





"Parents and children usually have to watch each other's careers from the sidelines, but it is every parent's dream that they can share their important life events with their children and family. To fulfill this dream by jointly executing the oath of practice before the United States Supreme Court with our spouses present was something we have long anticipated and will always cherish. Thank you to Washburn University School of Law for this unique opportunity to reach this milestone together."

The Honorable Merlin Wheeler, '77, and daughter Kristen Wheeler, '06

Washburn Law alumni admitted to the bar of the United States Supreme Court on March 9, 2015:

Gloria Angus, '89 Shelton Benedict, '84 Terri Bezek, '86 Randy Brinegar, '86 Leonard Buddenbohm, '76 Jeff Cowger, '90 Mark Dupree, Sr., '07 Tim Karstetter, '74 Dustin Kirk, '11 Kyle Krull, '84 Professor Joe McKinney, '86 Michael Sharma-Crawford, '02 John Solbach, '77 Bryan Walker, '10 Kristen Wheeler , '06 The Hon. Merlin Wheeler, '77

By written motion: Jed Davis, '67 Jack Scheske, '81

Dean Thomas Romig moved the admission of 20 law school graduates, 16 from Washburn Law, for admission to the bar of the United States Supreme Court in a Swearing-in ceremony.

The ceremony was held March 9, 2015, in Washington, D.C., Washburn Law alumni hailed from the states of Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Pennsylvania with graduation years from 1974 to 2011.

Hosting the group in Washington, D.C., were Washburn University President Dr. Jerry Farley; Washburn University School of Law Dean Thomas Romig; Patrick Mikesic, executive director of Development and Alumni Relations - Law School; Sean Harlow, development director for Washburn University Foundation; and Judyanne Somers, director of alumni services at Washburn Law. The admittees were honored to have Supreme Court Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr., and Associate Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sonia Sotomayor join the group for photos and a visit following the swearing-in.

After the ceremony, the group attended a luncheon at the historic Army and Navy Club and enjoyed a tour of the Pentagon.

In addition, more than 50 people gathered for a reception that evening for the participants, their families, and Washington, D.C., metro-area alumni at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill. Former **Senator Robert J. Dole, BA '52** and **JD '52**, and the recipient of Honorary Doctor of Law degrees from Washburn in 1969 and 1985, was the special guest.



Alumni in attendance: Tim Belsan, '09, Former Senator Robert Dole, '52, and Tim's wife Asha.



- [1] Chief Justice John G. Roberts
- [2] Justice Sonia Sotomayor[3] Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg



- [1] Gloria Angus, '89
- [2] Vicky and Shelton Benedict, '84 [3] Terri, '86, and Sarah Bezek
- [4] Debbie and Randy Brinegar, '86



- [1] Leonard Buddenbohm, '76
- [2] Jeff Cowger, '90
- [3] Shanelle and Mark Dupree, Sr., '07
- [4] Marilyn and Tim Karstetter, '74



- [1] Stuart, Dustin, '11, and Vanessa Kirk
- [2] Kyle, '84, and Gretchen Krull
- [3] Sharon and Joe McKinney, '86
- [4] Michael, '02, and Rekha Sharma-Crawford



- [1] John, '77, and Patricia Solbach
- [2] Bryan, '10, and Lon Walker [3] Kristen Wheeler, '06, and
- Phillip Horvey
- [4] Merlin, '77, and Deborah Wheeler



[1] Pam and Dean Thomas Romig [2] Former Congressmen Jim Slattery, '75, and Robert Dole, '52