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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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Center Activities Spotlighted



JAG panel:
Capt. Paul Cope,
Capt. Luke Nelson,
Amy J. Bipes,
Capt. Annemarie
Vasquez, and
Lt. Sean T. Pribyl

LUNCH & LEARNS

- 9/18/2012: Washburn Law Students attended an event at the *Brown v. Board* Site with United States Secretary of Education Arne Duncan that included a roundtable discussion with his assistant secretary for Civil Rights, Russlyn Ali, on the issues and concepts of Civil Rights in Education. The theme was "Education Drives America – Education is a Civil Rights Issue – How and What the Constitution Means."
- 10/10/2012: JAG Panel, sponsored by the Center for Law and Government and the Center for Excellence

in Advocacy with Veterans Law Association of Washburn (VLAW)

- 10/15/2012: Working as a Governmental Agency General Counsel, presented by Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks general counsel, Christopher J. Tymeson
- 11/8/2012: Litigating High Profile Cases, presented by **Reese Hays, '06**
- 2/14/2013: Navigating the Appeals Process for Veterans Administration Claims, presented by **Ken Carpenter, '73**

- 3/5/2013: Law Enforcement Week, hosted by VLAW, sponsored by the Center for Law and Government and the Center for Excellence in Advocacy

- 3/11/2013: Whither the Voting Rights Act? The Supreme Court Considers *Shelby County v. Holder*, hosted by the American Constitutional Society

- 3/12/2013: Sixth Annual Government Legal Careers Forum

- 4/22/2013: The United States Attorney – Role and Function in the Federal System, presented by Barry Grissom, U.S. attorney for the District of Kansas

2012-13 CENTER EVENTS

- 9/18/2012: 12 Court of Appeals in Session at Washburn Law
- 3/12/2013: Sixth Annual Government Legal Careers Forum

- 3/28/2013: Blue Tie Soiree, benefiting Harvesters: the Community Food Network, in conjunction with the Washburn Law Democrats

- 4/16/13: The Kansas Court of Appeals heard cases and had lunch with students

BEYOND CENTER EVENTS:

Center Director Professor Reggie Robinson had multiple noteworthy events and activities as noted below.

- On September 17, 2013, Robinson delivered the Dorothy Thompson Lecture at Kansas State University, “Supreme Court Reconsiders Voting Rights Act: Broken Law or Broken Promise?”

- He was re-elected to serve as chair of the Federal Advisory Committee

on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (advises the attorney general of the United States regarding youth justice policy and program matters)

- Robinson continued to serve as chair of the Kansas Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (which advises the governor and Legislature regarding youth justice policy and program matters)

- He was appointed by the chief justice of the Kansas Supreme Court to serve as a member of the Court’s Blue Ribbon Commission, Study of Kansas Judiciary. Robinson was among those selected to receive the Kansas Bar Association’s Philip R. Lewis Medal of Distinction for his active service as a member of the Commission.

- At the request of two state cabinet officials — the Kansas secretary of the Department of Children and Families and the Juvenile Justice Authority — Robinson convened and chaired an Ad Hoc Committee on Enhanced Juvenile Justice Authority/ Department of Children and Families Collaboration. This committee considered a range of issues related to the juvenile justice and child welfare systems, and submitted policy recommendations to Governor Brownback, the Cabinet leaders involved, and state legislative leaders in March 2012.

- Robinson also served for a second year as a member of the panel that selected Truman Scholars from the Midwest Region.

About Us

The 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.

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