



2016-17 ANNUAL REPORT



As its primary focus, the Center for Law and Government provides superior legal education to prepare highly qualified public servants for a broad range of careers associated with local, state, and federal government.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



David Rubenstein
Professor of Law

The Robert J. Dole Center for Law and Government at Washburn Law offers cutting-edge programming and student opportunities in public law and administration. As one of six centers at our Law School, the Center for Law and Government connects our students to federal, state, and local government. In 2018, *preLaw Magazine* ranked Washburn Law #3 in the nation for government law, which is a

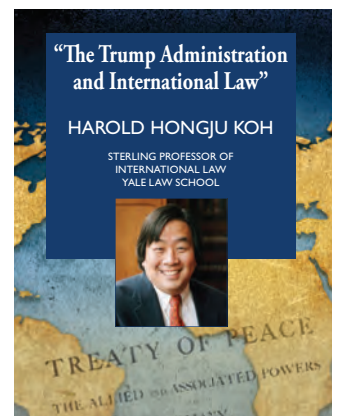


component of their best public interest law school rankings.

Washburn Law is fortunate to have a student body and faculty with diverse viewpoints to share, and a culture that facilitates honest, informed, and respectful dialogue. We have also been privileged to host many distinguished speakers from around the country and within Kansas, who meaningfully contribute to our students' intellectual growth.

Among many highlights of the 2016-2017 academic year, Professor Harold Koh (Yale Law School) visited Washburn Law to deliver the annual Foulston Siefkin Lecture. Professor Koh spoke to a standing-room only audience on "The Trump Administra-

tion and International Law," and his article anchored the Fall 2017 issue of the *Washburn Law Journal*.



Other major events included a robust Q&A session with Kansas Governor Sam Brownback, and a symposium on labor and employment law. I welcome your suggestions for programs or work opportunities for our students in the upcoming academic year.

SYMPOSIUM

Future of Labor & Employment Law

The Center for Law and Government co-sponsored a symposium with the *Washburn Law Journal*, "Future of Labor and Employment Law: Power, Policies, and Politics," on February 23, 2017, at Washburn University's Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center. The symposium brought together distinguished experts in the field to explore developments in labor and

employment law, focusing on the role played by federal agencies.

The keynote address was delivered by Richard F. Griffin, Jr., General Counsel for the National Labor Relations Board.

In addition, the symposium consisted of three panels. Panel 1 addressed the EEOC's decision to



Symposium keynote speaker Richard F. Griffin, Jr.



Symposium Panel 1 speakers

SYMPOSIUM

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Panel 2 speakers



Panel 3 speakers

extend Title VII protection for gender identity and sexual orientation.

- Panelists: **Naomi Schoenbaum**, Associate Professor of Law, The George Washington University Law School; **Cynthia A. Brown**, Brown and Associates, PLLC (Orlando, Florida); **Walter Olson**, Senior Fellow, Cato Institute; and **E. Pierce Blue**, Attorney Advisor to Commissioner Chai R. Feldblum, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.
- Moderator: **Thomas Witt**, Executive Director, Equality Kansas.

Panel 2 focused on issues of religious freedom and accommodation in the

workplace, in response to actions taken by the EEOC and the NLRB.

- Panelists: **Dwayne Leslie**, Associate Director, Department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty, and Director of Legislative Affairs, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; **Marcia L. McCormick**, Professor, Center for Employment Law, Saint Louis University School of Law; **Joseph Mastrosimone**, Associate Professor of Law, Washburn Law.
- Moderator: **Julie M. Covel**, General Attorney, National Labor Relations Board.

Panel 3 explored issues surrounding unpaid labor, illegal labor, and unregulated labor, and discussed potential legislative or

administrative solutions for each.

- Panelists: **Leticia Saucedo**, Professor of Law, University of California, Davis School of Law; **Juliet Stumpf**, Robert E. Jones Professor of Advocacy and Ethics, Lewis & Clark Law School; **Sachin S. Pandya**, Professor of Law, University of Connecticut School of Law; **Charlotte Alexander**, Assistant Professor of Law, Georgia State University College of Law.
- Moderator: **Aïda M. Alaka**, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law, Washburn University School of Law.

Additional 2016-17 Center Events

September 15, 2016 - "A Discussion Concerning DACA/DAPA" presented by Savana Servantez and Arely Navarrete.

October 4, 2016 - "The Importance of Writing and Advocacy" presented by The Honorable Melissa Standridge, hosted by BLSA.

October 17, 2016 - "The Power of Now: Voting Rights and Voter Suppression" presented by Janai Nelson.

October 28, 2016 - "Native American Sacred Sites and the Dakota Pipeline Controversy" presented by Professor Michael Stewart and Alan Metzger;

moderated by Professor Tonya Kowalski.

November 11, 2016 - "From Washburn Law to Governmental Relations - An Interesting Path of Practice" presented by **Troy Stremming, '94**.

November 21, 2016 - "Current Legal Topics in Kansas State Government" presented by Governor Sam Brownback.

February 8, 2017 - "Executive Orders" presented by professors Gillian Chadwick, Jeff Jackson, Craig Martin, Bill Rich, David Rubenstein, and Freddy Sourgens.

February 27, 2017 - "Trump and this

Election's Impact" presented by Professor Rich Duncan, University of Nebraska Law School.

March 2, 2017 - "How the United States Marshal's Office Works" presented by Ron Miller.

April 19, 2017 - "Top Developments in Ag Law and Taxation in 2016 and a Look at the Future" presented by Professor Roger McEowen.

April 20, 2017 - "Practicing before the United States Tax Court" presented by Judge Elizabeth Paris.

Faculty Scholarship and Activities



David Rubenstein
Professor of Law
Center for Law and
Government Director

ARTICLES IN LAW REVIEWS

Immigration Exceptionalism,
111 N.W. U. L. REV. 583 (2017)
(with Pratheepan Gulasekaram).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editor-in-Chief, ADMINISTRATIVE &
REGULATORY LAW NEWS, American Bar
Association, 2016-.

PRESENTATIONS

“Immigration Federalism Cake (Some
Thoughts on Having It and Eating
It Too),” Immigration Federalism
Conference, University of Arizona
James E. Rogers College of Law, Tucson,
Arizona, February 24, 2017.

Panelist, “Security, Presidential Powers
and the Bill of Rights: A Conversation
about the President’s Executive Order,”
University of Kansas School of Law,
Lawrence, Kansas, February 16, 2017.



Andrea Boyack
Professor of Law

PRESENTATIONS

“Sustainable Affordability,” Sustainable
Housing panel program, Association for
Law, Property and Society (ALPS) 8th
Annual Meeting, University of Michigan,
Ann Arbor, Michigan, May 19, 2017.

“Residential Segregation, Rental
Unaffordability, and Neighborhood
Decline: Taming the Three-Headed
Housing Hellhound,” Association of
American Law Schools, 111th Annual
Meeting, San Francisco, California,
January 5, 2017. Midwestern Bankruptcy

Institute, Kansas City, Missouri,
September 30, 2016.

Panelist/Discussant “Has Fair Housing
Law Gotten Its Groove Back?,” 2016
SEALS (Southeastern Association of Law
Schools) Annual Conference, Amelia
Island, Florida, August 3, 2016.



Gillian Chadwick
Associate Professor of Law

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

*Predator In Chief: President Trump and
the Glorification of Sexual Violence*,
HUFFINGTON POST, November 30, 2016.

PRESENTATIONS

Co-presenter “Immigration Panel:
Resources & Supports for Immigrant
Students,” Topeka Public Schools USD
501 district-wide teacher training,
Topeka, Kansas, April 28, 2017.



James M. Concannon
Senator Robert J. Dole
Distinguished Professor
of Law

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editor with other Uniform Law
Commission Style Committee members,
of Bryan A. Garner, *Guidelines for
Drafting and Editing Legislation* (2016),
a joint project of LawProse, Inc. and the
Uniform Law Commission.



Linda Henry Elrod
Richard S. Righter
Distinguished Professor
of Law

PRESENTATIONS

“Discrimination Against Citizen
Children,” Implementation of the UN
Convention on the Rights of the Child
Conference, University of Bergen, Bergen,
Norway, April 3-6, 2017.

“Preventing Parental Child Abduction
Using the Uniform Child Custody
Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act
(UCCJEA), the Parental Kidnapping
Prevention Act (PKPA) and the
Uniform Child Abduction Prevention
Act (UCAPA),” Cross-Border Family
Law Issues CLE at the American Bar
Association Family Law Section Fall Meeting,
Quebec, Canada, October 22, 2016.



Burke Griggs
Associate Professor
of Law

ARTICLES IN LAW REVIEWS

*The Political Cultures of Irrigation and the
Proxy Battles of Interstate Water Litigation*,
57 NAT. RESOURCES J. 1 (2017).

PRESENTATIONS

“Cooperative Federalism in Water: A Tale
of Two Western River Basins,” Governor’s
Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas,
Manhattan, Kansas, November 15, 2016.



Janet Thompson Jackson
Professor of Law

PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, “Voting Rights, Voter
Registration, and Voter Participation,”
Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas,
September 20, 2016.

FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

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Jeffrey D. Jackson
Professor of Law

ARTICLES IN LAW REVIEWS

Classical Rational Basis and the Right to be Free of Arbitrary Legislation, 14 GEO. J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 493 (2016).

PRESENTATIONS

"The Fourteenth Amendment: From the Federal Constitution to a Constitution for All," 2017 Law Day CLE program, 1st Infantry Division and Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Fort Riley, Kansas, May 1, 2017.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Participated in Symposium entitled "Who's Afraid of Substantive Due Process," James Wilson Institute, Washington, D.C., April 21, 2017.



L. Ali Khan
Professor of Law

LEGAL COMMENTARIES

Trump Declares Holy War Against Radical Islamic Terrorism, HUFFINGTON POST, January 21, 2017.

Picking an American Muslim for the Trump Cabinet, HUFFINGTON POST, November 26, 2016.

Gingrich Is Mistaken On Shariah Deportations, HUFFINGTON POST, July 17, 2016.

PRESENTATIONS

"Treatment of Shariah and American Muslims under the U.S. Constitution and Laws CLE," Washburn Law, Topeka, Kansas, September 16, 2016.



Tonya Kowalski
Professor of Law

PRESENTATIONS

"Friends, Feasts, and the Rule of Law in Georgia," Washburn University Brown Bag International Lecture, Topeka, Kansas, February 8, 2017.



Craig Martin
Professor of Law

ARTICLES IN LAW REVIEWS

Change It to Save It: Why and How to Amend Article 9, 18 RITSUMEIKAN J. PEACE STUD. (2017).

The Legitimacy of Informal Constitutional Amendment and the 'Reinterpretation' of Japan's War Powers, 40 FORDHAM INT'L L.J. 427 (2017).

BOOK CHAPTERS

A Means-Methods Paradox and the Legality of Drone Strikes in Armed Conflict, in LEGAL AND ETHICAL IMPLICATIONS OF DRONE WARFARE (Michael J. Boyle, ed.) (2017).

OPINIONS/EDITORIALS AND BLOG ARTICLES

Canada's Support for U.S. Strikes on Syria Harms International Law, HUFFINGTON POST, May 1, 2017.

PRESENTATIONS

"Informal Constitutional Amendment and the 'Reinterpretation' of Japan's War Powers," conference on "Japan's Constitutional Moment," University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia, August 12, 2016.



Joseph Mastrosimone
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law

ARTICLES IN LAW REVIEWS

Benchslaps, 2017 UTAH L. REV. 331.

BOOKS AND MONOGRAPHS

KANSAS EMPLOYMENT LAW HANDBOOK, (3rd ed. 2016) (editor).

CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

Kansas Statutory Fair Employment Laws in KANSAS EMPLOYMENT LAW HANDBOOK, (3rd ed. 2016).

ESSAYS AND OTHER SHORT WORKS

Beyond Bargaining: Consequences of NLRB's Graduate Students Decision, HUFFINGTON POST, August 29, 2016.

PRESENTATIONS

Keynote Address, "The Policy, Power, and Politics of Labor and Employment Law," Symposium, Washburn Law, Topeka, Kansas, February 23, 2017.



Roger McEowen
Kansas Farm Bureau Professor of Agricultural Law and Taxation

PRESENTATIONS

"Agricultural Law and Related Tax Issues Update," Washburn Law Out West CLE, Rebein Brothers Trial Lawyers, Dodge City, Kansas, May 11, 2017.

"Basic Financial Distress Tax Issues" and "The 11 U.S.C. 1222(a)(2)(A) Issue," Common Problems Faced by Farmers and Ranchers in Difficult Financial Times CLE, Washburn Law, Topeka, Kansas, February 1, 2017.



Lori McMillan
Professor of Law

PRESENTATIONS

“Ethical Practice Before the IRS - IRS Circular 230 Rules Application,” Tax Law Practice Ethics CLE, Washburn Law, Topeka, Kansas, December 16, 2016.



David Pierce
Norman R. Pozez
Chair in Business and
Transactional Law,
Professor of Law

PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, “The Future of Domestic Oil and Gas Law & Policy,” Oil and Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Journal (ONE J) Symposium, University of Oklahoma College of Law, Norman, Oklahoma, April 7, 2017.



Mary Kreiner Ramirez
Professor of Law

BOOKS AND MONOGRAPHS

THE CASE FOR THE CORPORATE DEATH PENALTY: RESTORING LAW AND ORDER ON WALL STREET (2017) (co-author with Steven A. Ramirez).

PRESENTATIONS

“Financial Crimes on Wall Street: The Extent of Immunity and the Possibility of Restoring the Rule of Law,” Annual Institute for Investor Protection Conference, The New Normal of Financial Fraud: The Role of Lawyers, Regulation and Litigation, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, Illinois, October 7, 2016.



Freddy Sourgens
Professor
of Law

ARTICLES IN LAW REVIEWS

Supernational Law, 50 VAND. J. TRANSNAT’L L. 155 (2017).

PRESENTATIONS

“A Global Faith - Good Faith and the Unity of Difference in Transnational Law,” Institute for Transnational Arbitration Academic Council Winter Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 28, 2017.

“Supernational Law – How Investment Tribunals Avoid Favoring the Interests of Multinationals Over the Public Policy Concerns of Host States,” Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment, Fall 2016 International Investment Law and Policy Speaker Series, Columbia Law School, September 26, 2016.

**EXTERNSHIP
BUSINESS PARTNERS**

- Most State Agencies, Entities, and Boards
- Banking Entities and Corporations
- Chevron U.S.A.
- Children and Family Guidance Center
- Disability Rights Center
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- Internal Revenue Service
- Kansas Association of Counties
- Kansas Association of School Boards
- Kansas Attorney General’s Office
- Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence
- Kansas Corporation Commission
- Oil and Gas Conservation Division
- Kansas Court of Tax Appeals
- Kansas Department for Children and Families
- Kansas Department of Agriculture
- Kansas Department of Commerce
- Kansas Department of Health and Environment
- Kansas Department of Revenue
- Kansas Department of Revenue - Alcoholic Beverage Control
- Kansas Insurance Department
- Kansas Legal Services
- Kansas Soybean Association
- Kansas State Bankers Association
- League of Kansas Municipalities
- Local Corporations
- Midwest Innocence Project
- Non-profit Organizations
- Office of the Kansas Securities Commissioner
- Payless ShoeSource
- Prairie Band Potawatomi Court System
- Regional Federal Agencies
- Shawnee County Sheriff’s Office
- State and Federal Courts
- Statewide and Nationwide Courts and Prosecutors/Defenders Offices
- Statewide Board of Indigents’ Defense Services
- Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority
- YWCA Center for Safety and Empowerment

Placement opportunities vary annually. Non-exhaustive list.

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Certificate Program



*Matthew
Langworthy '17*



*David
Platt, '17*



*Edna
Reyes, '17*



*Glen
Reynolds, '17*



*Elizabeth
Skym, '16*

Five Washburn Law graduates earned a Certificate in Law and Government this past academic year: **Matthew Langworthy, David Platt, Edna Reyes, Glen Reynolds,** and **Elizabeth Skym.**

The Law and Government Certificate is an acknowledgment by the faculty that the student has successfully completed a focused course of study to expand

his or her skill and knowledge in law and government. To earn a certificate, students must successfully complete at least 15 credit hours of Law and Government course work; 500 minutes of participation in programming aimed at enhancing student understanding of important issues in the realm of law and government; and an upper-level writing requirement on a public law topic.

Students are also strongly encouraged to—and most often do—take advantage of a broad range of externship opportunities in law and government, which can be used as credit toward their Certificate.

Externship business partners are listed on page 5; student externships from this past academic year are shown below.

LAW AND GOVERNMENT EXTERNSHIPS

Washburn Law boasts a student body deeply committed to public service, which is complemented by a dedicated alumni base that offers mentorship and experience opportunities to these students.

EXTERNSHIPS - FALL 2016 TO SUMMER 2017 (38 TOTAL)

| Student Name | Externship Institution | Semester |
|------------------|---|-----------|
| Sarah Balderas | Kansas Federal District Court - Wichita | Fall 2016 |
| Gregory Casey | Kansas League of Municipalities | Fall 2016 |
| Courtney Cyzman | Kansas Court of Appeals - Hill | Fall 2016 |
| Christopher Helt | Kansas Federal District Court - KC | Fall 2016 |
| Claire Hillman | Johnson County District Attorney | Fall 2016 |
| Mackenzie Maki | Shawnee County District Attorney | Fall 2016 |
| Corey Moomaw | Kansas Court of Appeals - Pierron | Fall 2016 |
| Hayley Sipes | Kansas Federal District Court - Wichita | Fall 2016 |
| Hannah Woofter | Kansas Federal District Court - Topeka | Fall 2016 |

| Student Name | Externship Institution | Semester |
|---------------------|---|-----------------|
| Brock Baxter | Kansas Department of Revenue | Spring 2017 |
| Kaitlin Jaeger | Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals | Spring 2017 |
| Elizabeth Kelly | Kansas Statehouse - Revisor of Statutes Project | Spring 2017 |
| Teresa Offerman | Shawnee County District Court - Ossman | Spring 2017 |
| Curry Sexton | Kansas Court of Appeals - Hill | Spring 2017 |
| Benjamin Thomas | Third Judicial District Public Defender | Spring 2017 |
| Rebecca Bergkamp | United States Attorney for Kansas | Summer 2017 |
| Cameron Bernard | Jefferson County Attorney | Summer 2017 |
| Caitlyn Berry | Immigration and Customs Enforcement - KC | Summer 2017 |
| Jacob Cantwell | United States Attorney for Kansas | Summer 2017 |
| Dominic Cavicchia | Kansas Federal District Court - Topeka | Summer 2017 |
| Rebecca Craig | Wyandotte County Special Prosecutor - Spies | Summer 2017 |
| Justin Crawford | Missouri Court of Appeals | Summer 2017 |
| Heather Davis | Jackson County Missouri Prosecutor | Summer 2017 |
| Sydney Dickson | First Judicial District Court - Golden, CO | Summer 2017 |
| Sarah Gunkel | Colorado Attorney General | Summer 2017 |
| Reginald Hernandez | Kansas Federal Court, ADR Project - Vratil | Summer 2017 |
| Kaitlin Jaeger | Kansas Supreme Court - Luckert | Summer 2017 |
| Dennis Kirk | Kansas Federal District Court - KC | Summer 2017 |
| Isaac Le Blanc | Missouri Public Defender | Summer 2017 |
| Clara Melero | United States Attorney for Kansas | Summer 2017 |
| Alex Moorhead | Third Judicial District Public Defender | Summer 2017 |
| Kristin Moorhead | Kansas Legal Services | Summer 2017 |
| Jacob Provo | Kansas Federal District Court - Wichita | Summer 2017 |
| Jordan Raye | Kansas Department of Revenue | Summer 2017 |
| Laura Riggs-Johnson | Cowley County District Court | Summer 2017 |
| Jennifer Salva | Kansas Federal District Court - KC | Summer 2017 |
| Adam Tahirkheli | Missouri Public Defender Area 7 | Summer 2017 |
| Alan Vester | Kansas Supreme Court - Stegall | Summer 2017 |

About Us



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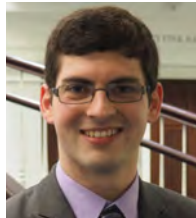
The Robert J. Dole Center for Law and Government provides our students expanded opportunities for public service. Washburn Law is ideally situated to offer law students unique and varied opportunities to learn about lawmaking, judicial decision-making, administrative law, and the regulatory process, given its proximity to the State capitol, the Kansas Judicial Center, the Frank Carlson Federal Courthouse, and numerous state agencies.

As its primary focus, the Center provides superior legal education to prepare highly qualified public servants for a broad range of careers associated with local, state, and federal government. Courses such as Legislation, Administrative Law, and Local Government serve as the Center's initial core curriculum.



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