Washburn University School of Law is dedicated to preparing students of diverse backgrounds and learning styles to be effective lawyers. We feature nationally ranked faculty, a student-centered approach to teaching and learning, and a student body that ranks highest in student satisfaction. For more than a century, Washburn Law has demonstrated its commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and diversity.

Our academic programming, faculty, and students continue to receive accolades on a national level. Washburn Law was one of only 12 law schools that were given an "A" in Trial Advocacy in *preLaw* magazine, Spring 2016 edition. Our Legal Analysis, Research, and Writing program was ranked as 13th in the country by *U.S. News & World Report*, 2017 edition. We were named the #2 Law School in the nation for government law by *preLaw* magazine in its Winter 2016 issue. And, an outstanding group of our students won first place in the "Show Me Challenge," the only competition in the nation to focus on the specific lawyering skill of *voir dire*, the process of jury selection.

Washburn Law offers an affordable education with robust scholarship programs, opportunities to learn practical skills through hands-on experience, and an outstanding legal education in a challenging, yet collegial, environment.

There has never been a more exciting time to join the Washburn Law family; visit us and experience the Law School for yourself. We look forward to being part of your future success.
You will thrive at Washburn Law. We offer classes large enough to include multiple perspectives yet small enough to encourage interaction among classmates and professors. An open-door policy invites you to meet with professors outside of class, and a collegial atmosphere embraces diversity and an open exchange of views.

You can choose from more than 160 courses, seminars, and numerous clinical offerings. Every step of the way, from the first year through graduation, our comprehensive curriculum and innovative programs prepare students for success in the legal profession.

washburnlaw.edu/courses
At Washburn Law you are a person, not a number. Professors will know your name and will get to know you individually. Faculty offices are readily accessible; professors encourage students to stop by and ask questions. It’s not enough for our faculty to teach the law; they want you to understand the law. They genuinely care about your success. At Washburn Law, we believe that when you do well, we all do well.

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STUDENT-TO -FACULTY RATIO

(2015-16)
ACADEMIC SUCCESS PROGRAM
Our unique First Year Program helps maximize your potential for success in Law School, on the bar exam, and in law practice. Incoming students start Law School a week earlier than second- and third-year students.

FIRST WEEK
The First Week Program teaches strategies needed for academic success. You will be assigned to a study group in which students learn from each other and build the skills needed for the collaborative work necessary in modern law practice. You will also:

- Complete the Academic Skills Program. This intensive program will introduce you to many of the skills and processes you need to succeed in Law School. You will begin the study of tort law and simultaneously be taught how to read and brief cases, take notes, create outlines, and answer Law School examination questions. These skills are not explicitly taught at most other law schools.
- Learn about the Washburn Law Clinic, externship opportunities, professional development services, and Centers for Excellence.
- Attend an Opportunity Fair with information about Washburn University, Washburn Law, and organizations helpful to law students.
- Receive technical support to set up your laptop and other devices.
- Meet with the University’s financial aid department.

MENTOR PROGRAM
Our actively engaged alumni offer first-year students a meaningful mentoring experience. Students will be paired with practicing lawyers who offer an important connection to the community and serve as a resource for career-related issues. Many mentor relationships extend well beyond Law School.
Many students concentrate on a specialized area of law by participating in one of our Certificate Programs or by designing an independent study program. You may also take advantage of our signature programs in advocacy, agricultural law, business and transactional law, children and family law, international and comparative law, law and government, and oil and gas law.

**PRO BONO PROGRAM**
Pay it forward. Our Pro Bono Program encourages students to embrace their future professional obligations by providing legal services to people of limited means under the supervision of a licensed attorney. Pro bono work is a wonderful way to gain legal experience, interact with legal professionals, and serve the community.

**CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**
In addition to participating in traditional coursework and experiential learning, a number of Washburn Law students earn spots on the *Washburn Law Journal*, editing the work of legal scholars and their own contributions.

Students may opt to take part in interscholastic trial advocacy, negotiation, and client counseling competitions. Moot Court Council members organize and participate in intramural and interscholastic appellate moot court competitions. Continuing legal education programs also can be attended for free at the Law School.

[www.washburnlaw.edu/upperlevel](http://www.washburnlaw.edu/upperlevel)
There are many different paths into and out of Law School. To provide you with the maximum flexibility for academic options, Washburn Law has carefully designed our first-year and upper-level curriculum to ensure that graduates from our Juris Doctor program achieve and exceed American Bar Association (ABA) mandated learning outcomes. Washburn Law graduates leave with the ability to successfully work as practicing lawyers or as legally trained professionals in other disciplines.

**ENROLLMENT OPTIONS**

- Fall Start Program (August)
- Spring Start Program (January)

**FAST TRACK ACCELERATED OPTION**

Our optional Fast Track Accelerated Option gives those who start in either fall or spring the opportunity to graduate in two years — the shortest amount of time allowed by the ABA. The 90 required credits can be completed during two fall, two spring, and two full summer sessions.

washburnlaw.edu/springstart
washburnlaw.edu/fasttrack
Recognizing that real-world problems often require solutions from both legal and business perspectives, Washburn University offers dual J.D./M.B.A. (Master of Business Administration) or J.D./M.Acc. (Master of Accountancy) programs.

Coursework is accepted for credit by both the School of Law and School of Business, allowing you to obtain both degrees in shorter time and fewer hours.

Our dual J.D./M.S.W. (Master of Social Work) program prepares you to practice in areas where the complex worlds of social work and law converge (criminal and juvenile justice administration, legal services to disadvantaged persons, housing, community development, and many others).

Combined study allows you to obtain dual degrees with fewer hours than if you pursued them separately; students must apply to and be accepted by both programs.

washburnlaw.edu/dualjdmmba
washburnlaw.edu/dualjdmssw
washburnlaw.edu/dualjdmacc
Our Master of Studies in Law (M.S.L.) degree is for professionals who will benefit from a background in legal education but do not require the broad training of a Juris Doctor degree and do not plan to practice law.

**M.S.L. Degree Enhances Careers In:**

- Business Law
- Children and Family Law
- Criminal Law
- Environmental Studies
- Government Law and Policy
- Healthcare Law
- Labor and Employment Law
- Library Services
- Oil and Gas Law
- Tribal Law

You will enroll in an introductory course designed to provide a background in legal analysis, research, and writing, and prepare you to take Law School examinations.

Foundation courses are suited to your individualized career path, and you choose upper-level courses for the balance of your degree. Because you need to complete only 30 credit hours in order to earn your M.S.L. degree, the total tuition cost of the program is one-third of the cost of the Juris Doctor degree.

[washburnlaw.edu/msl](http://washburnlaw.edu/msl)
Washburn Law’s Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Global Legal Studies is for prospective students with a foreign law degree. This program will prepare you to succeed in a Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.) program and become a legal academic or deal with U.S. attorneys and interests in your home market. It also prepares you to sit for a U.S. bar exam.

AREAS OF EMPHASIS:

- General
- Corporate and Commercial Law
- Oil and Gas Law
- Public Law
- U.S. Legal Analysis, Writing, and Advocacy Skills

PROGRAM FEATURES:

- Small class sizes with personal attention
- Faculty has an open door policy
- Flexible program to meet your needs
- Students are evaluated separately from J.D. students
- LL.M. seminars

LEGAL ENGLISH

For students who need to improve their English proficiency before starting the LL.M., Washburn University has a “Legal English” program within its Intensive English Program that builds a bridge to the LL.M. program on campus. Students can acquire the English skills needed to succeed before starting their LL.M., while still being conditionally admitted to the LL.M. program.

washburnlaw.edu/llm
Washburn Law is a pioneer in clinical education and hands-on learning opportunities, allowing our graduates to "hit the ground running."

Students gain practical experience through Washburn Law's Centers for Excellence, intense clinic programs where they represent actual clients, meaningful externships, and extracurricular activities that bridge the gap between theory and practice.

With specialty programs designed to offer a view into the real world — whether it is a chance at arguing a case in competition or representing a client through the court system — a Washburn Law education is grounded in fundamentals with concrete skills to ensure students' marketability to employers and preparedness for life after Law School.

Washburn Law graduates continue to differentiate themselves in the marketplace with competencies that will serve clients and employers from the start, including leadership, teamwork, communication, transactional work, legal drafting, and client advocacy, as well as traditional case law analysis.
EXPANDED LEGAL EXPOSURE
DELVE INTO REAL-WORLD LEGAL ISSUES

Washburn Law provides many opportunities to learn outside of the classroom. Frequently, our alumni return to campus as skilled professionals to share their knowledge with our students. Opportunities include:

- Symposiums
- Foulston-Siefkin lectures
- Court Sessions in Robinson Courtroom:
  - Kansas Court of Appeals
  - U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces
  - U.S. Court of Claims for Veterans Appeals
  - Civil cases and administrative hearings by other courts
- Lunch & Learn sessions
- Special lectures/guests

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Representing clients in court is an increasingly important skill, driving the need for highly competent trial lawyers. A Certificate in Advocacy gives you specific skills in the art, science, and law involved in advocacy in both the civil and criminal context.

In a changing economy, businesses large and small continue to require savvy legal counsel. Our Business and Transactional Law Certificate offers the scholarly training, technical writing skills, and business-focused acumen to prepare you to serve clients, as well as provides a background in non-traditional legal practice.

Our aging population requires the expertise of legal professionals who can develop estate plans to protect clients’ later years and the interests of their heirs. An Estate Planning Certificate prepares you to effectively represent clients in end-of-life planning.

A Family Law Certificate gives you the scholarly background and practical experience to represent children and other family members in adoption, custody, divorce, domestic violence, juvenile, and related cases.

International trade, politics, finance, and commerce are driving all business and corporate entities to consider the international implications of their work. Our curricula includes a wide selection of business and public international law courses. The International and Comparative Law Certificate prepares you to work with clients as they consider the globalization of their organizations.
LAW AND GOVERNMENT
With a Certificate in Law and Government, you will have the opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to work effectively in a career situated at the intersection of law, government, and public policy. In 2016, Washburn Law was ranked second in the nation for Government Law by preLaw magazine.

OIL AND GAS LAW
Students who desire to concentrate their elective studies in oil and gas law can seek a Certificate in Oil and Gas Law. Students must complete an experiential placement where they have the opportunity to gain practical experience in oil and gas law. This requirement may be met through an appropriate externship, internship, or other related work.

NATURAL RESOURCES LAW
The oil and gas industry and all agricultural sectors benefit from the legal implications of natural resource planning. Our Natural Resources Law Certificate provides a working knowledge of environmental regulation.

TAX LAW
Corporations and related businesses in need of highly specialized tax advice often seek lawyers with advanced degrees in tax and business law. The Tax Law Certificate provides advanced study and tax law practice experience, qualifying you for the top tax LL.M. programs in the country.

washburnlaw.edu/certificates
LEGAL ANALYSIS, RESEARCH, AND WRITING PROGRAM

FIRST YEAR LEGAL WRITING PROGRAM
Recognized as one of the nation's top legal writing programs, our Legal Analysis, Research, and Writing Program helps first-year students develop their writing and analysis skills in a small-class environment.

UPPER-LEVEL WRITING REQUIREMENT
Before graduation, students are required to complete a rigorous writing experience that includes individualized feedback and supervised rewriting.

Ways to fulfill the upper-level requirement:
- Seminar courses
- Directed research
- Law Clinic
- Law Journal
- Moot Court
- Writing for Law Practice and Transactional Drafting courses

washburnlaw.edu/larw

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT LEGAL WRITING PROGRAM NATIONAL RANKING

#13 2017 EDITION
#11 2014 EDITION
The Law Library occupies the geographic and symbolic heart of Washburn Law, and plays a vital role in our students’ legal education. Spanning all four floors of the Law Building, the library offers space for quiet study, rooms for group collaboration, and areas to gather and socialize with colleagues. National surveys regularly recognize us for the quality of our library’s collections, staff, and services.

**COLLECTION**
The library maintains a comprehensive legal research collection, including:
- Print resources for both scholarly research and practical lawyering
- One of the most extensive collections of digital legal materials in the Midwest

**STAFF**
Library staff have a total of 11 advanced degrees and more than two centuries of collective experience. They are happy to assist with all research or technology needs:
- Answers to research questions and consultation on larger projects
- Training on library resources
- In-depth research classes
- Tech support for student laptops

**TECHNOLOGY**
Washburn Law maintains a reputation as a leader in the use of technology to enhance legal education, offering:
- High-speed wireless and charging stations throughout the Law School
- State-of-the-art technology in every classroom
- Videoconferencing for lectures, interviews, and other remote meetings
- Classes in law practice technologies
- WashLaw, a premier legal research portal and a website for legal information

washburnlaw.edu/library
INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW CENTER

BUSINESS AND TRANSACTIONAL LAW CENTER

CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN ADVOCACY

CENTER FOR LAW AND GOVERNMENT

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW CENTER

OIL AND GAS LAW CENTER

• Centers focus on a specific area of law to give you a thorough understanding of that practice area

• Centers offer advanced research and legal education programs, making them valuable resources for local, state, and national legal communities

• Centers develop a variety of programs and activities within their respective areas that allow students to collaborate with faculty members, experienced alumni, and other professionals eager to share their scholarship and wisdom

• Students participate in the development of Center-sponsored activities, inviting guest speakers to informal lectures, and developing workshops and related events

• Centers provide knowledge, skills, and professional contacts that many lawyers from other schools do not gain until well after graduation

washburnlaw.edu/centers
Washburn Law’s diverse international and comparative law programs meet the demands of an increasingly globalized legal system. Our International and Comparative Law Center prepares students to engage with various legal systems as well as gain a deeper knowledge of our own legal system.

CERTIFICATE
Students who desire to concentrate their elective and extracurricular courses of study in the general areas of international and comparative law can seek a Certificate in International and Comparative Law.

EXPERIENCE
• Jessup International Moot Court Competition, the premier moot court competition in the world, with more than 500 schools from 80 countries competing — students have the opportunity to try out for Washburn Law’s team with an oral argument
• Opportunities for externships and internships with exposure to international and comparative law
• Study abroad in Barbados or The Netherlands; or through partner schools in Germany, Granada, London, Seoul, and The Hague

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
• Seminars, lectures, externships, and Lunch & Learn sessions provide opportunities for students to expand their international and comparative law knowledge
• Student International Law Society
• The Center hosts the annual Great Plains International and Comparative Law Colloquium with scholars from other law schools

washburnlaw.edu/internationallaw
Our Business and Transactional Law Center (BTLC) features innovative programs in the fields of bankruptcy, commercial, corporate, general business, intellectual property, international, oil and gas, real estate development, securities, tax law, and trusts and estate planning. Essential transactional skills in contract drafting, client counseling, and negotiation are also taught. The BTLC partners with other Centers and our Agricultural Law program to develop and deliver outstanding educational experiences.

**REAL-WORLD INSIGHTS**

- Mentorships with corporate attorneys
- Hands-on experience through supervised externships with local corporations, financial institutions, and government regulators
- Colloquia on tax compliance, corporate and law firm diversity, and real estate
- Small Business and Nonprofit Transactional Law Clinic where upper-level law students provide business and legal assistance to small businesses and nonprofit organizations
CERTIFICATE

Students who desire to concentrate their elective and extracurricular courses of study in the general areas of business and transactional law can seek a Certificate in Business and Transactional Law.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Scholars and Practitioners in Residence
- Lecture series, symposia, and small group lunches
- Student organizations affiliated with the Center include Washburn Business Law Society, Washburn Intellectual Property Law Society, Real Estate Law Society, and Tax and Estate Planning Association
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Clinic

washburnlaw.edu/transactional
The Center for Excellence in Advocacy builds on Washburn Law’s long history of graduating outstanding trial lawyers, prosecutors, defense counsel, and judges. Through an innovative combination of scholarship, advocacy skills training, and advocacy-related research, the Center trains students to be persuasive, ethical, and skilled advocates in the community.

LEARNING FROM EXPERTS
The Center connects students with experienced trial and appellate lawyers and judges. The Center encompasses an array of professional areas, including civil and commercial litigation, criminal law, appellate practice, trial advocacy, arbitration, and mediation.

EXPERIENCE

- Students in the Criminal Appellate Advocacy Clinic work on actual felony criminal appeals assigned to the Kansas Appellate Defender Office
- Criminal Defense Clinic interns handle a wide variety of cases, providing legal representation for indigent defendants
- Students earn academic credit and valuable advocacy experience through placement in the externship program, including externships with prosecutors and public defenders across Kansas
- Upper-level students compete in trial and academic appellate advocacy competitions, client counseling and negotiation competitions, a voir dire (process of jury selection) competition, and moot court events across the country
INTENSIVE TRIAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM (ITAP)
Our week-long ITAP brings active trial practitioners and judges to campus to provide intensive advocacy skills training. Students work closely with these experienced judges and trial lawyers to develop skills in trial strategy, examination of witnesses, and argument. This program culminates with a simulated live jury trial based on an actual case with feedback from volunteer jurors.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) WEEK
The Center's ADR week provides students, practitioners, and judges the opportunity to learn about current and developing alternative dispute resolution issues.

CERTIFICATE
The Certificate in Advocacy is available for students who have a serious interest in the art, science, and law relating to advocacy. A Certificate recipient has demonstrated a thorough understanding of the litigation process, an ability to produce appropriate legal pleadings, and an ability to try a case proficiently to a judge or jury.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
• The Kansas Court of Appeals regularly sits to hear oral arguments at Washburn Law
• Mentorships, seminars, lectures, workshops, Lunch & Learn sessions, and skills training courses provide diverse opportunities for students to acquire strong advocacy skills

washburnlaw.edu/advocacy
The Center for Law and Government expands your opportunities for public service and externships. Given its proximity to the State Capitol, Kansas Judicial Center, Frank Carlson Federal Courthouse, and numerous state agencies, Washburn Law is ideally situated to offer unique and varied opportunities to learn about lawmaking, judicial decision-making, administrative law, and the regulatory process.

PUBLIC SERVICE CURRICULA

- Washburn Law prepares highly qualified public servants for a range of careers associated with local, state, and federal government
- Because Washburn Law is located in the capital city of Kansas, students have externship opportunities with a multitude of state and federal agencies as well as other groups, lobbying firms, and entities that seek to influence legislation and government regulation
- Scholars and practitioners in residence from all law disciplines spend time at Washburn Law teaching classes and meeting with students in small groups

IN THE NATION #2 FOR GOVERNMENT LAW

PRELAW MAGAZINE 2016
TRIBAL AND INDIAN LAW
Washburn Law is one of the few law schools in the country to offer a tribal court clinic, giving you the unique opportunity to actively practice in Kansas tribal courts. Washburn Law offers a course of study in tribal law, federal Indian law, and the international law of indigenous peoples. You will be exposed to the intersections between state, federal, and tribal law, as well as the internal laws of many tribal nations within the United States.

CERTIFICATE
Students who desire to concentrate their elective studies on the general area of law and government can seek a Certificate in Law and Government.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
- Programs and symposia
- The Kansas Court of Appeals regularly sits to hear oral arguments at Washburn Law
- Mentorships, seminars, lectures, workshops, Lunch & Learn sessions, and skills training courses

washburnlaw.edu/government
Our Children and Family Law Center offers one of the richest curricula in the country. Recognized for our nationally acclaimed research and continuing legal education programs, we train students to advocate effectively for children and families in the legal system.

**RICH CURRICULA**

- More than a dozen family law courses beyond the introductory course
- Interdisciplinary workshops with sociologists and psychologists
- Clinical opportunity to apply your training to family law cases with actual clients
- Internship opportunities to serve as guardians *ad litem*
- Externships with the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, Kansas Legal Services, and other family law agencies and judges

**CERTIFICATE**

Interested family law students have the opportunity to earn a Family Law Certificate by meeting certain course, academic, and pro bono requirements.
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Volunteer with a variety of agencies that help children and families
- Serve as Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) to ensure that the best interests of children involved in the court system are presented to the court
- Help build houses for Habitat for Humanity

TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

Prestigious *Family Law Quarterly (FLQ)*, the American Bar Association’s scholarly journal; for 24 years, Center Director and Professor Linda Elrod served as editor of *FLQ*, one of the country’s most often-cited specialty law journals — she remains on the editorial board.

washburnlaw.edu/children
Washburn Law’s Oil and Gas Law Center was developed to meet the ongoing and ever-changing demands of the industry. Because of our program’s long-standing history, national prominence, and location, we have one of the most extensive Oil and Gas Law programs in the nation.

**EX TENSIVE CURRICULA**

- Full-time tenured professors teach courses associated with the Washburn Law Oil and Gas program
- Practicing oil and gas lawyers volunteer their time and expertise for courses such as the Mineral Title Examination course and other special events
- Many distinguished Washburn Law alumni work in all areas of oil and gas and environmental law throughout the country and return often to Washburn Law as practitioners in residence to offer insight to real-world practice and to spend time with students in small group discussions, in Lunch & Learn sessions, and in class
- Students have the opportunity to experience oil and gas law in action in the form of an externship, internship, or another form of practical experience

**C E R T I F I C A T E S**

Students who desire to concentrate their elective studies on oil and gas law can seek an Oil and Gas Law Certificate. A Certificate in Natural Resources Law is for students concentrating on the general area of natural resources.
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Symposia, conferences, and visiting practitioners and scholars provide our students a well-rounded, diverse exploration into natural resources and oil and gas law
- Washburn Law’s Oil, Gas, and Energy Law Society works closely with the Washburn Environmental Law Society, Agricultural Law Society, and Washburn Business Law Society

SCHOLARSHIPS

Washburn Law is a governing member of both the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation and the Energy and Mineral Law Foundation. Our students have been very successful at competing for scholarships offered by these Foundations, in part due to the opportunities provided by the Center to demonstrate commitment to the study of oil and gas law and other natural resource law disciplines.

washburnlaw.edu/oilandgas
Expand your understanding of different legal systems by studying at the University of the West Indies in Barbados or Maastricht University in the Netherlands. Scholarships are available.

SUMMER STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM IN BARBADOS
- Located at University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, in Barbados
- Students learn about the U.S. legal system through comparative study of the Caribbean system along with students from the University of the West Indies
- Taught by law faculty from the University of the West Indies and Washburn Law
- Curriculum includes traditional classroom methods and firsthand exposure to legal institutions in action

SEMESTER ABROAD AT MAASTRICHT UNIVERSITY
- After one year of coursework, students may study international law and comparative law through Washburn Law’s Independent Study Abroad Program at Maastricht University in the Netherlands
- Exposure to socio-legal environment of the Netherlands and Europe
OTHER INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
Washburn Law has worked with Free University of Tbilisi on efforts to enhance legal education in the Republic of Georgia. Our students have collaborated with Free University students on various constitutional law cases and conducted commercial law research. Faculty continue to work with law schools and practicing lawyers in Georgia to improve legal education and legal writing. Opportunities exist for students to work with Georgian counterparts in areas of interest to the constitutional court of Georgia.

Washburn Law co-sponsors programs in Granada, London, Seoul, and The Hague with Stetson University School of Law. We also partner with Creighton University School of Law to provide the Germany Summer Program in Nuremberg.

washburnlaw.edu/studyabroad
You will find that many of your classmates are veterans, as are members of our faculty, staff, and even our Dean, Thomas J. Romig, who served for four years as the 36th Judge Advocate General of the Army, capping a 34-year military career. And, active duty and military veterans may qualify for in-state tuition. 

**VETERANS’ LEGAL ASSOCIATION OF WASHBURN (VLAW)**
- Provides opportunities for involvement with military, veteran, and law enforcement organizations
- Offers support and guidance for student veterans and their families
- Addresses community military, veteran, and law-enforcement issues

**VETERANS LEGAL ASSISTANCE CLINIC (VLAC)**
- Students in VLAC offer assistance with wills, estate planning, durable powers of attorney, and expungements of arrests/convictions to military service members, veterans, and their families in the community
- First- and second-year law students screen potential clients to ensure that they meet guidelines and interview them regarding their legal needs
- Certified legal interns draft and execute the legal documents of the clients who were accepted for representation

**JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERALS CORPS (JAG)**
- After your second year, summer JAG internships are available to help you decide if you are interested in pursuing a career as a JAG officer

washburnlaw.edu
We recognize the importance of preparing students to effectively represent the farming and ranching communities and the agribusiness enterprises that support agriculture.

**LEARNING FROM EXPERTS**
We have assembled an impressive group of professors dedicated to teaching all aspects of agricultural law, and to providing a number of agricultural law resources to students, the practicing bar, and the public. The Washburn Agricultural Law and Tax Report (WALTR), maintained by Professor Roger McEowen, provides timely reports on important developments in agricultural law and taxation.

**EXPANSIVE CURRICULA**
Agricultural Law • Commercial Transactions and Bankruptcy in Agriculture • Farm and Ranch Taxation • Water, Environmental, and Regulatory Law Impacting Agriculture • Water Rights • Environmental Law • Independent Readings in Natural Resources Law • Public Land Law • Estate Planning • Oil and Gas Law • Advanced Oil and Gas Law • Drafting Contracts and Conveyances • Environmental Regulation of the Oil and Gas Industry • Independent Study in Oil and Gas Law • Mineral Title Examination • Mining Law • Renewable Energy Law: Wind and Solar • Real Estate Transactions

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**
- Access to externships, internships, and research assistant positions dealing with agricultural law
- Washburn Law students are able to attend, free-of-charge, an extensive selection of continuing legal education and tax education courses dealing with agricultural issues

**DEDICATION TO AGRICULTURAL LAW**
The faculty at Washburn Law is also dedicated to ensuring the availability of effective legal representation in rural Kansas through the Rural Legal Practice Initiative partnership with Kansas State University. The ultimate goal is to assist students, and potential students, in considering career opportunities for a law-trained graduate working in rural communities.

washburnlaw.edu/agriculturallaw
For nearly 50 years, the Washburn Law Clinic has made it possible for students to practice law before graduation — and provide a valuable public service.

**THE LAW CLINIC**
- Operates as a general practice law firm staffed by upper-level law students and full time faculty members
- Teaches students essential advocacy skills
- Provides hands-on experience
- Students are practice- and courtroom-ready

**STUDENT LICENSE**
- Clinic students are granted a special license from the Kansas Supreme Court to represent individuals who otherwise could not afford legal counsel

**CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW CLINIC**
- Represent clients involved in domestic cases

**CIVIL LITIGATION CLINIC**
- Represent clients in civil cases such as landlord/tenant disputes, contract issues, and elder law matters
CRIMINAL APPELLATE ADVOCACY CLINIC
- Write and file felony criminal appeal briefs under the supervision of a faculty member who also practices in the Kansas Appellate Defender Office

CRIMINAL DEFENSE CLINIC
- Represent indigent clients charged with criminal offenses

IMMIGRATION CLINIC
- Learn first-hand how national policy and laws are applied to foreign individuals and families living in America
- Focuses on helping victims of crime and human trafficking

SMALL BUSINESS AND NONPROFIT TRANSACTIONAL LAW CLINIC
- Provide legal services and counseling to small businesses and nonprofit organizations

TRIBAL COURT PRACTICE CLINIC
- Represent clients in criminal and general civil matters

VETERANS LEGAL ASSISTANCE CLINICS
- Provide legal assistance to U.S. veterans
- Past clinics have focused on wills, living wills, durable powers of attorney, and expungement of arrests/convictions

One of the Top 5 Law Students in the Nation - Robert “Joe” Pilgrim, was recognized by The National Jurist, 2016, for representing clients in veterans legal assistance clinics and the litigation clinic (both criminal defense and civil work)

washburnlaw.edu/clinic
Your career awaits. Our Professional Development Office is committed to assisting you in your career development. The path to a career begins well before you receive your law degree. Our staff will help you assess your goals, explore the many opportunities available with a legal education, and assist you in making the transition to a professional career. Services are available to both current students and alumni.

The Professional Development Office provides a number of programs and services, including:

- Individual and group career planning sessions
- Workshops on résumé writing, job search strategies, and other career-related topics
- Interview skills training
- Panel discussions of career choices in the public and private sectors
- An extensive career research library of current books, periodicals, directories, newsletters, and computer resources
- Rural Kansas job prospect program
- Information regarding career fairs and clerkship programs
- Free Continuing Legal Education (CLE) through Washburn Law, Kansas Bar Association, and Topeka Bar Association
- Lunch & Learn sessions
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Representatives from law firms, corporations, government agencies, and public interest organizations visit our campus to interview law students for permanent positions and summer clerkships. In addition, the Professional Development Office lists hundreds of legal positions online, including part-time positions for students.

Types of organizations where you can practice:

- Law firms – big, small, and solo
- Corporations
- Nonprofits
- Judicial
- Government and Governmental Agencies
- Educational Institutions
- Professional Sports Organizations

washburnlaw.edu/career

EMPLOYMENT CATEGORIES

- 52.7% private practice
- 21.1% business and industry
- 19% government (includes prosecutors and public defenders)
- 3% judicial clerkship
- 2.7% public interest
- 1.5% academic

EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

- 88.8% employed
- 9.9% unemployed
- 1.3% pursuing an advanced degree

EMPLOYMENT TYPE

- 78.6% bar pass required
- 13% J.D. advantage
- 8.4% other

Washburn Law’s 3-year averages for the classes of 2013-2015 include all full- and part-time, short- and long-term employment and excludes graduates for whom employment status was unknown at the time of reporting. For a detailed breakdown of all graduate employment outcomes, see the Official ABA Employment Summaries found at washburnlaw.edu/career/statistics.
ACADEMIC SKILLS SUPPORT

Washburn Law’s nationally recognized First Year Program in academic skills helps you maximize your potential for success in Law School, on the bar exam, and in law practice. Following our First Week Program, you will receive mentoring throughout your first semester from a highly successful, trained upper-level study leader in a small group of three to five students.

In your second and third years, you may choose from Multiple Assessment Courses (MACs) that include exercises, quizzes, or other activities designed to provide you with assessment and feedback.

BAR PASS PROGRAM

At Washburn Law, preparation for the bar exam is a process that begins during the first week of classes and continues through passage of the exam. Our free Bar Pass Program has three components: workshops, a bar exam website, and individual counseling.

The program helps local students, those who have left Topeka but are planning to practice in Kansas, and those who are taking the bar exam in another state. The Bar Pass Program supplements and complements commercial bar preparation courses by offering a more tailored and individualistic approach to a student’s bar preparation than is possible with a commercial bar review course.

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EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN CLUDE:

Most State Agencies, Entities, and Boards
Banking Entities and Corporations
Chevron U.S.A.
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 League of Municipalities
Kansas Legal Services
Kansas Soybean Association
Kansas State Bankers Association
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
And many others

*Placement opportunities vary annually
*Non-exhaustive list

washburnlaw.edu/externshipopportunities
Our tuition is well below the cost of most public and private law schools nationwide, which makes our education a great value. Washburn Law is also the most affordable law school in Kansas.

Generous contributions from alumni and friends allow Washburn Law to distribute more than $2.6 million in scholarships annually. In recent years, about 60 percent of our entering students received scholarships, 25 to 35 percent of entering students received nearly full resident tuition scholarships, and some received even more. Federal loans also help students manage the cost of their education.

QUALIFY FOR IN-STATE TUITION
Residents of Colorado, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas qualify for in-state tuition. Active duty and veteran military with an honorable discharge (shown on DD Form 214), their spouses, and their dependents may qualify for in-state tuition. Other students are eligible for resident tuition after living in Kansas for six months.

FINANCIAL AID
We know that financial aid is an important part of your education decision. The Washburn University Financial Aid Office will personally assist you with the process of applying for and receiving financial aid.

washburnlaw.edu/costs
washburnlaw.edu/admissions/scholarships
washburnlaw.edu/residency
washburn.edu/financial-aid
You will learn the law from faculty nationally recognized for their teaching talents and commitment to student success. Our faculty are experts in their respective subject areas.

**Scholarship Activities**

- Author books, casebooks, reference-book entries, and blogs
- Present nationally and internationally
- Contribute articles to nationally recognized law reviews and news outlets
- Lead professional organizations
- Provide legal and foreign affairs commentary
- Speak to the media as legal experts

**Washburn Junior Legal Writing Scholars Workshop**

Our legal writing professors organize and execute an extraordinarily successful workshop for legal writing professors, the only such event sponsored by a law school. Legal writing professors from across the nation and Canada meet to discuss their latest scholarship endeavors.

**Institute for Law Teaching and Learning**

Washburn Law co-sponsors the Institute for Law Teaching and Learning, which assists law teachers in providing a learning environment with the highest academic standards to help prepare students to be effective and ethical attorneys, hosts an annual conference, and provides teaching ideas and full-text resources through its website, lawteaching.org.

**Great Plains International and Comparative Law Colloquium**

The International and Comparative Law Center hosts an annual Great Plains International and Comparative Law Colloquium with scholars from other law schools.

[washburnlaw.edu/faculty](http://washburnlaw.edu/faculty)
Since 1903, Washburn Law has graduated some of the finest law professionals in the country. More than 7,300 current alumni are proud to call Washburn Law their alma mater.

Our alumni live in 49 states, and in 12 foreign countries and U.S. territories. They work in law firms, government agencies, and the for-profit and non-profit sectors. Some are solo or group practitioners; judges; or city, county, district, state, or U.S. attorneys. Others are public defenders, legislators, educators, or administrators. Washburn Law graduates also serve as senior executives or general counsel in a wide spectrum of national and international corporations, such as AT&T, Alliance Pharmaceutical Corp., Bayer Corporation, IBM, Minnesota Vikings, Shell Oil Co., and Sprint.

Alumni are extraordinarily generous with their time and resources, connecting with current and prospective students, Washburn Law faculty members, and fellow alumni. For example, they:

- Provide employment opportunities
- Teach as guest lecturers or adjunct professors
- Serve as mentors to first-year law students
- Volunteer as judges and coaches in moot court, trial advocacy, and other competitions

In these and so many other ways, Washburn Law is enhanced by our former students. Below are just a few of our outstanding alumni.

- Former U.S. Presidential Candidate, Senator, and Representative Robert "Bob" Dole ’52
- Tenth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Nancy Moritz, ’85
- First female Kansas Supreme Court Chief Justice, The Honorable Kay McFarland, ’64
- Since 2002, a majority of the Kansas Supreme Court Justices have been Washburn Law alumni, including four of the seven current justices
- First African-American federal administrative law judge in United States history, Judge Paul Brady, ’56
Where Washburn Law Alumni Reside in the United States

Number of Alumni by State

22 alumni in other countries and U.S. territories including American Samoa, Australia, Cameroon, Canada, China, Grenada, Guam, Netherlands, Nigeria, Philippines, South Korea, and Virgin Islands

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Washburn Law students lead and participate in more than 25 organizations, from practice-area specific, political, and ethnic groups to athletic, religious, and cultural organizations, including:

- Agricultural Law Society
- Asian American Law Students Association
- Black Law Students Association
- Hispanic American Law Students Association
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society
- Sports and Entertainment Law Society
- Veterans’ Legal Association of Washburn
- Women’s Legal Forum

We have a long tradition of recruiting and educating a diverse student body with students of different ages, ethnic backgrounds, educational and professional backgrounds, and life experiences. Our student body is comprised of the best and brightest from nearly every state in the country and around the world.

Washburn Law students give back to the Topeka community throughout the year by sponsoring or participating in numerous charitable events, including the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance clinic, held at the Law School.

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The School of Law is part of Washburn University, a vibrant public university located on a beautiful 160-acre campus. The University is a center of activity and a cultural hub for students and the community. Washburn hosts events throughout the year, including the Sunflower Music Festival, the Mulvane Mountain/Plains Art Fair, Sunflower State Games, and collegiate and intramural athletics.

The University’s theater and arts center presents numerous cultural events annually, including plays and concerts of all types. The student union, campus library, and Mulvane Art Museum are all available to students. Nonacademic support services and perks on Washburn University’s campus include:

- A home away from home at the International House
- Free access to Student Recreation and Wellness Center
- Free on-campus general medical and counseling services
- University employment resources for spouses or partners
- Carole Chapel welcomes students of all faiths for meditation and prayer
- Free parking
- Bike share program on campus

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Washburn Law’s prime location in Topeka, the capital city of Kansas, offers advantages only a state capital can provide. The Kansas Judicial Center, state Capitol, and state office complex are located only minutes from the Law School, providing you with unique opportunities, such as:

- Externships with political leaders, lobbyists, and state agencies
- Broad employment prospects
- Unmatched opportunities to interact with alumni and other key community and state leaders

With a population of nearly 130,000, Topeka maintains its “small town” qualities rooted in Midwestern values, a strong work ethic, and genuine hospitality. Businesses, schools, and churches make students and their families feel welcome. The area enjoys a moderate climate with four distinct seasons. Convenient housing is readily available and affordable, keeping the cost of living well below that of other cities.

The Topeka community provides a variety of activities:

- First Friday Art Walks, ethnic festivals, Huff-n-Puff Balloon Rally, food truck festivals, Heartland Park racetrack
- Kansas State Capitol – recent restoration completed – Dome Tour
- Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site
- Topeka Zoological Park, Kansas Children’s Discovery Center
- Live theater and music, museums, art galleries
- Outdoor Recreation – nature trails, Lake Shawnee, Gage Park, Topeka Metro Bikes (bike share program), Tinman Triathlon
- Religious communities represented in Topeka: Buddhism, Christianity, Confucianism, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism
- Topeka Pride, a non-profit group celebrating diversity
- Roadrunners (men's hockey) and Capital City Crushers (women's roller derby)

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AREA ENTERTAINMENT

- Kansas City Royals professional baseball - 2015 World Series Champions; Washburn Day at the “K”, an annual University event
- Kansas City Chiefs professional football
- Soccer Capital of America: Sporting Kansas City – 2013 MLS Cup Champions; FC Kansas City – 2014 and 2015 NWSL Champions
- Kansas City Zoo, LEGOLAND Discovery Center, Oceans of Fun/Worlds of Fun, Sea Life Aquarium
- Country Club Plaza – America’s first outdoor shopping district, City Market, Crown Center, Legends Outlets, River Bottoms, Westport
- City of fountains, jazz, barbecue (Kansas City)

REGIONAL ENTERTAINMENT

- Boot Hill, Cosmosphere, Botanica, Exploration Place, Flint Hills Discovery Center, Kansas History Museum, Quivira National Wildlife refuge
- Agritourism, cycling, fishing, golfing, hiking, hunting, sailing, ziplining
- Art galleries, craft breweries, casinos, live music, performing arts, wineries
1 – Application Available
Check Admissions Events online to see if a representative will be visiting your area

Take the October LSAT
Register for Fall Open House

1 – FAFSA available

February LSAT

1 – Priority Application Deadline
1 - First Seat Deposit Due

15 – Second Seat Deposit Due
June LSAT

Attend First Week Program

1 – Spring Application Available

June LSAT

October LSAT

1 – Priority Application Deadline
December LSAT (not recommended for spring start)
If you are interested in Law School, you owe it to yourself to visit Washburn University School of Law. We welcome you and we encourage you to bring your family, children, and friends. Here’s what you can experience during a personal visit:

- Attend class(es)
- Meet with an Admissions representative, law professor, and current student(s)
- Visit the Washburn Law Clinic
- Sit in on a Lunch & Learn session or special event
- Tour the Law School and Washburn University campus

CONTACT THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE TO SCHEDULE A VISIT:
Washburn University School of Law - Office of Admissions
1700 SW College Ave., Topeka, Kansas 66621
phone: 785.670.1185
phone: 800.WASHLAW (927.4529)
email: admissions@washburnlaw.edu

washingtonlaw.edu/apply
washingtonlaw.edu/visitus
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

It is the policy of Washburn University School of Law to assure equal educational and employment opportunity to qualified individuals with or without regard to race, color, religion, age, national origin, ancestry, disability, gender, sexual orientation/gender identity, or marital or parental status. Equal educational opportunity includes, but is not limited to, admission, recruitment, extracurricular programs and activities, housing, facilities use, access to course offerings, counseling and testing, financial aid, health services, and employment. Responsibility for monitoring and implementing this policy is delegated to the Equal Opportunity Director, Washburn University, 200K Morgan Hall, 1700 SW College Ave., Topeka, KS 66621, 785.670.1509. All personnel share in the specific activities necessary to achieve these goals.

ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Washburn Law was admitted as a member of the Association of American Law Schools in 1905. The American Bar Association included Washburn University School of Law on its first list of accredited law schools in 1923.

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Washburn University School of Law provides reasonable accommodations for students who are qualified individuals with disabilities. Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Aïda Alaka serves as the disability services officer for the Washburn University School of Law. She can be contacted at Washburn Law, 1700 SW College Ave., Topeka, KS 66621, 785.670.1662. Students requiring disability accommodations are advised to contact Associate Dean Alaka within a reasonable time prior to the date services will be needed.

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VISION STATEMENT

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