himself and pay tuition. He married and had the first of his three children before he graduated from law school in 1952. McClymond remembers having a lot of respect for Dean Jackson and on many occasions recounted how the Dean had influenced his study of the law.

After graduation McClymond was offered the opportunity to practice with two well established law firms in Kansas. McClymond recalls, “they apparently expected I would have supplemental income to sustain myself while working up to a living wage.” Unable to live off prestige, McClymond took a job with Continental Oil Company in their legal department in Houston, Texas. A decision which ultimately started his illustrious oil career.

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In 1959, McClymond left Continental and took the position as head of the Land Department of Ibex, an independent oil and gas producer in Breckinridge, Texas. In the early 60's, Ibex started a separate oil and gas company called Petroleum Corporation of Texas (Petco) with McClymond as President. Petco was active in the exploration and production of oil and gas as well as acquisition of producing properties and minerals.

In 1984 most of the producing oil and gas assets of Petco were sold to Damson Oil. This was an intense sale and negotiation with countless contract revisions for weeks on end. With his law degree, McClymond was able to make decisions on the spot concerning contract revisions. After closing the deal, McClymond and his partners took great pride that the sale of an independent oil company from a very small town in west Texas made the front page of the Wall Street Journal.

After 1985, McClymond squeezed business into two to three hours in the morning and spent the rest of his time enjoying his ranch or the lake. McClymond was still known as one of the best contract people around and continued to review and interpret contracts for many who asked for help.

McClymond loved to learn and had a passion for higher education. He believes his law degree was the single most important and beneficial career choice he made and the opportunities he was afforded were a direct result of his education. McClymond said, "Every person has something to teach, some more, some less and not all positive. We should all be open to those opportunities to learn from others regardless of their position, station in life or what we think of the individual." McClymond's success was a direct result of his philosophy. ■

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Carol Duffy McDowell '75

Carol Duffy McDowell lobbies for clients who range from professional to not-for-profit, trade organizations, large corporations and individuals; one at a time. McDowell is a professional lobbyist, political design and communications consultant and independent contractor. "I am privileged and grateful to be compensated for work I do well, have a passion for and believe benefits my state," said McDowell.

During law school McDowell worked fulltime. During her last year in law school, she was Executive Director of the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association. She left school for one semester to work on a U.S. Senate campaign for alumnus Jim Slattery '75. Currently McDowell represents Tallgrass Ranchers, citizens organized in their opposition to the industrial wind development of the Kansas Flint Hills.

McDowell remembers during law school that her class was the first to have more than one or two women. "There were about a dozen of us, but our presence was controversial. They converted a janitors room on the classroom level into a ladies room (and some of us became lifetime best friends)," said McDowell. She remembers the faculty being very supportive, encouraging and enriching her life intellectually, personally and professionally.

McDowell has traveled extensively throughout the United States, Asia, Latin America, Europe and Eastern Europe and she admits having many opportunities to move permanently from Kansas. "For good reasons, but to my surprise, I am still here," she claims. Every week McDowell talks to people who grew up in Kansas and have built successful careers in New York, Texas, Los Angeles or Miami and now want to find a way to return to Kansas. McDowell admits, "I understand and have learned increasingly to value and appreciate the opportunity to live and work in Kansas." As a fifth generation Kansan, the state is lucky to have McDowell remain here and continue working for fellow Kansans in a career she truly loves. ■



Norman Pozez '80

“No matter what career you ultimately pursue, a legal education is invaluable,” says Norman Pozez. Pozez believes in that statement and has demonstrated it in his personal career. Pozez attended

Washburn Law because he wanted to work at Payless ShoeSource while attending law school. This was a natural choice for Pozez, whose father was one of the founders of Payless ShoeSource, not to mention his most influential mentor. Pozez knew he would graduate from law school and pursue a business career rather than a law career since he thought business to be more exciting. Pozez worked for Payless as Regional Director of Real Estate and Construction after graduating from law school. He left Payless and went to Ratner Companies, a privately held hair-care services company with over 900 locations in the United States where he was Chief Operating Officer. Pozez then decided to start his own company. He is currently Chairman of Uniwest Group LLC, a general contractor and commercial brokerage and property management company with offices in four states; and Chairman of Fidelity and Trust Financial Corporation, a commercial bank and residential mortgage company in Washington, DC.

During law school, Pozez participated in the law clinic with Professor Michael Kaye. Pozez credits Kaye with teaching and training him to speak publicly and be quick on his feet. Pozez believes Washburn Law is an “extraordinary” law school and he encourages prospective students to attend. “Although Washburn is a lesser-known, mid-western school, it has faculty and programs that exceed your expectations,” said Pozez. Pozez encourages current students to seize the opportunity to take electives that focus on their areas of interest which may benefit them after graduation. Pozez did and has proven how successful that can be. ■



Ron Richey '51

Ronald Richey attended Washburn and received both his B.A. in 1949 and his J.D. in 1951. While in law school, Richey’s most influential mentor was adjunct Professor Paul

Wise. Shortly after graduation, Wise contacted Richey to see if he would like to become an attorney for the Kansas Insurance Department. At that time, Wise was Deputy Insurance Commissioner. Richey quickly accepted the offer, noting the pay was higher than what he was making at Dean Allen’s law firm.

Later Richey joined Wise at the American Mutual Insurance Alliance as head of the legislative division. He had worked for Wise for seven years when he was contacted by John Singletary, Founder and Chairman of Globe Life and Accident. Richey joined Globe Life in 1964 as Vice President and General Counsel. In 1970, he was elected Executive Vice President. After the death of John Singletary, Richey was elected Chairman and Chief Executive Officer serving in that capacity until 1980 when Globe Life was purchased by Torchmark Corporation.

At that time, Richey was then named Chief Executive Officer of Globe and Director of Torchmark. In April 1982, Richey was elected President of Torchmark Corporation. He became President and Chief Executive Officer of Torchmark in 1985 and in 1986 was elected Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. Richey now is retired from Torchmark. He served on Torchmark’s Board of Directors until April 2004.

Richey has served on the Washburn Law School Association Board of Governors, the Washburn Endowment Association Board of Trustees, was honored in 1992 by the Washburn Law School Association with their Distinguished Service Award and received a Distinguished Service Award from Washburn University in 1993. The Wall Street Transcript recognized Richey as the Outstanding Insurance Executive in the industry each year from 1985 to 1991.

Richey had an illustrious career, one which he gives much credit to his Professor, Paul Wise for not only his encouragement but also for the opportunities he helped provide. Richey said, “as you can see, the genesis of my insurance career is my contact with Paul Wise at Washburn Law.” ■



Jerry Schemmel '85

The Voice of the Denver Nuggets. If you follow the team, you know that voice is Jerry Schemmel. He has been the voice of the Denver Nuggets since 1992. If you remember the crash of flight 232 from Denver to Chicago in 1989, you may know the face of Jerry Schemmel. Schemmel was one of the passengers who survived the crash. In that flight, 112 of 296 people aboard the flight died that day after an in-flight explosion crippled the plane and forced it to crash land in Sioux City, Iowa. Schemmel subsequently wrote a book, published in 1996, titled *Chosen to Live*, which chronicles the crash of flight 232 and the effects it had on his life.

Whether you know Schemmel by voice or sight, you know his commitment to his passions. Of the over 1,000 NBA games since he started broadcasting, Schemmel has never taken a night off and has been thoroughly prepared for each and every game. Something he contributes to attending law school. Schemmel said, "law school is simply a huge commitment, there is no way to cut corners and get by. The law school experience taught me that the same thing applies to just about anything in life. If you want to be great at something, it takes commitment, hard work and sacrifice. The commitment in law school to study and prepare has greatly contributed to my success as a broadcaster."

"My law degree is one of my prized possessions and has opened many doors for me in both sports administration and sports casting fields," said Schemmel. He received his undergraduate degree in communications from Washburn and wanted to pursue a sports casting career. Jobs were scarce at the time, so Schemmel chose to attend law school, realizing he would ultimately pursue his passion in sports casting. During law school, Schemmel participated in moot court and believes it helped prepare him for broadcasting. "A lot of preparation is needed and then a strong delivery to make it work," claims Schemmel.

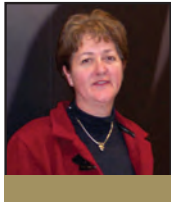
Schemmel encourages anyone to attend law school, especially at Washburn Law where he felt a family atmosphere; where faculty and staff care about the student and the person. He says "follow your OWN dreams and aspirations and pursue a career you want to pursue, not because others do it or think you should, do it because YOU want to do it. Your law degree can never be taken away, follow your interests, whether in law or not, and your success will follow."

Surviving the plane crash taught Schemmel that life is very precious and we all need to try and live life to its fullest every single day. He also learned life is about relationships, not money, possessions or popularity. Schemmel is active in several charities in Denver. He rode a bicycle across the United States in 2003 and 2004 as a fundraiser for two Denver area charities. His efforts have raised a total of \$225,000. Schemmel is making the most of his education, passion for sports and his second chance to live a very fulfilling life. ■

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Susan Tucker '92

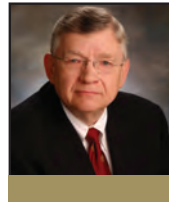
Susan Tucker admits she likes to stretch the limits on how to do things. That sums up her career

and how she arrived in her current position. Tucker attended Washburn Law after passing her CPA exam and receiving a Masters Degree from Northwest Missouri State University. Tucker maintained a CPA practice while attending law school. After graduating from Washburn Law, she accepted a position in the worldwide headquarters of Payless ShoeSource, in Topeka, KS. Tucker wanted a career where she could use her law degree in conjunction with her CPA and MBA degree. "Payless is a wonderful opportunity to use everything together," said Tucker.

Tucker is currently Director of HR Services at Payless ShoeSource. She helped build a "one-stop-shop" for Associates at Payless, combining both Human Resources and Finance, delivering Payroll and Benefits to over 30,000 Associates worldwide. Tucker believes working in a corporate environment is "living and breathing your legal education." Tucker relates that many laws regulate what Payless provides to its Associates and how those laws impact those Associates. "Decisions are made, processes are developed and systems are put in place that must be in compliance with our legal system. The combination of business and legal training has provided me with the foundation to help our company be successful. It is a very dynamic usage of a law degree," said Tucker.

Prior to Payless, Tucker worked at a CPA firm in Topeka then as a controller for a construction company. She then was a self-employed CPA before and during law school. Tucker also taught accounting and finance law at Peru State College in Peru Nebraska before moving to Topeka.

Tucker passes along this advice, "law school will teach you what is necessary to understand our legal system. It is up to you how you decide to use the knowledge. Do not limit yourself when you begin to look at careers you can pursue with your legal education, it is truly limitless. It is just one tool in your toolbox, use all your tools, in combination with what you enjoy to realize your fullest potential." ■



Dr. Howard Ward '79

Challenging interactions between the medical profession and the legal profession were interesting enough to convince Dr. Howard Ward to

enroll in law school after practicing medicine for six years. "At the time there were interactions between the two professions involving not only medical malpractice but difficult responsibilities where medical science and the law were not on the same page. This overlap between the two professions was of great interest to me," said Ward.

Ward fondly remembers Professor Fowks, who not only encouraged Ward to enroll in law school but gave him useful advice to persevere through law school. Ward believes having knowledge of torts, contracts and legal procedure have been very beneficial in his medical career and believes a legal education is a valuable asset in almost any occupation.

Ward has practiced medicine for 36 years specializing in internal medicine, hematology and medical oncology. He helped found, develop and grow the Cotton O'Neil Clinic in Topeka, Kansas, serving as the principal recruiter during its first decade. However, Ward feels his greatest contribution is in patient care, particularly in oncology, by assisting his patients and their families through very difficult and sometimes fatal illnesses.

By having a law degree to compliment his medical degree, Ward has been able to review many medical malpractice cases, serve as an expert witness, participate in medical malpractice screening panels and be involved in many medical staff hearings. Ward believes strongly that "a legal education is a valuable asset in almost any occupation and I encourage everyone to complete their legal education, as its usefulness in other fields will be come more apparent later."

After 36 years in medical practice, Ward is beginning to reduce his workload to transition into retirement. He has been privileged to serve in leadership positions in the medical field, however, he is looking forward to spending more time with family, travel and hobbies. ■

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Ron Whitten '77

Ron Whitten, lawyer turned writer, editor, golf course critic and golf course designer and owner. Since the age of seventeen Whitten wanted to design golf courses. After graduating in 1972 from the University of Nebraska, the chance of getting into golf course architecture was tough due to the recession. Whitten had previously thought about attending law school, so he moved to Topeka and attended Washburn Law two years later.

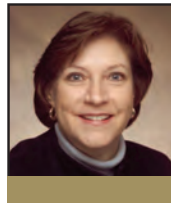
Known for his sketches and caricatures of professors during law school, Whitten participated in the law clinic, which he believes to be the best training anyone could possibly have for actual trial work. With an interest in criminal and trial work, he worked for twelve years as an attorney in private practice, as assistant district attorney for Gene Olander '63 and city prosecutor for Topeka.

While practicing law Whitten continued to keep golf course architecture as a hobby. Whitten wrote a book *The Golf Course*, and had it published in 1981. *Golf Digest* became interested in his writing and from 1984 to 1990, Whitten wrote for the magazine part-time. In 1990 *Golf Digest* hired him full-time, and he gave up the practice of law. Whitten is currently the architecture editor for *Golf Digest* magazine.

Whitten credits his success as a writer to his law degree which taught him to develop an analytical thought process and the patience to thoroughly research a subject. He encourages students to “dream big and have patience.”

During his career, Whitten has had the opportunity to play golf with Jack Nicklaus, Donald Trump, Ben Crenshaw, Phil Mickelson and many other professionals. Although he has never met Tiger Woods, he does have Tiger's first golf design from a contest entry Tiger sent to Whitten when he was eleven years old in response to the first Armchair Architect contest Whitten has periodically conducted for *Golf Digest*.

“I was perfectly happy practicing law, but feel very fortunate to be one of the few who were able to turn a hobby into a second profession. I have a dream job with a national golf magazine, what's not to like about that,” said Whitten. ■



Jane Whitehead '84

“Follow your passion – don't just do what others expect of you. Dare to think differently and act on it.” Words that Jayne Whitehead believes in. Those words were reinforced by one of Whitehead's mentors in law school, Professor Bruce Levine. During her time in law school, Professor Levine told Whitehead that just because you have a law degree does not mean you have to practice law. Those words of advice were important and encouraging to Whitehead, especially since most of her classmates were headed in the direction of practicing law.

At the time, Whitehead knew even though she was getting her law degree that she wanted to pursue a career in higher education. Most likely as a history professor. That didn't happen, but she did end up in higher education in a different capacity. Whitehead is Vice President of University Advancement, at Miami University. Prior to this position she served as Associate Vice President for Development and Campaign Director at the University of Florida and was Assistant Vice Chancellor for Development at the University of Missouri.

Currently, Whitehead oversees fundraising and alumni programs at Miami University. She manages a staff of over eighty with a budget of over \$5 million, bringing in annual revenues around \$25 million a year. Her office supports 150,000 alumni. Whitehead received her start working in University advancement while at Washburn coordinating telemarketing programs and campaign events. Her other mentor Chuck Engel '85 provided her those opportunities, ones which ultimately ended up setting the stage for her career.

Whitehead strongly believes in higher education and loves that she is a catalyst for philanthropic gifts which have a great impact on institutions of higher education. She is grateful Professor Levine supported and encouraged her to use her law degree in a different manner than most. ■

KC Reception



This section focuses on alumni who are having early career successes that the pioneer alumni could have only dreamed of decades ago. These are alumni whose careers bear watching as they quickly maneuver through the public and private world to conquer the challenges that lie ahead and to encourage others to do the same.

Rising Stars Recent Grads on the Move



Jason Baxendale '99

Private banking and money management intrigued Jason Baxendale. While attending Washburn Law, Baxendale made the decision he did not want to practice law after graduation. Baxendale was a visiting student at UMKC during his 3rd year at

Washburn Law and earned an MBA while there to increase his marketability after graduation. Baxendale's first job landed him at UMB in Kansas City as a Trust Administrator. After UMB he became Associate Regional Director for the Boy Scouts of America in Chicago. Most recently Baxendale became Director of Gift Planning for the Chicago Community Trust, the third largest community foundation in the U.S. with over \$1.2 billion in assets. Baxendale works with affluent donors and their advisors to develop charitable estate plans.

Baxendale enjoys working with people who support philanthropy. "Working with donors developing charitable estate plans is very fulfilling when the final outcome is granting monies to worthy charitable institutions across the country," said Baxendale. Understanding fundraising, Baxendale realizes the importance of giving back to institutions from which people have benefited, and believes schools such as Washburn Law need as much support as possible from its alumni to continue to develop and grow.

Baxendale believes you can be truly successful if you believe in, and enjoy, what you are doing. He encourages students to think outside the box. "Don't be confined to just practicing law with your degree. There are a lot of ways you can use your degree outside the practice of law," said Baxendale

Baxendale plans to continue fundraising for the nonprofit sector or possibly going into money management or private banking.



David Carpenter '94

Dave Carpenter's goal was to become a CEO of a large community hospital. He achieved that goal. Carpenter received a masters in Health Care Administration and

completed an Administrative Residency at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita, KS. He became an Assistant Administrator at Hadley Regional Medical Center in Hays and became its CEO at the age of 29. While in Hays, Carpenter helped merge two hospitals together in 1991, then decided to attend law school. After law school, Carpenter became Senior Vice President of Scottsdale Healthcare in Scottsdale, Arizona. He then joined North Kansas City Hospital in 1999.

Having a law degree has helped Carpenter better understand the many legal issues in health care today. Carpenter knew he would not practice law after graduating, knowing he wanted to return to hospital administration. He believes law school taught him how to "think" and "helped me learn how to break down complex issues and resolve them." Carpenter believes in getting a law degree. "It seems hard at the time, but it will really help anyone considering a business related career after law school. A law degree is a plus in any field," said Carpenter.

Carpenter enjoys the health care field and believes it is a "mission" as well as a career. "I like to think what I do helps improve the overall health of the community where I live," said Carpenter. His advice to others, "be as good a person as you can be to everyone you meet. Never burn any bridges. Lead by example. And common sense and the ability to get along with and work with people will get you a long way in life." It seems Carpenter lives by the example he teaches.



Jill Crumpacker '94

Jill M. Crumpacker embraces the saying, “bloom where you are planted.” As Chief of Staff and Director of Policy and Performance Management for the *Federal Labor Relations Authority* (FLRA) in Washington, D.C., she is a member of the Senior Executive Service, the highest level of the career service in the Federal Government. Crumpacker believes her rise through the Federal ranks has been due, in part, to her ability to adapt to her environment and the willingness to take on new challenges. “Although a career-plan is great, don’t become so rigid in sticking to a plan, or someone else’s expectations of what you should accomplish, that you deny yourself opportunities for personal and professional development,” she said.

After law school, Crumpacker served as a *Legislative Liaison* for Gov. Bill Graves. In 1999, she served as a research attorney for the *National Labor Relations Board*, in Washington DC and later, in a senior labor relations position for the *IRS*. During this time, she also earned an LLM in employment and labor law, *with distinction*, from the Georgetown University Law Center. In her current position, Crumpacker drafts agency-wide policies, oversees human resources, and advises the FLRA Chairman on nearly all issues affecting the operations of an agency predominately made up of attorneys.

Crumpacker believes her law degree has enhanced her ability to expand her horizons beyond the traditional organizational “attorney” role. “I have served in primarily management or policy positions, but nearly everything I do in the workplace involves interpreting or applying a law, rule, or regulation,” she said. For Crumpacker, her experiences as editor-in-chief of the *Washburn Law Journal* have been especially helpful in her career. “The discipline involved in researching, writing, editing, and re-writing, not only my own work, but also that of others, is transferable to success in any professional endeavor,” she said.

Crumpacker credits her brother, Jack '85, and her mother, Dr. Martha Crumpacker, Washburn School of Business, with keeping her legal research and writing skills sharp. Crumpacker and her mother recently published an academic article analyzing change in human capital management within the Federal government and currently are working on several other writing projects addressing law and management issues.

Rising Stars

John Federico '94



John Federico lobbies for the interests of his clients. As the owner of Federico Consulting, A Public Affairs Group, he represents the interests of fourteen clients including General Motors, Harrah’s Entertainment, the Kansas Health Care Association, Kansas Cable Telecommunications Association to name a few. Federico protects their business interests by monitoring legislative activity and that of various state agencies in Kansas.

Federico knew going into law school that more than likely he would not practice law. “I attended law school for the purpose of honing specific skills that would benefit me in business and to get an advanced degree from a well respected school. As it worked out, lobbying is the perfect career for me as it marries my love of politics with my interest in the law,” said Federico.

During his last year of law school, Federico worked for former speaker of the House, Pete McGill at McGill and Associates, a lobbying firm in Topeka. In 1997 Federico decided to leave McGill and Associates and open up Federico Consulting. “My hope is that Federico Consulting will remain one of the most effective and successful lobbying firms in Kansas,” said Federico. He believes the most important aspect of his firm is the ability to influence the writing, and debate of legislation which will eventually become law that may ultimately impact all Kansans. He credits his mother with instilling in him, and his eight brothers and sisters, to “maintain a moral center and unquestionable integrity,” two vital components Federico incorporates in his particular career.

Federico encourages students to gather information about, and talk to, persons in the business they have an interest in early on in law school. “Keep your interests broad, and only narrow them as you complete your studies. Don’t be fooled into thinking your grades don’t matter or that you don’t have to learn as much as a practicing attorney might need. Whatever non-traditional career path you might take, you will still need to learn the law, learn to think, write and reason. Most importantly, take and pass the bar exam even if you never practice a day in your life,” suggests Federico.

With his love for politics and law, and his quest for integrity and success, Federico is sure to continue a successful business.

Planned Giving

While at Washburn University School of Law, **Larry K. Meeker** was awarded the Floyd Cossman Award as the outstanding first year student. He served as Editor-in-Chief of the Washburn Law Journal and President of the Washburn Student Bar Association. He also was an accounting instructor for two years in the University. Meeker found enough time to earn his J.D. with Dean's Honors in 1967.

After graduation from law school, Meeker returned to Wichita where he received his B.B.A., cum laude, from Wichita State University and began his legal career with Bever Dye. Today he is a partner in the Wichita firm of Stinson Morrison Hecker L.L.P. and a certified public accountant. Meeker has extensive experience handling business matters for a variety of clients, large and small. The focus of his practice includes estate planning, probate, tax, real estate, corporate and partnership matters.

Meeker is authorized to practice before the U.S. Tax Court. He also has assisted with litigation of business and tax matters before the Internal Revenue Service, the Kansas Director of Taxation and the Kansas Board of Tax Appeals. Meeker's skills in accounting and the law have proved satisfying for him and beneficial for his clients.

With all the technical legal and financial work, Meeker finds that riding his Honda Gold Wing motorcycle clears the cobwebs. He has logged more than 200,000 miles and is on his fourth motorcycle. Getting away from the office allows him time to plan and recharge his mental batteries. Meeker also enjoys golf and plays frequently. Just as in his legal work he excels on the links. He has made four holes-in-one!



Meeker has always been a strong advocate of the School of Law. Now he has taken his commitment to Washburn Law a step further. He has established a charitable remainder unitrust which will provide income for family and then will benefit Washburn Law. The unitrust will establish the Larry K. Meeker Fund in the School of Law.

"Washburn Law is a special place. It gave me the skills necessary to enjoy a successful professional career. I am grateful for my education and I am going to give back to Washburn. Doing it now during the Centennial Celebration is frosting on the cake," said Meeker.

Dean Honabach said, "Larry represents the best in our alumni. He recognized the advantages of merging his skills in accounting with his legal education and has built a strong practice that serves his clients. We are working to endow our centers; Larry's thoughtful and generous unitrust gift will help to secure the future of the Business and Transactional Law Center at Washburn Law. I encourage others to join our Centennial Celebration by making an endowed or planned gift."

Alumni and friends who share Mr. Meeker's interest in Washburn University School of Law and who would like to become part of the School's Centennial Celebration by making a gift to the School are encouraged to contact:

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Reunion Weekend



L to R: Terry Curry, Christina Ball '99, Professor Nancy Maxwell, Professor Jim Concannon, Joan Pease, John Ball '99, Ann Heefner '99, Carson Heefner and Professor Greg Pease





Reunion Weekend

Dinner L to R:

Mary Mattivi '94,
Anthony Mattivi '94,
Linda Newman,
Danielle Noe '94,
Jon Newman '94,
Paula Ertz, Michael Ertz
'94, Michelle Carpenter,
Dave Carpenter '94,
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A Centennial Celebration Giving Back...

Throughout the law school's Centennial, we will highlight alumni, faculty and friends who have stepped up to support the law school by endowing professorships, scholarships and other funds during our Centennial Celebration. These dedicated individuals help ensure the future success of Washburn Law.

The Honorable Joseph W. Morris '47 Unrestricted Fund



"When I enrolled at Washburn Law as a freshman, I took Property I. Judge Harry K. Allen, a member of the Kansas Supreme Court, was my teacher. He had formerly been Dean of the Law School. That was a day of great good fortune for me. Judge Allen set me on fire in my love for the law. As a junior and senior, I took his courses in Future Interests and in Trusts. He was a wonderful man."

"I shall always be grateful for having received my law degree from Washburn. I am especially grateful to have been a student of Judge Allen. I regularly remember him in my prayers."

Eldon R. Sloan '33 Edward R. Sloan Scholarship Fund



"I had a wonderful father and I wanted to perpetuate his memory in some tangible way. He always enjoyed helping people particularly young lawyers."

"My father took great pride in the fact that his two sons, myself and Gordon, and two of his grandsons became lawyers and that Gordon, was appointed to the Supreme Court of Oregon."

"I just wish he could see some of the letters I have received from students who have been helped by this fund, and maybe he has."

Scott '80 and Pam Logan Law Scholarship Fund

Approximately 28 years ago, Washburn Law provided Scott Logan with what he describes as “a great opportunity to me by accepting me into the 1977 fall class.”

“I received a great legal education from some excellent professors, a foundation that would help in pursuing the professional practice of law. There was also the added benefit of making friends with students from an array of colleges and other walks of life, some who remain good friends to this day.”

“Although appreciative of all of that, once we graduate we tend to get busy in the early stages of our career



with the day to day tasks of trying cases, handling client matters and scrambling for business. I periodically donated some money to the Law School, and I have given some presentations to some classes in the past ten years. It was in approaching the completion of 25 years in the practice of law, that my wife Pam and I realized we needed to really give back to the school, as well as offer some help to students in the future who could use some assistance in obtaining

the same opportunity I was given. It is with all of this in mind that we decided to endow a scholarship that can be used to aid students in attending Washburn Law School.”

Philip C. Pennington '84 Law Scholarship Fund

“I attended Washburn Law six years after I completed graduate school with a MBA. I really wasn't certain I wanted to be a lawyer, but knew I wanted to do something different something that would permit me to do different things in life. I found the experience at Washburn Law to be much more motivating than any of my prior educational experiences. It was a place where the faculty really cared about the students and wanted them to succeed. I had applied at four other law schools and visited each of the campuses. The reception at the other law schools was pretty much “take some of our literature and have a look around”. By comparison, when I visited Washburn (without any prior appointment), I was taken from Admissions to the Dean's Office. The Dean (Carl Monk) spent some time with me and took me to meet several professors. My time as a law student was similar to my original



visit. The vast majority of the faculty enjoyed what they were doing and really went out of their way to help their students.”

“I now look back and can see that my experience at Washburn Law was the catalyst that changed my life in many ways. Ironically, I have spent the last twenty-one years working for one of my prior employers, AMC Entertainment. While previously

I was in various management positions, I am now a Vice President in the Legal Department. I will have to repeat what others who have endowed scholarships have said. I reflect on what my experience at Washburn Law has done for me and realize it's time 'to give something back'. Given the dramatic increases in tuition, I hope an unrestricted scholarship will permit opportunities for individuals who would not have them otherwise.”

Giving Back...

Duke '73 and Helen '76 Dupre Business and Transactional Law Program Fund

"As we exited the hotel and began our morning walk, we were approached by a man who asked if "we could spare a couple of dollars" so he could eat. Whether by telephone, by mail, by e-mail or like our sidewalk encounter, a personal request, all of us are asked to give of our time and our money. We often feel overwhelmed trying to respond to the many needs, the many requests for help and the many worthy causes. And we each respond differently to those giving opportunities."

"Standing that morning on the sidewalk, our thoughts were thoughts of skepticism. Do we just walk away? How do we know if he is hungry? We did not walk away. We led him into one of the many sidewalk cafes in New York telling him to order anything he wanted to eat. And he did just that. We left that encounter wondering how such a small man could eat so much and so quickly."

"Like many of you, the funds for our undergraduate education came from several sources. With a mixture of scholarships (Helen's), checks from our parents, loans and part-time jobs, we achieved



our goals and received our college degrees."

"We were able to get our law degrees through an equally diverse combination of resources. From scholarships, the GI Bill and each working to put first one, then the other through; we made it."

"Our response that brisk morning in New York fed a person for one meal. Our response to the Washburn Endowment Association for money to underwrite a law school scholarship will last longer and help more than many other gifts. Our gift of a scholarship is a gift that truly will keep on giving. The effects of some of our gifts can be measured in days, for some it is in years, but a gift of education is a gift that lasts a lifetime – the lifetime of each and every recipient."

"When you give to a scholarship, you are giving another a lifetime of opportunities. You may not know the recipient's name, they may never know you, but your gift will be with them forever."

David Ash Johnson '49 Fund

David Ash Johnson was destined to attend Washburn. His mother, Christine Ash Johnson, was the head secretary at the School of Law for two decades and was revered by every law student who knew her. Johnson received his bachelors and JD from Washburn University. Johnson spent his career in the mortgage banking business and through the years also invested in land.

Recently, Johnson donated his interest in property at Lake Tahoe, California, to establish a charitable remainder trust. This gift will fulfill his dream of establishing a scholarship for Washburn



University School of Law in his mother's memory.

Johnson lives in Sonoma, CA, but maintains his contact with the school and his appreciation for Washburn University and the law school.

"Using this property to establish a scholarship for the law school works well for me financially and it will continue the legacy of learning that was instilled in me so many years ago by my mother."

Leading by Example...

RECENT ENDOWMENTS



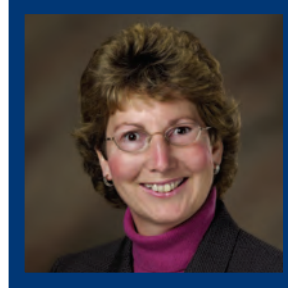
**Geraldine K. and
James R. Ahrens
Research Fund in
Constitutional Law**

"In 1948 I arrived at Washburn University after graduating from the University of Chicago School of Law. I had been offered a position in the Washburn

School of Law by then President Brian Stoffer."

"From that time until I retired in 1988, I was actively engaged in the law school. Throughout my tenure the school was very supportive of my efforts with the Moot Court Team, Annual Law Institute, Study Abroad programs and in my teaching."

"As a result, I felt it was important to carry on the educational efforts of the law school. Because of my teaching in the area of Constitutional Law, I want to broaden the knowledge for those students who will study at Washburn Law in the coming years. The Ahrens fund will assist in this endeavor."



**Laura L. Ice '84
Business and
Transactional Law
Program Fund**

"I am very pleased to be able to give back to the school that gave me the opportunity to become a lawyer. In my career as a lawyer, I have traveled to

places I never thought I would see and dealt with different cultures and legal systems around the world—all while remaining a Kansan!"

"I was a high school English teacher when I decided to go to law school. I wanted to follow in the steps of my great-grandfather, my grandfather, and my Dad who were all Kansas lawyers. I will always appreciate the personal attention I received from the faculty and staff at Washburn Law when I began as a student in the fall of 1980. I received some scholarship assistance to help me through those lean times, and I promised myself that I would pay it all back. I am happy to do that and more to help other students like me achieve their dreams."



Larry Alan Withers '68 Scholarship Fund
by Ginger Withers

"Larry received both his undergraduate and law degree from Washburn University. He valued the education he received from Washburn and he held his professors in highest esteem throughout his life."

"Larry frequently pondered teaching law after retirement because he loved learning and sharing his experiences. He had a gifted mind, a great sense of humor, and he was a vivid story teller."

"As Comments Editor of the *Washburn Law Journal*, he held others to the same high standards that he held for himself. He mentored many young lawyers in his firm throughout his 36 years of practice. Larry enjoyed watching them develop their natural talents."

"Because of Larry's appreciation of learning, pride in his alma mater, and respect for young lawyers, Larry wanted to establish an endowment which would enable other young lawyers to fulfill their dreams."

United States Supreme Court Swearing In





United States Supreme Court Swearing In

Forty-nine Washburn University School of Law alumni from thirteen states participated in the first Washburn Law Supreme Court Swearing In, on Monday, November 15, 2004. It was a special day for those being sworn in. Participation slots were quickly filled on a first come, first served basis. After announcing the event, all fifty slots were filled in only three weeks, creating a waiting list of those hoping to still get a chance to participate.

Chief Justice William Rehnquist was absent from the court due to his ongoing battle with cancer and Justice Antonin Scalia was absent as well. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor presided over the ceremony, only the second time in history a woman has done so, making the ceremony even more meaningful for those in attendance.

After the Swearing-In ceremony, Justice O'Connor honored us by visiting the Washburn Law conference room to briefly visit with Washburn Law alumni and their guests.

Several events surrounded the U.S. Supreme Court Swearing In. On Sunday evening, November 14, a reception was held for those being sworn in and their guests. Area Washington DC alumni were also invited to join the reception held at the Bank of America Building on the Penthouse level, overlooking DC. After the Swearing In on Monday, a lunch was held for participants and their guests at the historic Willard Hotel. The weekend was spectacular for attendees and their guests, many of whom spent the weekend in DC taking time to sight-see and enjoy a long weekend.

The next Supreme Court Swearing In for Washburn Law alumni is scheduled in June 2006.



Justice Sandra Day O'Connor





Alumni admitted to the United States Supreme Court during the first Washburn University School of Law Swearing In were:

Lillian Apodaca '85, Albuquerque, NM; Stephen W. Atha '74, Topeka, KS; Robert L. Baer '77, Topeka, KS; Daniel B. Bailey '87, Gillette, WY; Karen Barry West '00, Wichita, KS; Troy A Berberick '00, Topeka, KS; Gary Bishop '86, Springfield, MO; Lara Blake Bors '01, Garden City, KS; Kim Boyd Dombrowski '80, Dallas, TX; Mary Brown McCuskey '75, Madison, IN; Robert D. Campbell '95, Atchison, KS; William Carter '01, Hayti, MO; James Chipman '94, Columbia, MO; William M. Cobb '65, Wichita, KS; Bruce R. Cohen '74, Estes Park, CO; Stacy L. Cooper '97, Chicago, IL; Jack R. Crumpacker '85, Springfield, VA; Jill Crumpacker '94, Alexandria, VA; Stephen Durrell '95, Topeka, KS; Linda D. Henry Elrod '72, Topeka, KS; Allison Herr '90, Las Vegas, NV; J. David Farris '65, Atchison, KS; Michael Foust '72, Goodland, KS; Byron Hammond '94, Denver, CO; Dan Hejtmanek '76, Topeka, KS; Heather J. Helvie '94, Larned, KS; Robert A. Holubec '99, Wichita, KS; P. Bernard Irvine '93, Manhattan, KS; Lisa Janati '82, Topeka, KS; David S. Langston '72, Wichita, KS; The Honorable Karen Langston '75, Wichita, KS; Susan Loy '99, Wichita, KS; Charlie Manh '88, Huntington Beach, CA; Mark Marion '99, Bel Aire, KS; Mark Meinhardt '01, Shawnee Mission, KS; Edgar Miner '51, Concord, NH; Allen P. Mitchem '47, Denver, CO; Mary Moore Johnson '96, Cape Girardeau, MO; Clarice Peters '82, Fairfax, VA; Oscar "Pete" Peterson, Jr. '72, Shawnee, KS; Dawn L. Reid '93, Silver Spring, MD; Deborah Reisdorph '92, Garden Grove, CA; Michael W. Ryan '74, Clay Center, KS; David Stephanides '92, Lisle, IL; Ray Sutton '66, Kansas City, MO; Krissy Thornbrugh '96, Chester, VA; Jon Thornbrugh '95, Chester, VA; Thomas Wilder '81, Silver Spring, MD; Warren Wood '74, Olathe, KS





The Washburn University Board of Regents approved a \$1.24 million renovation to the School of

Law, which was completed for the beginning of classes for Fall 2004. A classroom dedication was held on Saturday, October 16, in conjunction with Reunion Weekend, to showcase the newly renovated space.



Classroom Dedication

Remodeling included enhancing the classroom stage and seating areas, upgrading electricity sources for computers and internet access, making modifications to meet accessibility requirements and maintain better acoustics in the classrooms. A section of the third floor of the law library was also renovated to provide additional office space for added faculty. All desk areas in the classrooms have electrical outlets at each seat for laptop computers. The common area formerly known as "the pit" was completely renovated and opened up to make a larger, more useable and accessible space.

The dedication ceremony was held in a tent outside with remarks from Dr. Jerry Farley, President of Washburn University and Dean Dennis Honabach. After brief remarks, attendees entered the school for a ribbon cutting with Dr. Farley, Dean Honabach and Ben Blair '65, a member of the Board of Regents. After the ribbon cutting the rooms were available for tours.

Washburn Law is extremely grateful to the University and the Board of Regents for providing funds to enhance the classrooms and bring them up to current standards. You can view complete renovations of each room on the law school website at:

www.washburnlaw.edu/remodel



Before: Old classroom seating



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OLD Classrooms



NEW Classrooms



*Dean Dennis Honabach
President Jerry Farley and Ben Blair '65*





Robert Hartsook '79

Alumni

Vice President of Colby Community College, Washburn University and Wichita State; Executive Vice President of a professional organization and now CEO of Hartsook Companies Inc. Robert Hartsook seems to excel at everything he attempts.

Hartsook graduated from Washburn Law in 1979. During law school, he was Executive Editor of the *Washburn Law Journal*. "Writing and editing is an important part of my life today – though I don't write on legal issues, I have written five books, with a sixth on the way, as well as hundreds of articles and monographs. My legal education clearly influenced my thinking," admits Hartsook.

Prior to entering Washburn Law, Hartsook served as Vice President of Colby Community College. Upon entering law school, he was about six years older than his fellow students, closer in age to some of the professors. However, he felt at home at Washburn Law and enjoyed the student interaction at the school. After graduation, he served as Executive Vice President of the Kansas Engineering Society in Topeka. Hartsook then accepted a position at Washburn University as Vice President, which introduced Hartsook to fundraising, something he had not done before. After Washburn University, he became Vice President of Wichita State University.

After Wichita State, Hartsook founded a small fundraising and philanthropic management company in Wichita, Kansas. It was a small, three-person business at the time. Seven years ago, Hartsook made a decision to grow his business. Today his firm is one of the four largest firms of its type in the country.

As chairman and CEO of Hartsook Companies, Inc., Hartsook provides leadership and guidance to over 50 employees, located in nearly 20 cities nationwide. Hartsook Companies has worked with over 1,700 nonprofit organizations across America. They have helped institutions raise billions of dollars for the benefit of the arts, education, social service, health care, youth development and more. "To think you have that degree of impact is very humbling and rewarding," says Hartsook.

Hartsook credits Washburn with his successful career. "The result of hiring me as Vice President at Washburn ultimately resulted in a very successful career," said Hartsook. He credits several people during his career who have given him useful advice and encouragement. "Governor Sebelius taught me so much when she was Executive Director for the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association while I worked there during law school. Three university presidents taught me to lead by questioning, to think big and to see the best in people," said Hartsook.

Hartsook says listening to donors and clients is the most important aspect of his career. He credits his law school education with teaching him how to listen, think and analyze. He says that listening is thinking about what is being said. Hartsook said he has viewed the world of philanthropy in a more creative way than many others; one of the reasons he has been so successful in his business. "I understand wealth and how it can be used for our society and culture," said Hartsook.

Hartsook believes law school preparation gives you a unique perspective of the world. "It teaches you to think like a lawyer. Seeing elements of issues that others do not see. Understanding consequences and questioning absolutes," said Hartsook. He continues to be impressed with the quality of legal education that Washburn Law offers. "I read every journal and newsletter. The faculty is impressive and diverse and their contribution to the profession is immense," stated Hartsook.

Three years ago Hartsook sold 49 percent of Hartsook Companies to his employees and expects to sell the rest in the next two or three years. He plans to counsel to nonprofit organizations for the rest of his life. Hartsook has two other businesses, Hartsook Management Company (business organization counsel) and Hartsook Farms and Resorts. He hopes to devote more time to both businesses.



Professor Robert Rhee

Faculty

Professor Robert Rhee believes the measurement

of success is, “Work hard, smarts only get you so far, there is always someone smarter or better than you. Goals must be set on your passions and they must be pursued passionately.” A previous colleague of Rhee’s stated, “If you want to succeed, pay attention to the details, do everything asked of you well, do it on time, and then do that extra work that has not been asked of you.” Rhee believes this is wonderful advice for everyone and it seems he has implemented that advice, which is reflected in a career full of successes and accomplishments.

Rhee received his B.A. from the University of Chicago in 1988 and his J.D. from George Washington University in 1991. After law school Rhee clerked for the Honorable Richard L. Nygaard of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He then worked for the Justice Department as a trial attorney in the Honors Program, Civil Division. It was then that Rhee thought about a teaching career, but decided he was too “young and inexperienced.” Rhee wanted a more diverse work experience and decided an “educational retooling” was needed. Always having an interest in finance and investment banking, he decided to attend The Wharton School and graduated with an MBA in 1997.

After Wharton, Rhee went to London with two suitcases to start his investment banking career at UBS Warburg as an Associate in the Corporate Finance Advisory Group where he worked on UK and Pan-European mergers and acquisitions. After UBS Warburg, he went to Swiss Re in New York where he served as Vice President, advising financial institutions in mergers and acquisitions and public/private capital raisings. After September 11, Rhee and his wife decided to leave New York and moved to Phoenix where he practiced law at Choi Rhee & Fabian. Rhee admits it was an eye opening experience. “I learned how difficult access to justice was for many ordinary people and how rough justice sometimes is. Legal analysis detached from a humanistic perspective is nothing but a game in logic.

I bring this perspective to both my classroom and my research and use it as a measure of whether it has any relevance,” said Rhee.

Rhee joined Washburn Law in August 2004 teaching Civil Procedure II, Comparative Legal Systems, Negotiations and Torts. Rhee’s passion is to “write and think” and believes coming up with original thought is “extremely exciting.” Rhee said, “I can’t believe the school is paying me to do this job.”

Rhee believes law students are his clients and he has a responsibility to ensure they can be competent members of the bar. As a student Rhee’s primary concern was “How can I get the best grade?”, as a professional, “How can I win?” and as a Professor, “Are my students learning?” Rhee thinks law school fosters an “all or nothing” environment, a thought he feels is depressing and a view he thinks is detached from how the real world works. He believes law school and students need to realize that some simply take “a little longer” to learn the language of the law.

“Never stop learning, pursue your passions and never give up,” are Rhee’s words of encouragement to students. He tells others to follow their heart in career choices, welcome changes and do not be afraid of uncertainty. “The legal profession should no longer be viewed as a career path of finite tracks. What was considered ‘alternative’ career paths are now established options available for lawyers. Lawyers should consider themselves entrepreneurs in the larger economy and the hallmarks of all great entrepreneurs are flexibility, courage, diligence and perseverance,” said Rhee.

Rhee is thrilled to be at Washburn Law. He feels the intellectual and social benefits of the schools openness to students is invaluable and makes the learning experience special. Rhee said, “I am most proud of the fact that I’ve accomplished every goal I set out to achieve. This doesn’t mean I didn’t have setbacks, but that the setbacks didn’t stop me from achieving my goals. It’s been a wonderfully rewarding intellectual and professional voyage. But now that has changed – being a professor at Washburn Law is a dream come true for me.”



Judy Jewsome '07

Student

Judy
Jewsome
worked

four years in the hotel business, then for seven years in the Attorney General's office before deciding to attend law school. It was her time in the Attorney General's Office that made Jewsome decide to enroll in law school. She worked in the Consumer Protection Division and felt she could only do so much to help individuals who had been taken advantage of by others because she did not have her law degree. By attending law school, she believed she could do more to help protect those individuals who have worked so hard to get what they had, just to have it taken away by an unscrupulous person.

Jewsome originally was interested in law enforcement and thought of joining the Coast Guard out of high school. Her mother, however, encouraged her to get a business degree instead. Believing her mother probably knew best, Jewsome went to school and worked in the hotel industry. She loved the fast-paced industry of hotel management. After working for Marriott for four years, Jewsome decided that even though she liked the industry; she still had a yearning for her first love, law enforcement.

Jewsome became an officer in training, but soon decided police work was not the direction she wanted to take. That is when she joined the Attorney General's office in the Consumer Protection division. Jewsome soon realized there are trusting, unsuspecting people who cannot survive without protection from others and outside sources. In her quest to help others, she decided she could do more for these individuals by getting a law degree.

Jewsome comes from a hard working family, which is where she learned her work ethic. "My parents worked hard for everything they have, and then they gave everything they earned to help us. They are my great motivators, when I think I have hit a wall or bump in the road, I think of how they never quit, and it gives me motivation to keep going," said Jewsome. Her dad had a saying she fondly remembers, "nothing that

comes easy is worth having." Jewsome has applied this not only to her life, but to attending law school as well.

Jewsome has worked hard her first semester of law school and feels "blessed to be given the opportunity." She is a member of BLSA and feels fortunate that the group is there to support the new students. "They checked in on the first year students and helped get us through the first semester, I truly appreciate their support," claims Jewsome. She has also helped with WashCall. "When I heard WashCall raises funds to help provide scholarships which enable students to attend Washburn Law who otherwise might not be able to, I felt this was very worthwhile and I wanted to get involved and do my part."

After graduation from Washburn Law, Jewsome hopes to work in a firm which handles consumer protection issues and does plaintiff work. She wants to educate and motivate people. "For those who have been taken advantage of, I want to help. I want them to realize they can cross that bump in the road and they can do it, they can hold their head high and move forward. That is what is most important," said Jewsome.

Jewsome knows she has found her calling. Fueled by her parents lifetime of hard work and strong ethics and the desire to help those who have worked hard and been taken advantage of, there is no question she will become an outstanding advocate for those who seek her help.

"Nothing that comes easy is worth having."

Center for Excellence in Advocacy



The Center for Excellence in Advocacy had another outstanding Fall semester. Adding new and exciting advocacy related courses to the law school curriculum is one of the Center's goals. Nathan Webb from the Office of the Appellate Defender has joined the law school faculty and teaches a course in Criminal Appeal Advocacy. Under Webb's supervision, students learn to write persuasive appellate briefs on behalf of defendants whose cases are currently before the Kansas Court of Appeals and the Kansas Supreme Court. Students also learn how to prepare and write habeas corpus petitions. Webb initially limited enrollment in the fall term to five students. For the spring semester 23 students signed up.

Professor Michael Kaye



On the drawing board is the creation of a summer Trial Skills College. This college will offer students an opportunity to learn trial advocacy in short intensive courses. The Intensive Trial Advocacy Program (ITAP) will form the foundation course followed by the two-weekend course in Jury Selection currently offered. The Center is developing a two-weekend, one credit, deposition skills course modeled on the NITA Deposition Program hosted this fall at Washburn Law. Ron Pope '84 is developing an ambitious simulated course to teach case litigation strategy. Through the Trial Skills College, summer students will take a series of courses flexibly designed to allow them to pursue other interests during the summer, but carefully structured to provide very effective advocacy training.



L to R: Richard Burr, Sean O'Brien and Scharlene Holdman

Sean O'Brien, President of the Public Interest Litigation Clinic (PILC) in Kansas City, Missouri, and a nationally recognized capital defense counsel, taught the Capital Punishment Law course and will supervise students during the spring semester in capital defense externships. Washburn Law students will join Harvard and Yale law students who annually do public interest law externships at the PILC. O'Brien also organized the second annual Penalty Defense and Mitigation Skills Conference, November 13 through November 15. O'Brien and Clinic Director Professor John J. Francis are working with the Center to establish an Innocence Project at Washburn Law. A team of law students and social workers are currently working with O'Brien, through the Center, on a possible innocence case.

The Center's student Advocacy Society also met important challenges this fall and demonstrated that students provide an important leadership element in the Center. At Dean Honabach's request, a committee composed of students, faculty and staff was formed through the Center to oversee a day long visit of the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals. In response to an invitation from Washburn Law, two panels of the 10th Circuit heard oral arguments on October 6, 2005 at Washburn Law in the Robinson Courtroom and Bianchino Technology Center. This provided an excellent educational opportunity, in particular for students in Legal Analysis and Research and Writing classes, for faculty, moot court, trial advocacy, law journal students, and, of course, the entire student body.

Under the leadership of Tony Hunter '06 and Mark Dupree '08, and a contingent of student volunteers, an "educational summit" was planned. Students and faculty read the briefs in the cases to be argued and prepared summaries and analyses of the cases which were then posted on the Center's website. Lunches were held with each Tenth Circuit judge with six law students and a faculty member. A lunch session was also organized for students and the law clerks accompanying the judges that included a discussion of clerkships.



L to R: Judge Benton, Assistant Professor Nathan Webb, Eldon Sloan '33 and Mark Dupre '07

Two question and answer sessions were held with each panel of judges. The morning session was moderated by Professor Jim Concannon and the afternoon session was moderated by Dean Honabach. Students submitted written questions to the moderators who then posed the questions to the panel of judges. Both sessions were well attended and gave students the chance to learn more about the judges and about their daily workload.

The entire first year class attended the oral arguments. Tony Hunter '06 and Mark Dupree '08 organized an admission procedure for the courtroom by issuing tickets for each argument before hand and monitoring lines that formed at the courtroom door. Student ushers escorted spectators to their seats. Hunter worked with Washburn police and Federal Marshals who provided security for the entire event.

When the day was over, one Tenth Circuit judge remarked that Washburn had set the standard for organizing the court's law school visits.

The Tenth Circuit visit was an exciting, intensive learning experience. But the students did not stop there. They organized a similar two day visit on October 21 and 22, for a panel from the Kansas Court of Appeals. The appeals judges were all Washburn alums: Judge Stephen Hill '75 (also an

ITAP instructor), Judge Christel Marquardt '74, Judge Lee Johnson '80 and Judge Nancy Caplinger '85. The Kansas Court of Appeals will return to hear cases at Washburn Law in March 2005.

The Center joined with the J. Reuben Clark Law Society, with the guidance of Professors Brad Borden and John Christensen, and invited Judge William Duane Benton, recently appointed to the Eighth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to spend the day at the law school. Judge Benton lectured on the

ethics of appellate advocacy. A genial, articulate, and exceptionally friendly person, Judge Benton, the former Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court, had lunch with students and faculty, spoke at a lengthy question and answer session, and discussed his experience with the Senate confirmation process. Judge Benton was confirmed unanimously by the Senate and the vote on his nomination in the Judiciary Committee was 19-0. A summa cum laude graduate of Northwestern University and former editor of the *Yale Law Journal*, Benton holds an M.B.A. as well as an LL.M degree, and served as Missouri Director of Taxation. Considered a conservative on criminal law issues, he is hard to categorize in civil cases and has a reputation for fairness.

The Center held a day long retreat on December 20, 2004, bringing together faculty, students, deans and alums, to plan for the coming year and prepare for the creation of the Center's Board of Advisors. The Center has had much to reflect on for the first semester and its future holds much promise.

If you wish to learn more about the Center or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Director, Professor Michael Kaye, at 785-231-1010 ext. 1370 or michael.kaye@washburn.edu

Business & Transactional Law Center



Professor Steve Ramirez



The Washburn Business & Transactional Law Center had another successful semester this fall, and continues to gain momentum.

For example, the Center has institutionalized its Lunch and Learn series. This innovative program provides students with the sophisticated perspective and practical insights of successful business and transactional law practitioners. Last semester the Center brought into the Law School alumni with a wide range of experience levels in franchise law, securities law and business planning. In addition, the center arranged to have experienced practitioners visit our business and transaction law classes and interface with students regarding cutting edge issues in business and transactional practice. One of our visitors, alum Bryon Koepke '00, an in-house counsel at Caterpillar, Inc., also visited with students about his experience in the Georgetown University Master of Laws Program in Securities Law. Another alum, Sue Jean White '80, shared her experiences as General Counsel of Shell Chemical Company, regarding issues related to Sarbanes-Oxley compliance.

Students savor these sessions, and participation rates for these programs are very high. Regardless of what their professors say, it means much more when students hear seasoned attorneys tell them the same thing or approach the same issue from a different perspective.

The Center has also maintained its commitment to presenting thematic programs designed to highlight timely issues of interest to students, scholars and practitioners of business and transactional law. This fall the topic was white collar crime and the program was entitled *Enron Three Years Later: A White Collar Crime Scorecard*. The keynote speaker for this program was Mary Jo White, former United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and currently the Chair of the litigation group at Debevoise & Plimpton, LLP. She provided a broad overview of recent developments in the white collar crime and spoke on a panel addressing trial strategies for white collar cases in the post-Enron environment. Other panelists included Jeffrey Morris, who



L to R: Professor Michael Kaye, Jeffrey Morris, Keith Drill '87, Mary Jo White, Frank Bowman and Professor Steve Ramirez

recently helped try the white collar case against former Westar Energy CEO David Wittig, and Washburn alum Keith Drill '87, who concentrates his practice in white collar crime. Professor Michael Kaye, Director of the Washburn Law Center for Excellence in Advocacy moderated this panel.

In addition to these outstanding practitioners, the program included a panel of nationally known scholars entitled *Red Hot Issues in White Collar Crime*, who presented articles that will be published in the Washburn Law Journal. Scholars



L to R:
Professor Mary Ramirez, Frank Bowman,
Ellen Podgor, Stuart Green and
Kathleen Brickey

Bryon Koepke '00



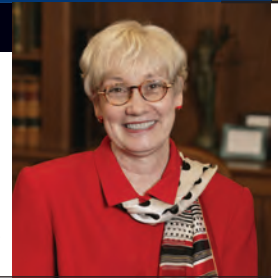
participating in this panel include: Frank Bowman, the M. Dale Palmer Professor of Law at Indiana University School of Law; Kathleen F. Brickey, the James Carr Professor of Criminal Jurisprudence at Washington University; Stuart Green, the Louis B. Porterie Professor of Law and Director of the Pugh Institute for Justice at Louisiana State University; Ellen S. Podgor, Professor of Law at Georgia State University; and Professor William K. Black, the Director of the Institute for Fraud Studies at the University of Texas. Washburn Law Professor Mary Ramirez moderated this panel. The Center owes a debt of gratitude to all of the Washburn Law students who helped shuttle all of these outstanding scholars to and from the airport.

The final element of the Center's program on White Collar Crime was a recent developments CLE in Kansas City. This panel was moderated by Washburn Law's Professor Ellen Byers and included a combination of scholars and practitioners. Like each of the white collar crime panels, this panel was open to all Washburn Law students.

Each of these panels illustrate common themes regarding the mission of the center. The Center first and foremost seeks to enrich the educational experience of Washburn Law students. In order to fulfill this primary goal the Center leverages resources and expertise of alumni. The Center seeks to give students access to the most sophisticated thinking regarding business and transactional law.

If you wish to learn more about the Center, or if you would like to volunteer, contact Director, Professor Steven Ramirez at 785-231-1010 ext. 1668 or steven.ramirez@washburn.edu

Professor Linda Elrod



Children & Family Law Center

The Washburn Children and Family Law Center offered law students a variety of opportunities to learn about and become involved in family law activities throughout the Fall semester. In addition to several family law specialty courses and clinic, students were encouraged to become involved in watching court cases, attending continuing education programs, and meeting with alumni and family law practitioners.

This fall, the Kansas Supreme Court heard several appeals in family law cases. Students read the cases from the Court of Appeals, had access to the briefs, and the chance to hear the oral arguments in the Kansas Supreme Court. Following one set of arguments, Lynn Ward '90, Partner in the Wichita firm of Morris, Laing, talked to students about her case and offered insights into the appeal of family law cases generally.

In early September, Kelly McDonald, on behalf of the Children and Family Law Center, attended the 27th Annual Children's Law Conference of the National Association of Counsel for Children in Las Vegas, Nevada. Kelly will be speaking to members of the Family Law Student Society about her experiences this spring. She notes:

"The conference provided an excellent opportunity to meet experienced family law attorneys and judges from across the nation with a significant number of conference attendees practice in Colorado and California. In my opinion, conference highlights included presentations by young members of an organization called "Voices of Youth" describing recommended best practices for attorneys that work with juveniles from the perspective of young adults who have been through the system, and the closing presentation by John Myers discussing recent changes in children's legal practice after the Crawford v. Washington decision."

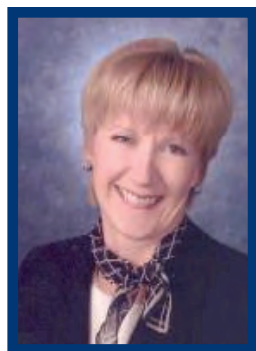
Continuing the tradition started last year of inviting alumni and other distinguished guests to make presentations, Larry Rute '73, Associates in Dispute Resolution, explored ways to incorporate mediation in a family law practice. He also gave an overview of arbitration, collaborative law and case management. Several students followed up on questions at lunch.

Kelly McDonald '05



In September, the Family Law Student Society hosted two speakers. Linda Pease, of the Topeka CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) program, spoke about the upcoming opportunities for law students to get involved with CASA training. Several Washburn Law students currently serve as CASA's in Shawnee County. The Center is working with CASA to provide training for Spring 2006. The Honorable Dan Mitchell '73 spoke about the importance of the juvenile court and the roles of the judges, lawyers and CASA's in helping children in need of care and juvenile offenders.

The Washburn Law Clinic continues to offer 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. In addition, more than fifteen students served as staff for the *Family Law Quarterly*, a publication of the American Bar Association Family Law Section, which is edited at Washburn.



Lynn Ward '90

The Children and Family Law Center co-sponsored several continuing legal education programs that students had the opportunity to attend. Students participated with over fifty attorneys in the 17th Annual Family Law Institute on October 15th in Topeka. The "Show Me the Money" program covered some of the current problem areas in dealing with the financial aspects of divorce. Lisa Keys, a Kansas City attorney, provided a comprehensive overview of the tax consequences of

property settlement agreements in divorce. Jim Rankin '76, Partner at Foulston Siefkin, spoke about employee benefit plans and Qualified Domestic Relations Orders. Brad Short, Short & Borth, of Overland Park spoke about the types of business entities most lawyers were likely to encounter in divorce cases, with particular emphasis on Subchapter S corporations and valuation issues. Lori Justice, of Crow, Clothier & Bates of Leavenworth, provided the framework for understanding the myriad of issues involved in military divorces, from pay to pensions. Professor Sheila Reynolds finished the program with a discussion of malpractice liability for failure to discover and handle financial issues.

Distinguished Professor Linda Elrod made several presentations on behalf of the Center on various family law issues. At the Women Attorney's Annual Conference in Lindsborg, Kansas, in July, she teamed with nationally known psychologist Dr. Janet Johnston whose pioneering research with high conflict couples has provided the framework for court reforms and mediation programs nationwide. Dr. Johnston discussed therapies that work with high conflict couples and profiles of parents likely to abduct their own children. Elrod outlined the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction and explained the reasoning behind some of the current cases. At the Council of Appellate Staff Attorneys in Park City, Utah, Elrod engaged in a debate with Brigham Young University Professor on the "The Future of Marriage after *Goodridge v. Massachusetts*." She also discussed current developments under the Adoption and Safe Families Act.

The spring semester brings more activities for the Family Law Student Society and the Center as it sponsors a program on Juvenile Law Issues with the Kansas Counsel for Children in early March. There are increasing opportunities for alumni, faculty and student interactions.

To learn more about the Center, or to volunteer, contact Director, Professor Linda Elrod at 785-231-1010 ext. 1838 or linda.elrod@washburn.edu

Washburn Law Clinic



Professor John Francis



NEW PROGRAMS

Academic year 2004-2005 began on a strong note in the Washburn Law Clinic. The Clinic added two new programs to its already impressive clinical offerings. For the first initiative, Professor Aliza Organick opened up a new area of practice in the Clinic to serve Native Americans in our community. This program has resulted in the Clinic's first appearance on a case in Tribal Court. Throughout the summer and fall semesters, Organick has been cultivating relationships with area groups to help us better serve the Native American population and further enrich our clinical program.

This year marked the launch of another new program – the Appellate Defender Clinic. Backed by a grant from the Board of Indigent Defenders, Washburn Law students now represent clients on criminal matters at the appellate level. Heading up this new clinical experience is visiting Professor Nathan Webb, on loan from the Appellate Defenders Office. Students under Webb's supervision have drafted and filed ten briefs with the Kansas Court of Appeals.

ONGOING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

In addition to serving clients through the new programs, the Clinic represented clients in family law cases, civil cases, juvenile cases and criminal

defense matters. During the summer and fall semesters of 2004, the Clinic represented over 150 clients who could not afford to hire attorneys. Students handling these cases engaged in an educational experience that cannot be matched in any other law school course; they counseled clients, negotiated with opponents, and appeared in Municipal, District, Federal and Tribal Court on behalf of their clients. During the summer and fall, Clinic students conducted five trials and litigated 35 hearings that were contested, were evidentiary in nature or involved oral argument on a legal or factual issue.

CLINIC AWARDS

Twice each year, the Clinic selects a student to receive the Irvine E. Ungerman Award for Excellence in Clinical Practice. This award is given to the outstanding clinical student of the semester. This fall, the selection was particularly difficult as there were so many students who had engaged in exemplary work on behalf of their clients. This semester's recipient, Wes Barnum '05, a former law enforcement officer from Missouri, distinguished himself through the superior work he conducted for clients on complex and unusual cases. During his time in the Clinic, Barnum



Wes Barnum '05

handled primarily criminal defense cases. His legal analytical skills were tested by some intricate 4th Amendment issues that arose in one case and by a rare claim of testimonial privilege by a witness in another case. Barnum's motion practice was well-researched and written; his case strategies considered ethical issues and were drawn from legal standards, factual strengths and weaknesses and client objectives. One particular matter presented Barnum with the opportunity to expand

his courtroom advocacy skills by conducting an impressive oral argument on a complex motion in Federal Court. Barnum's compassion for his clients was demonstrated in the sound counseling he provided to them as well as by the professional manner in which he negotiated on their behalf. Barnum plans to go into private practice in Joplin, Missouri after his graduation in December 2004.

The Raymond Spring Award, sponsored by the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association, is given annually to the Washburn Law Clinic student who exhibits the highest commitment to providing legal services for clients in need. This year's recipient is Eduardo Beckett '04. Beckett handled several cases in which he served as guardian *ad litem* for youth who were adjudicated as "children in need of care." Through his work and interaction with court personnel, Beckett demonstrated his belief that attorneys should work to help people in a meaningful way and not just administer band-aid solutions. Beckett's supervising attorney Professor Lynette Petty related, "He constantly reminded me that we couldn't give up or make assumptions that put a cap on potential. He worked with his clients not only to find solutions to their legal problems but also to find solutions to their underlying cultural, social and economic problems." One court services officer with whom Beckett interacted expressed that she wished more attorneys shared his perspective and idealism. Beckett graduated in May 2004 and currently works for Legal Services in Las Cruces, New Mexico.



Eduardo Beckett '04

UPCOMING EVENTS

2005 MIDWEST CLINICAL CONFERENCE

At the Midwest Clinical Conference in Champaign, Illinois in 2004, Washburn made a successful bid to host the 2005 Midwest Clinical Conference. This regional event involving clinical legal educators from dozens of law schools, involves presentations and discussion groups focused on clinical teaching methods and substantive topics affecting representation of clients. Washburn Law faculty members who teach in the Clinic are in the process of planning programs and events, some of which will revolve around the impact of the landmark decision *Brown v. Board of Education*. The Clinic expects the 2005 conference will draw national leaders in clinical legal education to the Washburn campus. The conference is scheduled for October 7-8, 2005.

CLINIC 35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Save the Date - The Washburn Law Clinic is celebrating an anniversary and you are invited. In 2005, the Law Clinic will turn 35 years old and plans to celebrate this event with alumni and friends to recognize Washburn's leadership role in clinical legal education. The Law Clinic, which opened its doors in 1970, is among the longest continuously running law school clinics in the country. The Clinic is currently planning events which will include a dinner and even a free CLE. Join us on Saturday, September 10, 2005 for this event. More details will follow in the coming months.

For more information on the Law Clinic, contact Director, Professor John Francis, at 785-231-1191 or john.francis@washburn.edu

1930's

Clarence L. Clark '31, Salina, KS, died Sunday, July 25, 2004, at the age of 96. He was a founder and partner in the law partnership of Clark, Mize and Linville Chartered. Clark retired in 1999.



James W. Porter '35, Topeka, KS, died Thursday, July 15, 2004, at the age of 93. He served in the Kansas House of Representatives from 1941-43 and in the Kansas State Senate from 1949-61. He practiced law in Topeka for more than 65 years and was



an attorney for the Topeka Board of Education from 1955-75. As a law student at Washburn, Porter served as assistant basketball coach during the 1933-34 season. He taught in the School of Law as an adjunct and served as a Washburn Endowment Association trustee from 1984-93, receiving trustee emeritus status in 1996.

Washburn honored him with a Distinguished Service Award in 1994. Porter received a certificate for 50 years of practice from the Kansas Bar Association.

1940's

Lee V. Hornbaker '40, Junction City, KS, died Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2004, at the age of 88. Lee Hornbaker was a trial lawyer practicing both criminal and civil litigation. In 1966, he was elected president of the Kansas Trial Lawyers, was a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and a lifelong member of the Kansas Bar Association. He was appointed by the Kansas Supreme Court to the Kansas Board of Law Examiners. He also was instrumental in writing both the Kansas Workers Compensation law and codifying the Kansas Criminal Code.

Rollie P. Emmitt '48, Pittsburg, KS, died Saturday, Aug. 28, 2004, at the age of 85. He served four years in World War II in grade of technical sergeant, among other units, with the distinguished Eastern Bomber Command, APO 798 (Al Kessler's Flying Cossacks), which was under a severe German bombardment June 21, 1944, known as the Poltava Incident. He was commissioned as first lieutenant in the Army Reserve upon becoming a lawyer and, upon recall, served on Judge Advocate's staff with the 28th and 43rd Infantry Divisions in occupied Germany 1952 and 1953, and retired as major in 1973. He returned to Pittsburg where he practiced law until his retirement in 1995

Edward B. Robrahn '49, Andover, KS, died Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2004, at the age of 81. Mr. Robrahn was a contract lawyer for Boeing Aircraft in Wichita from 1951 until 1986, when he retired.

John L. Stephens '49, Sewanee, TN, died Monday, August 16, 2004 at the age of 84. Stephens served in the Army-Air Force from 1941 to 1945 and 1950 to 1952. His 55-year practice of law included corporate counsel in the aerospace industry, the Glenn L. Martin & The Martin Marietta Companies of Baltimore and Orlando, N.A.S.A. at Cape Canaveral & Kennedy and at A.E.D.C. in Tullahoma (1971-1984). He was a private practitioner in Sumner County, KS (1948-1950) and Franklin County (1984-2004), where he practiced with his son, James Stephens, in Sewanee.

1960's

Robert L. Roberts '62, The Villages, FL, died Monday, Sept. 27, 2004, at the age of 71. Roberts, was an attorney and owner of Gehrt & Roberts Chartered law firm in Topeka for 30 years. He moved to Florida from Overland Park four years ago.

Clark D. Currie '67, Des Moines, IA, died Friday, Oct. 22, 2004, at the age of 86. Following service in the Army, he graduated from Washburn University in 1952, and from Washburn University School of Law in 1967. Clark worked for GMAC and the Internal Revenue Service as an estate tax attorney.

Larry A. Withers '68, Wichita, KS died Monday, July 26, 2004, at the age of 61. Withers was a member of the firm Withers, Gough, Pike, Peterson and Pfaff. Withers was Comment Editor for the *Washburn Law Journal*, 1967-1968. He was actively involved in the practice of law for 32 years. Withers held professional memberships with the Kansas Bar Association, Kansas Trial Lawyers Association, American Board of Trial Advocates and was granted admission to the U.S. Supreme Court. A scholarship has been created in memory of Withers. Contributions can be sent to Washburn Endowment Association, 1700 SW College, Topeka, KS 66621

Larry B. Henderson '69, Minot N.D, died Monday, October 4, 2004, at his home at the age of 60.



1970's

Ray D. Siehndel '74, Topeka, KS, died Sunday July 25, 2004, at the age of 57. He joined Washburn's School of Business faculty in 1971 as an adjunct professor and began teaching full time in 1974. He was promoted to associate professor in 1983 and to professor in 1994. He also had served as director of Washburn's Small Business Institute. In 1977, he earned a master of laws degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. He was a member of the Kansas Bar for 30 years and maintained a private law practice for many years.



Terry R. Fuller '79, Kinsley, KS, died Oct. 28, 2004, at the age of 51. Immediately following graduation, Fuller opened a solo practice in Kinsley, Kansas. He was a solo practitioner for over 25 years. He served as Edwards County Attorney (1980-1988), Kinsley Municipal Judge and Greensburg City Attorney. Fuller also served as special counsel to the Board of Edwards County Commissioners and the Board of Ford County Commissioners.



2000's

Todd W. Lowe '05, Caldwell, KS, died Nov. 27, 2004 at the age of 27. He was a graduate of Caldwell High School and attended Washburn University School of Law where he would have graduated in December 2004. Lowe was recognized and remembered during the recognition ceremony for December graduates at the law school. During the ceremony a moment of silence was held in his memory.



Reunion Weekend

Washburn University School of Law held its Reunion Weekend October 15 and 16, 2004 for the classes of 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, and 1999. Class members attended a reception Friday night at the Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center which included faculty and staff. Saturday began with a classroom dedication of the newly renovated classroom space and ended with an all class dinner Saturday night.

Meyer Ueoka '49 traveled the farthest to attend his reunion, all the way from Maui, Hawaii. Meyer and his wife Yuki, brought with them fresh flowers from Hawaii which were passed out Friday night at the reception and the remainder were put into a large display for the Saturday evening dinner. Washburn Law would like to extend a special thank you to the Ueoka's for their special gift of fresh flowers to the reunion attendees.

During the reunion dinner, the class of 1954 was recognized for their 50 year anniversary by receiving special 50-Year Alumni pins. In addition, the class of 1949 also received the pins for their 55 year anniversary.

Reunion photographs may be viewed on the Washburn Law website at:
www.washburnlaw.edu/alumni/galleries/index.php



Yuki and Meyer '49 Ueoka



Class of '49:
 Julie Elliott, Dr. Jerry Farley, Roy Bulkley, John Sherman, Richard Snyder and Meyer Ueoka

Class of '74:
 Bernie Bianchino, Dr. Rene Hausheer, The Honorable Christel Marquardt, Bud Cowan and James Shetlar



Class of '59
 Julie Elliott (Alumni Coordinator) and Frank Rice

Class of '64:
 Terry Anderson and The Honorable Karl Friedel

Reunion Weekend



Class of 1989:
Joyce McCray Pearson
and Marck Cobb

Class of 1954: Dr. Jerry Farley, The Honorable Adrian Allen, Lou Eisenbarth, Brad Post, Don Shultz and Dean Honabach

Class of 1979: Leonard Hall, Dr. Howard Ward, Ron Gooding and Andrew Hutton

Class of 1984: Front L to R: Dennis Jones, Tom Warner, Stacy Cooper, Frank Allison. Middle L to R: Peter Hagan, Blake Post, Robert Lee, Phil Pennington. Back L to R: Tim Power and Dennis White

Class of 1969: Front L to R: Bill Powell, Tom Valentine, Tom Adrian, Ray Borth. Middle L to R: Jack Bender, Marvin Maydew. Back: Clayton Hunter

Class of 1999: Front L to R: Ann Heefner, John Ball, Christina Ball. Back L to R: Kevin Breer, Cherie Durst, Charles Baskins and Dustin Mullin.

Class of 1994: Front L to R: Doug Shima, Jon Newman, Danielle Noe. Middle L to R: David Carpenter, Mary Mattivi. Back L to R: Michael Ertz and Anthony Mattivi



10th Circuit: Judges Robert H. Henry, Paul Kelly and Harris L. Hartz

Tenth Circuit and Kansas Court of Appeals

October was a busy month for judiciary visiting Washburn Law. On October 6, 2004, two panels from the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit heard oral arguments in the Robinson Courtroom and Bianchino Technology Center. On October 21 and 22, a panel from the Kansas Court of Appeals heard oral arguments as well.

The month started out with an event which had only occurred five times in the last thirty years, Fall 1969, Fall of 1973, Fall of 1992, Fall 1994 and Spring 2001. The Tenth Circuit

brought a seven-case docket from their seat in Denver, Colorado to Topeka, Kansas. Specifically to Washburn Law in the Robinson Courtroom and Bianchino Technology Center. A morning panel consisting of Judges Paul J. Kelly, Robert H. Henry and Harris L. Hartz heard four cases on bankruptcy, knock-and-announce, administrative due process, and first amendment rights of prisoners. An afternoon panel, with Judges David M. Ebel, Mary Beck Briscoe and Timothy M. Tymkovich, heard three cases on employment discrimination, contractual good faith, and criminal sentence

enhancement. Every 1L attended at least one argument as part of their Legal Analysis, Research and Writing class and many 2Ls and 3Ls attended cases related to their course of study. Security concerns and the limited size of the Courtroom presented some logistical challenges for the attorneys, parties, and spectators. But the profession-



10th Circuit: Judges Mary Beck Briscoe, David M. Ebel and Timothy M. Tymkovich

alism of the U.S. Marshal's office, and the flexibility of the faculty and students made the whole operation run smoothly.

After the excitement of the Tenth Circuit's visit, the Kansas Court of Appeals followed two weeks later. Two special circumstances made the day-and-half-long docket even more interesting. First, the three-judge panel was composed entirely of Washburn Law alumni: Judges Stephen Hill '75,

Kansas Court of Appeals



Kansas Court of Appeals: Judges Lee Johnson '80, Stephen Hill '75 and Nancy Caplinger '85

Christel Marquardt '74, and Lee Johnson '80. Second, the final argument on the Thursday morning docket was the first oral argument before the newest member of the Court, Washburn Law alum and Law School Association Board member Judge Nancy Caplinger '85.

The Center for Excellence in Advocacy hosted these events and hopes to further its goal of preparing law students to be effective advocates. Such events would not be possible without the enthusiasm and generosity of

judges who are willing to come to Washburn Law to demonstrate this component of our system of justice. Combining the support of the judicial community and the goals of the Center helps make the Washburn Law school experience more valuable to students, faculty and alumni. A special thank you goes to Anthony Hunter, 2L, who magnificently coordinated all aspects of both events down to the most miniscule detail and made these events

a huge success for both the law school and the courts.



Kansas Court of Appeals: Judges Christel Marquardt '74, Stephen Hill '75 and Lee Johnson '80

Mentor Program

... a success!

The Washburn University School of Law Alumni Office in conjunction with the Career Services Office, coordinated the law student Mentor Program for its 2nd year. The program has been a huge success this year. The program is offered to all first year law students and pairs them with an alum for the year. This year, every student who requested to be in the mentor program received an assigned mentor. To kick off the program, a reception was held on September 21st for mentors and their assigned students. It was very successful in joining mentors and their students to get acquainted and begin their mentor/mentee relationship. The Honorable Nancy Caplinger '85 spoke at the reception, remembering fondly those who mentored her in the past and those who continue to mentor her and how important each one has been to her success. Caplinger encouraged alumni and students to make the most of the program. In fact, Judge Caplinger, due to her mentor relationship with her assigned mentee, Molly McMurray, asked a group of first year students to help with an event at her home, giving students a great opportunity to meet many professionals and other alumni in the community. It also showed the community the wonderful students who attend Washburn Law. Many thanks to our alumni and friends who volunteered for this program making it a huge success. If you did not participate this year, we strongly encourage you to participate next year.

You can contact Julie Elliott in the law school Alumni office at 785-231-1010 ext. 2013 or Margann Bennett in the Career Services office at 785-231-1010 ext. 1703, if you would like to participate in the Mentor Program.



Front Row: (L-R)

Bryn Poland 1L, Molly McMurray 1L, Judge Nancy Caplinger '85, Safa Alamir 1L, Skye Johnson 1L

Back Row: (L-R)

Onyi Ekwegbalu 1L, Adam Pankratz 2L, Court Kennedy 3L, Michael Scaletty 1L, Jason Covington 1L, Matt Ballard 1L



Keron Wright '07 and Rex Beasley '75



The Hon. Nancy Caplinger '85



Building the Mitigation Case

2nd Annual Capital Defense Seminar



WASHBURN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW presents
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Washburn University • Bradbury Thompson Center • Thursday through Saturday, November 11-13, 2004

“Building the Mitigation Case” focused on the penalty phase of capital murder trials and brought together nationally recognized experts in capital defense and mitigation evidence. The seminar was held November 13-15, 2004, and had over 60 participants attend from eight states. The program taught to better understand the lawyer’s obligations in the penalty trial in the era of *Wiggins v. Smith*, the recent U.S. Supreme Court case mandating the assistance of the mitigation specialist and recognizing the central importance of the mitigation case.

Attendees also learned how to develop persuasive elements of the mitigation case such as the social history investigation, genealogy issues, effective and compelling narratives that persuade jurors, and ways to engage the client in making the mitigation case successful.

Jury perspectives on mitigation and juror behavior in the mitigation phase were also discussed. Speakers presented on mental illness and mental retardation evidence issues in the mitigation case. Training in records searching was offered as well as discussing victim outreach as a capital defense mitigation technique.

A discussion of ethical duties of lawyers, their investigators and mental health professionals working with them in capital litigation to assure

that adequate representation is afforded the capital defendant was also included.

The keynote speaker was Richard Burr who is in private practice in Houston with the firm of Burr & Welch. He has devoted his practice entirely to death penalty defense work since 1979. He has argued two cases in the United States Supreme Court, *Ford v. Wainwright*, 477 U.S. 399 (1986), and *Selva v. Lynaugh*, 494 U.S. 108 (1990).

Presenters included Susan Berstein, Kansas NAMI Representative; John Christensen, Library Director and Professor of Law, Washburn University School of Law; Robert Haggard, Kansas NAMI Representative; Scharlette Holdman, Director, Center for Capital Assistance; Tammy Krause, Director of Just Bridges, National Clearinghouse for Defense Based Victim Outreach; Bill Lucero, Murder Victim Families for Reconciliation; Kevin McNally, Federal Death Penalty Resource Counsel; Jill Miller, Forensic Social Work Services; Lee Norton, Mitigation Specialist; Mark Olive, Habeas Assistance and Training Counsel Project; Cynthia Short, Attorney at Law; Russ Stetler, Director of Investigation and Mitigation New York Capital Defender’s Office; Kathy Wayland, Ph.D.; George Woods, M.D.; and Denise Young, Habeas Assistance and Training Counsel Project.



Duke Dupre '73

Dean's Circle

The annual Dean's Circle Dinner was held Saturday, October 2, 2004, at the Sheraton Overland Park Hotel. Alumni and friends heard from students who have had the opportunity to receive scholarships which are a direct result of the generous contributions of our committed alumni. Dean Dennis Honabach also spoke along with Dr. Jerry Farley, President of Washburn University and Duke Dupre, President of the Washburn Law School Association. Both Dean Honabach and Duke Dupre thanked Dr. Farley, the Board of Regents and the University for the money to finance the recent classroom renovation at the law school.

Members of the Dean's Circle give \$1,000 or more annually to Washburn Law. Members are invited to the Dean's Circle Dinner and also receive special invitations for premier events and programs throughout the year. For more information about how to become a member of the Dean's Circle, contact the Law School Development Office at 785-231-1100.



Judge Christel Marquardt '74 and Steve Cooper '73



L to R: Matt Todd '07, Sarah Todd, Mark Folmsbee, Blake Reitz '07, Keron Wright '07 and Ryan McGuirk '07

Below L to R: Susan Farley, Rita Johnson, David Tripp '71 and Prof. Linda Elrod '72



Willard Hotel, Washington DC



Luncheon for alumni and guests at the U.S. Supreme Court Swearing In





Lisa Key and Prof. Linda Elrod '72

17th Annual Family Law Institute “Show Me the Money” (and How to Find It)

The 17th Annual Family Law Institute was held October 15, 2004 and had over fifty participants. The session presented experienced practitioners with expertise in an assortment of topics, mainly dealing with the financial aspects of divorce.

Participants learned how to maximize tax savings for divorce clients; how employers can alter the benefits package in ways that might harm a dependent spouse; gained insights on how to draft documents, including Qualified Domestic Relations Orders, and learned of potential traps in dividing employee benefits.

Participants learned about the structure of Subchapter S corporations, how to value them, and how to determine what is income for child support. As more Kansans get called to military duty, Kansas lawyers need to be familiar with special issues that involve those on active military duty, including jurisdictional issues, financial issues about what is “income” for support purposes, the Servicemembers’ Civil Relief Act, and the 2003 Servicemembers Protection Act. There was also a program on malpractice issues relating to lack of competence in the financial aspects and failure to obtain complete discovery.

Presenters for the seminar included Lisa E. Key, who devotes her Kansas City-area practice exclusively to the area of family law; Lori S. B. Justice, who is in private practice exclusively in the area of family law; James P. Rankin ‘76, partner in charge of the Topeka Foulston Siefkin LLP office who concentrates his practice in ERISA and taxation matters with particular emphasis on employee benefits; Prof. Sheila Reynolds, Professor of Law at Washburn University School of Law; and J. Bradley Short, a senior member in Short & Borth, a firm devoted to the practice of family law.

Washburn Web

[WashLaw Web](#) was recognized by the June 2004 issue of *Internet Law Researcher* in its “Internet Guide to the Top 100 Legal Reference Sites.” The sites in this article “have proven ... that they’re reliable ... provide solid, relevant information that will help researchers find answers or solve problems.” The article refers to the service maintained by staff of Washburn University School of Law Library as “An enormous index, WashLaw was one of the first to offer and maintain a legal index, and they still do a great job. The home page is a model of almost Zen-like simplicity.”



Enron Three Years Later: A White Collar Crime Scoreland



The Sarbanes-Oxley Act was enacted in 2002. Since then, there has been a series of high profile white collar crime prosecutions arising from alleged corporate frauds. The conference addressed the issues of changes wrought by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act in the area of white collar crime, the impact of the law on the prospective conduct of America's business leaders, the changing courtroom dynamics in the wake of the public collapse of Enron and other major corporations, recent developments in sentencing in white collar cases, and an academic view of the efficacy and propriety of all of this change. The seminar was held October 21 and 22, 2004 with the first half day in Kansas City and the last full day in Topeka. Over 160 participants attended in the seminar.

The keynote speaker was Mary Jo White, Chair of the 222 lawyer litigation group of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP. Moderators included Prof. Ellen Byers, Washburn University School of Law; Prof. Michael Kaye, Director of the Center for Excellence in Advocacy at Washburn University School of Law; and Prof. Mary Ramirez, Visiting Associate Professor of Law at Washburn University School of Law. Panel members included William K. Black, interim executive director of the Institute of Fraud Studies at the University of Texas Austin; Frank Bowman, the M. Dale Palmer Professor of Law at Indiana University School of Law; Kathleen F. Brickey, the James Carr Professor of Criminal Jurisprudence at Washington University; Keith Drill '87, a shareholder in the law firm of Wyrsh, Hobbs & Mirakian, P.C.; Stuart Green, the Louis B. Porterie Professor of Law and Director of the Pugh Institute for Justice at Louisiana State University; Jeffrey D. Morris, partner with Berkowitz Stanton Brandt Williams & Shaw LLP; and Ellen S. Podgor, Professor of Law at Georgia State University College of Law.

Admissions Fall '04

Competition was intense for the seats available in Washburn Law's entering class of fall 2004. The law school received one of the highest numbers of applications on record. A total of 1,031 applications were received for the Fall of 2004, a twelve percent increase over the previous year. That increase followed a 61 percent increase from the 2002 to 2003 fall classes.



Class credentials also continued to increase over the previous year. The median LSAT score for the new fall class increased another point to 153, with the 75th percentile line also increasing one point to 156. The GPA credentials also

increased. The median undergraduate GPA for this class increased to a 3.23, with the 25th percentile line at 3.0, and the 75th percentile at a 3.6.

The Law School continued its commitment to a planned, smaller class size. Of the 130 students who enrolled in the fall, 46.2 percent were female. The average age of the class was 25.7 years, with the youngest being 20 years old and the oldest who was 41.

The class was represented by more than 22 percent students of color. Students from outside the state of Kansas represented 48 percent of the class – with students from 24 different states. Two international students also enrolled.

Alumni Fellow



Alumni Receptions Kansas City

Over 110 Kansas City area alumni joined Washburn Law for a reception on December 1, 2004 at the top of the Fairmont Hotel. Dean Honabach updated alumni on new and upcoming programs at the law school. Attendees enjoyed the view of the Plaza lights along with hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Join the law school alumni office when we hold receptions and events in your area. Check the alumni page on the law school website for upcoming events.



Sue Jean White '80 received the 2004 Alumni Fellow Award from Washburn University. The award is presented to alumni of Washburn University who have achieved notable success in their chosen career fields. This program brings successful alumni back to campus to share their expertise formally and informally in the classroom and other campus settings. During her time at Washburn, White attended and participated in Professor Steve Ramirez's Corp. Federal Law class and met with Professor Pierce's Oil and Gas class. White also held a question and answer session with students on Friday morning, October 29, 2004 over breakfast.

White is General Counsel of Shell Chemical and recently assumed the duties of the Shell Oil Company Corporate Secretary's office. She also manages the financial accounting activities for Shell Legal-U.S. After graduation White clerked for Judge Dale Saffels for two years. White then joined Shell Oil Company in 1982, where she started in the Exploration & Production legal department as an oil and gas attorney where she bought and sold oil and gas properties (300 transactions in three years). After five years, White moved to the Corporate Legal Department to the mergers and acquisition section, where she specialized in transactional work, including buying and selling a number of chemical properties. She did a short stint in Chemical Legal before returning to Corporate for another four years.



Dean Honabach, Sue Jean White '80, Sheryl Clifford and Arlene White

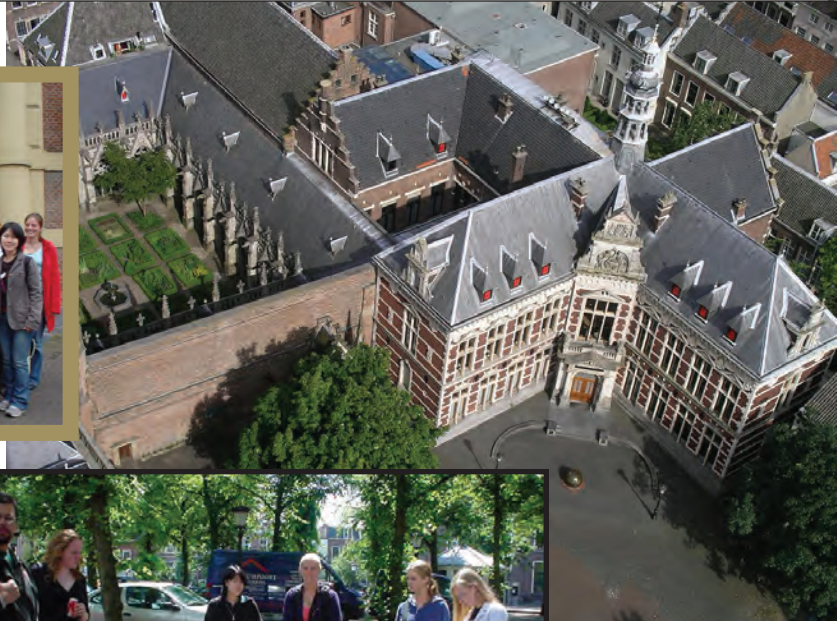
White now oversees the legal work for the \$5 billion base chemical company. She is also responsible for the management of Shell Oil's corporate secretary office, which maintains the corporate books and records of Shell Oil Company and all of its U.S. subsidiaries. Ms. White has a staff of twelve attorneys, nine legal assistants/analysts, one financial manager and five administrative assistants reporting directly to her, and an additional twenty other attorneys within Shell Legal Services-US who handle chemical legal work for which she is responsible to the client. White is a member of the Shell Oil Company Legal Leadership Team, and sponsors cost management initiatives for Shell Legal Services-US, which has 239 attorneys, legal assistants and administrative personnel.



December Graduates

Twenty-nine students graduated from Washburn Law in December and were recognized at a Recognition Program held on December 5, 2004, in the Robinson Courtroom and Bianchino Technology Center at the law school. Associate Dean for Student Affairs Carol Vizzier welcomed the graduates and their family and friends to the ceremony. Dean Dennis Honabach was the guest speaker for the class and Associate Dean William Rich introduced the December class. Dean Honabach took time during the ceremony to remember classmate Todd W. Lowe, who with much sadness, passed away on November 27, 2004. A moment of silence was held in Lowe's memory prior to the introduction of the December graduating class. A reception for graduates, family and friends immediately followed the recognition ceremony.





Utrecht, Netherlands

Above: Entrance to the Dutch Parliament, the Binnenhof

Top Right: The Academic Building at Utrecht

At Right: A break from Class



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Washburn Law Reunion Weekend October 28 & 29, 2005

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Summer Study Abroad Program Utrecht, Netherlands



Utrecht Law Faculty Dean Adriaan Dorresteijn, Washburn President Jerry Farley, and Head of Law Faculty International Office Michiel van de Kasteelen at the opening reception.

In the summer of 2004, the Washburn Law Summer Study Abroad Program relocated to the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands. The faculty decision to change the program's location from London to the University of Utrecht was based on a desire to improve the quality of the students' experience in the summer abroad program. In the past, the program was not connected to a university, other than to rent lodging and a classroom from a London college. The new joint program with the University of Utrecht, on the other hand, provides the students with the opportunity to be taught by one of the most highly respected Faculties of Law in Europe. In addition, law students from Utrecht University were allowed to enroll in the classes, providing a truly international classroom experience.

The courses offered last summer were Comparative Legal Systems and Legal Professions and Special Issues in U.S.-European Comparative Family Law. The first course on comparative legal systems was co-taught by Professor Sheila Reynolds and Dr. Ubaldus deVries of the Legal Theory Department of the Faculty of Law of the University of Utrecht. The comparative family law course was taught by Professor Nancy G. Maxwell and Mr. Ian Sumner of the Molengraaff Institute for Private Law, Faculty of Law, Utrecht University. There were nineteen Washburn Law students enrolled in the program and six students from the University of Utrecht. Of these six, three were Dutch nationals, and the rest were foreign students studying at Utrecht University.

After the first day of classes, students and faculty attended a reception to commemorate the begin-

ning of the Washburn-Utrecht law school cooperation. The reception was attended by not only the Dean of the Faculty of Law of the University of Utrecht, Adriaan Dorresteijn, but also by the President of Washburn University, Dr. Jerry Farley. In addition to attending classes for six weeks, the students also observed court hearings at the District Court in Utrecht and at the District Court/Court of Appeals in Arnhem, as well as having a tour and lecture at the International Court of Justice located in the Peace Palace in The Hague, the Dutch Parliament in The Hague and the European Parliament and the European Commission in Brussels, Belgium.

The program evaluations by the faculty, the students and the administrators of both Washburn University and the Utrecht University Faculty of Law were extremely positive, with the conclusion that the new location of the summer program at the University of Utrecht has

greatly improved the quality of Washburn's summer study abroad program. For the Summer 2005 program Associate Professor Robert Rhee will teach the Comparative Legal Systems course with Dr. de Vries and Associate Professor and Director of the Law Clinic John Francis, will teach Comparative Criminal Law and Procedure with Dr. Bart Stapert of the Willem Pompe Institute for Criminal Law and Criminology at Utrecht University.

For more information about the Washburn-Utrecht Summer Law Program in the Netherlands, see:

<http://washburnlaw.edu/studyabroad>



1960's

Wayne W. Grindol '62, Jewell, KS, has retired from the practice of law. Grindol had served as Smith County attorney until 1966. He retired from the Citizen's State Bank in Jewell in 1985 and had a limited law practice until recently.

The Hon. Dale L. Pohl '63, Las Cruces, NM, retired from the 13th Judicial District.

Randall W. Weller '65, Hill City, KS, a Partner with the law firm of Jones & Weller, has been elected to serve as President of the Elder Law Section of the Kansas Bar Association.



William H. Kurtis '66, Chicago, IL, is in the process of producing an episode of *Investigating History* for the History Channel. The entire episode will revolve around the remarkable events surrounding the Battle of Mine Creek. He was also a panelist in the program "Death Penalty Litigation in the '90s— a Forum."

Gary L. Jordan '68, Ottawa, KS, has been appointed to the Workers Compensation Advisory Council.

1970's

James M. Guy '70, Wichita, KS, and thirty-nine other Kansas lawyers have created an unorthodox new law firm aimed at keeping divorce cases out of court. The Central Kansas Collaborative Family Law Practice Group Inc. was incorporated in August. It includes 10 Wichita-area attorneys and 29 more from the Kansas City area. There is no central office for the group, which will be an extension of work the attorneys already do through their own practices across Kansas. The goal of the practice is to help couples work together in a cooperative way and avoid lengthy litigation.

Bruce W. Kent '70, Manhattan, KS, was awarded the Kansas Bar Association Outstanding Service Award.

Steven K. McGinnis '70, Irvine, CA, has begun appearing as an expert witness and consultant to law firms in litigation involving securities broker-dealers. He is President of the National Association of Independent Broker-Dealers and writes a regular compliance column for *Financial Planning Magazine*, the nation's largest periodical for securities brokers.

Michael L. Clutter '71, Topeka, KS, received the Pro Bono Certificate at the annual Kansas Bar Association Luncheon.

John E. Caton '73, Buhler, KS, has been elected Vice President of the Kansas Attorneys Association.



John W. Johnson '73, Wichita, KS, has been selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Shoko Sevart '73, Wichita, KS, was admitted to the U. S. Supreme Court. She also received the Arts Council's Gordon W. Evans Award given for outstanding leadership and special support for the arts.



Alan F. Alderson '74, Topeka, KS, was recognized by the Kansas Bar Association with the Pro Bono Award.

Harry K. Snyder '74, San Francisco, CA, has been hired by LECG as director in the San Francisco office as an expert regarding electronic discovery and discovery-planning issues. He is an adjunct professor of law and ethics at Regis University School for Professional Studies.



The Hon. Stephen R. Tatum '74, Olathe, KS, has been appointed chief judge for Johnson County, KS, District Court.

John V. Wachtel '74, Wichita, KS, has been elected to serve as president of the Criminal Law Section of the Kansas Bar Association.

Terry E. Beck '75, Topeka, KS, received the Pro Bono Certificate at the annual Kansas Bar Association Luncheon.

Meredith C. Williams '75, Denver, CO, has been elected chair of the Council of Institutional Investors.



William J. Pauzaskie '76, Topeka, KS, has been elected to serve as President of the Litigation Section of the Kansas Bar Association.

Daniel J. Sevart '76, Wichita, KS, has been reappointed by Governor Sebelius as member and Chairman of the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission. He was admitted to the U. S. Supreme. He also received the Arts Council's Gordon W. Evans Award for 2004, given for outstanding leadership and special support for the arts.

The Hon. Rebecca W. Crotty '77, Garden City, KS, was appointed by Governor Sebelius to the State Board of Tax Appeals.

Joseph A. Knopp '77, Manhattan, KS, has been elected to serve as President of the Solo & Small Firm Section of the Kansas Bar Association.

Thomas D. Arnhold '78, Hutchinson, KS, was promoted to the rank of Colonel in the KS Army National Guard, serving as the Staff Judge Advocate of the 35th Infantry Division in Fort Leavenworth. Arnhold still practices law in Hutchinson with the firm of Oswalt, Arnhold, Oswald and Henry.

Bradley A. Bergman '78, Leawood, KS, formed Midwest Trust acquiring the private trust arm of Overland Park-based EBK Capital Management Group. Bergman also owns part of Financial Counselors Inc. and The Benefit Trust Co.

E. Eugene Clark '78, Darwin, Australia, became Dean, Law, Business and the Arts at the Charles Darwin University. Clark is lead author of *Cyber Law* and co-editor of *Essays on Legal and Technical Aspects of Online Dispute Resolution*, Centre for Electronic Dispute Resolution, Amsterdam.

Sally D. Pokorny '78, Independence, KS, was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Kansas Bar Foundation.



Richard C. Wuestling, IV '80, Saint Louis, MO, was listed in the 2005-2006 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the specialties of Legal Malpractice Defense and Personal Injury Defense.



Thomas L. Bell '81, Topeka, KS, has been selected by The Kansas Hospital Association Board of Directors as President.

Kevin E. J. Regan '81, Kansas City, MO, was listed in the 2005-2006 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Scott G. Averill '82, Overbrook, KS, purchased Brookside Manor and Assisted Living in Overbrook.

David J. Ensign '82, Louisville, KY, received a Service to the University award from the University of Louisville, Louis D. Brandeis School of Law.

Peter T. Higuchi '82, Overland Park, KS, joined the airPharma management team as Vice President, Corporate Development.

JoLynn Oakman '82, Wichita, KS, was appointed to Friends University Board of Directors.

John A. Kober '83, Dallas, TX, led the Jenkins & Gilchrist's group of attorneys developing a team that specializes in employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) matters. In September, this group was added to Morgan Lewis & Bockius' employee-benefits and executive-compensation practice, the first location for Morgan Lewis in Texas.



M. Kathryn Webb '83, Wichita, KS, was honored as one of Twenty Women In Business Honorees by the Wichita Business Journal.



Michael R. Biggs '79, Wichita, KS, was the contributing editor to the ABA Forum on Franchising, "Covenants Against Competition in Franchise Agreements".

Charles D. Lee '79, Hutchinson, KS, has been elected to serve as President of the Corporation, Banking & Business Law Section of the Kansas Bar Association.



1980's



Stephen W. Cavanaugh '80, Topeka, KS, received the Pro Bono Certificate at the annual Kansas Bar Association Luncheon.

Joseph E. Cosgrove, Jr. '80, San Antonio, TX, was involved in a panel discussion on telecommunications regulation held by the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC).

Amy L. Walters '80, Shawnee, KS, has become Vice President and Trust Officer with the Brotherhood Bank and Trust, Kansas City, KS.

Class Actions

Laura L. Ice '84, Wichita, KS, is the new District 7 Representative of the Kansas Bar Association.



James C. Brent '85, Asan, Guam, is Counsel for the Navy Facilities Engineering Command (FEC), NAVFAC Marianas.



The Hon. Nancy L. Caplinger '85, Topeka, KS, was named by Governor Sebelius to the Kansas Court of Appeals replacing Judge Robert J. Lewis Jr., who passed away.

Dr. Stephen D. Minnis '85, Atchison, KS, was appointed President of Benedictine College.

The Hon. Nicholas M. St. Peter '85, Winfield, KS, was appointed Cowley County District Court Judge by Governor Sebelius to complete the unexpired term of Robert L. Bishop. St. Peter was recently elected and will continue to serve in this position.



The Hon. Evelyn Zabel Wilson '85, Topeka, KS, was appointed District Judge in Shawnee County's Third Judicial District by Governor Sebelius, filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge James M. Macnish, Jr.

Steven D. Scheiwe '86, Encinitas, CA, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Assisted Living Concepts, Inc., a national provider of assisted living services.

Patricia E. Hamilton '87, Topeka, KS, was elected President of the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Law Section of the Kansas Bar Association.



Steve A. Schwarm '87, Topeka, KS, has been elected to serve as President of the Administrative Law Section of the Kansas Bar Association.

The Hon. Maritza Segarra '88, Junction City, KS, was appointed by the 8th Judicial District to fill the newly created District Magistrate Judge position in Geary County.

Joseph S. Spence, Sr. '89, Brookfield, WI, accepted a position teaching Bankruptcy and Domestic Relations Law for Bryant and Stratton College in the paralegal program and has been inducted into the National Vocational-Technical Honor Society, and the Phi Theta Kappa Society, International Scholastic Order based on academic achievements.

William L. Townsley, III '89, Wichita, KS, was elected to serve as President of the Insurance Law Section of the Kansas Bar Association.

1990's

R. Clay Small '90, Nashville, TN, is an Assistant Federal Public Defender, Middle District of Tennessee and was selected as a delegate to the state/federal judicial conference by the U.S. District Court.



Michael D. Strong '90, Overland Park, KS, has joined Lathrop & Gage LC focusing on commercial litigation, business and corporate finance, and construction law.

Lynn Ward '90, Wichita, KS, and thirty-nine other Kansas lawyers have created an unorthodox new law firm aimed at keeping divorce cases out of court. The Central Kansas Collaborative Family Law Practice Group Inc. was incorporated in August. It includes 10 Wichita-area attorneys and 29 more from the Kansas City area. There is no central office for the group, which will be an extension of work the attorneys already do through their own practices across Kansas. The goal of the practice is to help couples work together in a cooperative way and avoid lengthy litigation.



Carole K. DeWald '91, Overland Park, KS, has joined Shank & Hamilton, P.C. as Of Counsel.



Kurt P. Kerns '91, Wichita, KS, has been approved by the Registrar of the International Criminal Court to represent accused individuals before the I.C.C. He currently represents Commander Vinko Martinovic before the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

Nancy A. Ogle '91, Wichita, KS, was admitted to the U. S. Supreme Court.

LJ Leatherman '92, Topeka, KS, is part of a group of Kansas investors who purchased land from the Menninger Foundation to create a new residential community.

Deborah S. Skanadore Reisdorph '92, Huntington Beach, CA, has expanded the Skanadore Reisdorph Law Offices with offices in Huntington Beach, CA and Utica, NY.

Greg A. Sanoba '92, Lakeland, FL, was recognized by The Lakeland Association of Realtors as Affiliate of the Year.

The Hon. Steven R. Ebberts '93, Topeka, KS, has been appointed Municipal Court Administrative Judge for the City of Topeka.

Commander Bertrand C. Harry '93, Sicklerville, NJ, completed Advanced Advocacy training through the Liberty Mutual Insurance Group's Attorney Development Program.

Theron L. Sims, Jr. '93, Topeka, KS, is part of a group of Kansas investors who purchased land from the Menninger Foundation to create a new residential community.

Tammy R. Dodson '94, Kansas City, MO, is an Associate at Speer Law Firm in Kansas City, Mo., practicing environmental law and class actions.

Geoffrey B. Amend '95, Wichita, KS, has been appointed MobilePro Corporation's General Counsel.

Jennifer Miseong Chun '95, Raleigh, NC, has opened Jennifer Chun Law Office.



Carol L. Jennings '95, Mount Laurel, NJ, joined Capehart & Scatchard, P.A., as an attorney in the Litigation Department. She is a member of the American, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Camden County Bar Associations.

Rebecca J. Wempe '95, Topeka, KS, has joined SS&C Business & Tax Services, Inc., as a tax accountant.

Alex B. Bachelor '96, Topeka, KS, was named General Counsel of the Global Life and Health Division of GE's Employers Reinsurance Corporation.



Scott C. Palecki '96, Wichita, KS, was elected to serve as President of the Health Law Section of the Kansas Bar Association.

Jeffrey D. Wicks '96, Wichita, KS, has joined the Death Penalty Defense Unit, representing indigent defendants across Kansas.



Deena Hyson Bailey '97 received the Pro Bono Certificate at the annual Kansas Bar Association Luncheon.

Donald D. Berner '97, Wichita, KS, has become a Partner in Foulston Siefkin, L.L.P., Wichita.



Shannon D. Wead '97, Wichita, KS, has become a Partner in Foulston Siefkin, L.L.P., Wichita.



Jason L. Reed '98, Salina, KS, joined Norton, Wasserman, Jones & Kelly L.L.C., Salina, as an Associate.

Krystal K. Woodbury '98, Greenwood Village, CO, joined Montgomery, Little and McGrew, P.C., in Greenwood Village, CO.

Michael Gayoso, Jr. '99, Pittsburg, KS, was appointed as a member of the Kansas Lottery Commission by Governor Sebelius.

Eric G. Kraft '99, Overland Park, KS, was elected to serve as President of the Young Lawyers Section of the Kansas Bar Association.

Lawrence E. Nordling '99, Salina, KS, joined Norton, Wasserman, Jones & Kelly L.L.C., Salina, as an Associate.

Kerry L. Wasinger '99, Hays, KS, became a full-time instructor of management and marketing at Fort Hays State University.

2000's

Samantha P. Angell '00, Salina, KS, became a named shareholder of Achterberg Newstrom & Angell.

Kyle M. Fleming '00, Pittsburg, KS, became a Partner of Wilbert and Towner in Pittsburg.

Brandy A. Porter '00, Manhattan, KS, opened Porter Law Office P.A., in Manhattan, KS.

Scott C. Everett '01, Tampa, FL, was named Vice President of Security & Compliance for First Kensington Bank in Tampa, Florida.

Therese M. Murphy '01, Yakima, WA, was hired as a deputy at the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, District Court Division, Yakima County.

Daniel A. Stone '01, Columbia, SC, opened Stone & Associates in Irmo, SC, handling bankruptcy and immigration.

Richard D. McNelley '02, Saint Louis, MO, was promoted to Assistant Public Defender III in the St. Louis City Trial Office of the Missouri State Public Defender System.



Amanda K. Bundren McNelley '02, Saint Louis, MO, was named partner in The Schechter Law Firm, P.C. in St. Louis, MO. McNelley practices in the area of domestic relations and also serves as a Guardian Ad Litem.

Scott H. Raymond '02, Topeka, KS, joined Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas as staff attorney in the legal services division.

Mitchell W. Rice '02, Hutchinson, KS, has joined the Bretz Law Offices as an Associate.



Jeremy J. Crist '03, Wichita, KS, joined Michael C. Brown P.A. Mulvane, as an Associate.

Patrick J. Earnest '03, Wichita, KS, formed Earnest & Gray, along with Catherine Gray, in Wichita.

Louis R. Horwitz '03, Saint Louis, MO, joined the Missouri State Public Defender System, Columbia, MO.

Tina M. Huntington '03, Wichita, KS, joined the Brennan Law Group, P.A., as an Associate.

Julius P. Maurin, IV '03, Kansas City, KS, joined the Overland Park office of Wallace Saunders Austin Brown and Enochs Chtd. as an Associate.

Lori M. Church '04, Topeka, KS, joined the law firm of Glenn, Cornish, Hanson & Karns, Chtd., as an Associate.



Elizabeth S. Dudley '04, Wichita, KS, joined the law firm of Hutton & Hutton in Wichita as an Associate.

Bart A. Fisher '04, Des Moines, IA, joined the law firm of McKee, Voorhees & Sease, P.L.C. Fisher is licensed to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and will focus primarily on patent prosecution and trademark registration.



Chasity M. Helm '04, Wichita, KS, joined Klenda, Mitchell, Austerman & Zuercher, L.L.C. as an Associate, practicing in the areas of commercial litigation, consumer law/consumer finance and general civil litigation.

Luke R. Spellmeier '04, Lawrence, KS, joined the law firm of Newbery, Ungerer & Hickert LLP as an Associate, working in the areas of state and federal taxation, estate planning and administration, trusts and general business law.

Starla L. (Borg) Sullivan '04, Wichita, KS, joined Foulston Siefkin, LLP, working in medical malpractice and commercial litigation.



Rebecca E. Zepick '04, Wichita, KS, is Of Counsel with Shores, Williamson & Ohaebosim in Wichita.

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LAW SCHOOL EVENTS

May 2005

- May 3** – Wichita Reception – 5:30p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
CityArts Building
Wichita, KS
- May 6** – Hays Reception – 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Hosted by Glassman, Bird, Braun & Schwartz LLP
Hays, KS
- May 13** – Law School Graduate Luncheon — Noon
Heritage Hall — Expocentre
Topeka, KS
- May 14** – Law School Graduation – 6 p.m.
Lee Arena, Washburn University
Topeka, KS



June 2005

- June 8** – Denver Reception
Home of David Byassee '75
Denver, CO
- June 9-11** – KBA Annual Meeting
Vail Cascade Resort
Vail, CO
- June 9** – Washburn Law KBA Reception – 4 p.m.
Vail Cascade Resort
Vail, CO
- June 11** – Board of Governors Meeting – 7:30 a.m.
Vail Cascade Resort
Vail, CO
- June 11** – Washburn Law School Awards Luncheon – Noon
Vail Cascade Resort
Vail, CO
- June 18** – Alumni Family Zoo Day – 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kansas City Zoo
Kansas City, MO

July 2005

- July 24** – Dallas Alumni Event – 6 p.m.
Texas Frisco Rough Riders Baseball Game
Frisco, TX
- July 26** – Houston Alumni Event
Home of Sue Jean White '80
Houston, TX

September 2005

- Sept. 10** – 35th Clinic Anniversary
Bradbury Thompson Center
Topeka, KS

October 2005

- Oct 7-8** – Midwest Clinical Conference
Capital Plaza and Washburn Law
Topeka, KS
- Oct. 22** – Dean's Circle Dinner – 6 p.m.
Fairmont Hotel
Kansas City, MO
- Oct. 28 & 29** – Washburn Law Reunion Weekend
Bradbury Thompson & Washburn Law
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