

# 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 Robert J. Dole Scholarship helps students with disabilities

Robert Dole '52 was severely wounded as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army during World War II. The thirty-nine months he spent recovering from his injuries tested his character and shaped his life. He went on to practice law in Kansas and to serve as Russell County attorney and as a legislator in the Kansas House. He later represented Kansas and our nation in the U.S. House and Senate, where he authored and helped to enact some of the most significant legislation in the history of our country. In 1996, he was the GOP presidential candidate.



given his heart and soul to this state.”

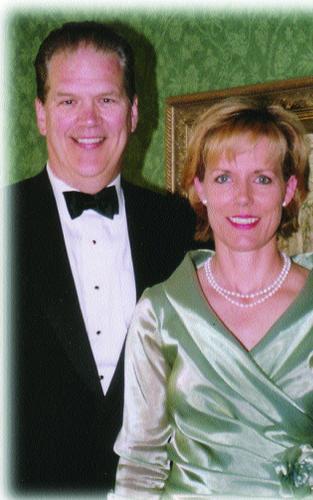
Combining his commitment to Washburn Law with his concern for individuals with disabilities, Sen. Dole established the Honorable Robert J. Dole Scholarship Fund for Law Students with Disabilities. Now he has strengthened the Dole Scholarship's endowment with an additional major gift.

Anthony Fadale '95, a Washburn Law alumnus who was born with cerebral palsy, said of Dole, “I will be always grateful that Senator Dole offered a scholarship which gave me an opportunity to pursue my career in the field of law. His fund will continue to give people with disabilities the opportunity to pursue their dreams.”

Gov. Kathleen Sebelius calls Dole a “Kansas legend.” “Bob Dole gave his very limbs to this country,” she said. “As a Kansan, he’s always

## David and Hannah Fenley endow professorship in business law

David Fenley '79 is chairman and partner of the Kansas City law firm of Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin L.L.P. Known for his business and legal acumen, Fenley uses his understanding of team dynamics and his superb organizational skills to guide real estate developers, lending institutions and governmental agencies in the design, implementation and financing of multimillion-dollar real estate projects. Fenley and his wife, Hannah, recently established a professorship in the School's Business & Transactional Law Center.



Fenley said. “I know how important it is for young men and women who want to work in a competitive legal environment to have a sophisticated and detailed understanding of business and transactional law. I believe our gift will help Washburn Law explore and teach topics on the cutting edge of the business and transactional law field.”

“David is a wonderful model for our students,” said Professor Steve Ramirez, director of the Business & Transactional Law Center. “He knows the issues, knows how to develop a plan for success, and works with clients to accomplish the goals they have set for their

“My career has surpassed my wildest dreams, and I credit Washburn University School of Law for providing knowledge and helping me develop skills I use every day in the practice of law,”

projects. His positive, can-do attitude is reflected in his successful career and in his wonderful gift that will enhance the learning experience for Washburn Law students.”

## *Giving* Back... Eugene Ralston is advocate for clients and Washburn Law

Eugene B. Ralston '66 is a partner in the prominent Topeka law firm of Ralston, Pope & Diehl. Ralston practices in the areas of medical malpractice, products liability, professional negligence and personal injury. The firm maintains an active practice in Kansas, Colorado, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas.



Ralston has spent many hours working on behalf of the law school as a member of its Board of Governors and through the Washburn Law School Foundation. His gifts of time have strengthened the school in its teaching endeavors. He has also established and makes ongoing

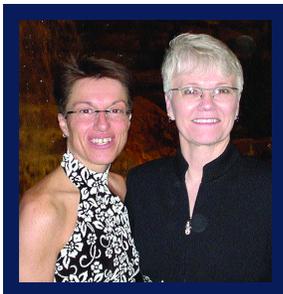
contributions to the Eugene B. Ralston Law Alumni Scholars Fund. A major addition to his endowment will fund scholarships for students in the Center for Excellence in Advocacy.

"Mr. Ralston is one of the true believers, an attorney who pursues his client's claim to victory despite the odds and the cynics," said Professor Michael Kaye, director of the Advocacy Center. "We are pleased and very grateful

that an alumnus of Mr. Ralston's stature is working with us and, with his gift, making it possible for Washburn Law to recruit bright, young students who aspire to similar careers of service and excellence."

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**Professor Nancy G. Maxwell and Terry C. Curry endow the Professor Nancy G. Maxwell Endowed Law Scholarship Fund.**

"I am one of those lucky people who gets paid doing what I

love—teaching bright and curious students who have the potential for improving the lives of others. So, when I was approached about endowing a law student scholarship, I realized a scholarship was one way to ensure that I could continue doing what I love."

"By providing scholarship funds for law school students interested in family law or non-discrimination law, I am contributing to the tradition of Washburn University School of Law: educating lawyers who are not just making a living, but who are committed to improving the quality of people's lives and who will carry on the tradition of being a Washburn Lawyer."

Professor Maxwell teaches criminal law, family law and Alternative Dispute Resolution at Washburn Law.



**Jane Chandler Holt '85 endows the Jane Chandler Holt Business and Transactional Law Program Fund**

"When I entered Washburn University School of Law in 1982, I was a thirty-three-

year-old divorced mother of a three-year-old child. I saw a law degree as an opportunity for both personal fulfillment and a better life for my child and myself. Although financial resources to supplement student loans were a significant challenge to my plans, I was very fortunate to be hired as a part-time law clerk at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas. That work experience resulted in my first job as a staff attorney for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas

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upon graduation and admission to the Kansas Bar."

"Twenty years later, I feel Washburn School of Law and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas have been good to me, and it is time to recognize the contributions Washburn Law has made in the fulfillment of my dreams. I am very pleased to establish an endowed fund for the benefit of other students. It seems fitting to designate the endowment for the benefit of the Business and Transactional Law Center, as that is not only the primary area of law in which I practice, but is a growing area of law for which Washburn and other law schools need to provide meaningful educational opportunities."

Jane is a member of the Washburn Law School Association Board of Governor's and the Law School Alumni Centennial Committee. She is Vice President and General Counsel at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas.

**Mark E. '85 and Nancy L. '85 Caplinger endow the Mark and Nancy Caplinger Endowed Law Scholarship Fund**

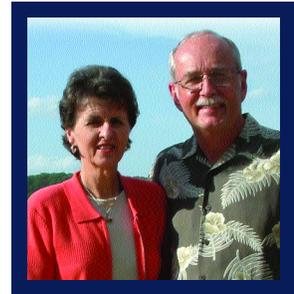


"The further from law school we get, the more we both realize the value of the education we received. And, while we developed lifelong friendships in law school, creating the endowment fund seemed to us to be a way of maintaining a lifelong relationship with the school. A side benefit of creating the fund has been it has encouraged us to take a more active and integral role in the day to day activities of the law school. We feel a little less like faceless 'alumni' and more a part of the school."

"Washburn Law educated a number of people in our family and we now feel like a member of the Washburn Law family. We can't think of a better way to give to 'family' then to create a scholarship that gives future Washburn Law students an opportunity to obtain an excellent legal education."

Nancy is an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Topeka and a member of the Washburn Law School Association Board of Governors. Mark specializes in telecommunications law with James M. Caplinger, Chtd. in Topeka.

**H. Allan '73 and Valle C. Caldwell endow the Allan and Valle Caldwell Endowed Law Scholarship Fund**



"In 1970, seventy years of foresight and generosity by hundreds of prior contributors provided me the opportunity to learn a profession at Washburn University School of Law with which I could support my family and, I hope, make society a better place through the skillful practice of law. Valle and I both acknowledge and honor those earlier benefactors and hope this endowment will help keep the door open for others to receive the same opportunity they provided to us."

"My time on the Washburn Law School Association and Washburn Law School Foundation boards has served to remind me how important it is to give back to the Law School. I realize new endowments are the only way Washburn Law can stay on the cutting edge of legal education and train the leaders of tomorrow."

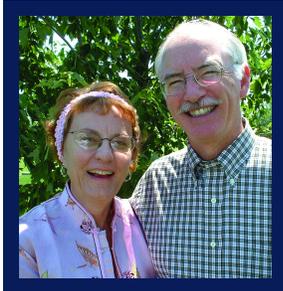
Allan is retired from Koch Industries, Inc. where he was Assistant General Counsel. He is a past president of the Washburn Law School Association Board of Governors and current president of the Washburn Law School Foundation.

**Frank M. '59 and Betty J. Rice endow the Frank M. Rice Endowed Law Scholarship Fund**



"The Centennial Celebration was the perfect time to give back to Washburn University School of Law because of this monumental achievement. Washburn gave me a great education and I was given the opportunity to give back and seized the opportunity. I understand Washburn Law is competing for the best students on a national basis. My hope is that this fund can be part of the overall package which recruits and retains the best and brightest students."

Frank, a 1959 law school graduate, is a past member of the Washburn University Board of Regents and the Washburn Law School Association Board of Governors. He was a founding partner in the Topeka, Kansas, firm of Schroer, Rice, P.A. and is still in practice with this firm.



**David '77 and Martha Pierce establish the David and Martha Pierce Scholarship Fund**

"As a student, Washburn Law equipped me to succeed at the things I wanted to do in my life. It enabled me to pursue every avenue of the law I desired to

experience. Washburn Law was a major turning point in my life that prepared me for my professional career. I think the students, faculty and administration at Washburn have created one of the best possible environments for law students to succeed and excel. Martha and I are pleased to establish this scholarship. I have a debt of gratitude I still seek to repay."

"Although I have taught at Indiana University School of Law, University of Tulsa College of Law, University of Houston Law Center and University of Texas School of Law, Washburn Law is home base. I find I am more productive in this positive, comfortable atmosphere, and most students feel likewise," said Pierce.

Professor Pierce teaches oil and gas law at Washburn. He is recognized nationally as an expert and co-authors *Cases and Materials on Oil and Gas Law* used by law schools across the country.



**Winton '68 and Pauletta Hinkle endow the Winton and Pauletta Hinkle Business and Transactional Law Fund**

"Serving as a member on the Board of Governors and on the Steering Committee of the School of Law's Centennial Celebration has helped me to see the importance of endowed funds to our law school. I have spent my professional career giving my clients the best professional advice and service in my power. I like to think that in some small way Pauletta and I are helping to assure Washburn Law will continue to provide excellent legal education to future generations of attorneys. We are pleased that our fund will advance the work of Washburn University School of Law by supporting the Business and Transactional Law Center."

"I had finished my first year at the School of Law at the time of the 1966 tornado. For a short time, the future of the School was very uncertain, but it quickly became clear the alumni of the School were going to make certain it would not only continue in existence but would emerge from the rebuilding process stronger than before.

The lesson is, all of us need to step up in our time to help the institutions that have been important in our lives."

Winton is senior partner and founding member of the Hinkle Elkouri Law Firm, L.L.C. in Wichita, Kansas. Winton was named a Fellow in the American College of Bond Counsel (ACBC). He is one of only two ACBC Fellows in Kansas.

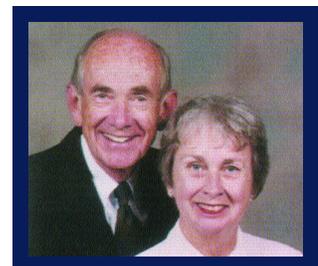


**Dale '90 and Lynn '90 Ward establish the L. Dale and T. Lynn Ward Endowed Fund in the Children and Family Law Center.**

"Dale and I are especially excited to help fund the Children and Family Law Center because the Center impacts my practice area, and because it has the potential to effect major changes in the practice of family law in the state of Kansas and across the nation," said Lynn Ward.

"We were lucky enough to receive scholarship money when we attended Washburn Law; it is only fair to give back to the school," said Dale. "Dale and I have taken our commitment to Washburn Law a step further which is why we felt it was appropriate to establish this fund. We are pleased to be able to help in this way and encourage other alumni to participate during the Centennial Celebration," said Lynn.

Dale is Co-Managing Director of the Hinkle Elkouri Law Firm L.L.C. in Wichita. Lynn is a shareholder and head of the family law department in the Wichita office of Morris, Laing, Evans, Brock & Kennedy, Chartered.



**Bill '56 and Chuck Bunten fund the William D. and Charlene S. Bunten Law Scholarship**

"I am proud to be a Washburn Law alumnus," says William Bunten. "My law degree is the most important degree I earned. It has been very useful to me in the business world and it provided me with a way of thinking that no other degree could. While at law school I developed a pattern of thinking and a system of logic that has been useful in business and life in general. Although I was admitted to the bar in both Kansas and Michigan, my business for nearly fifty years was banking."

"To make sure students get the same opportunity I had, Chuck and I are delighted to establish the William D. and Charlene S. Bunten Law Scholarship. Our contributions will be used to help provide scholarships for students who

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need the assistance to get their legal education. I am pleased to know our gift will help other students get a good legal education at Washburn. The three year Centennial Celebration is in full swing and I encourage all alumni to participate in the many events throughout the country and give their full support to our law school."

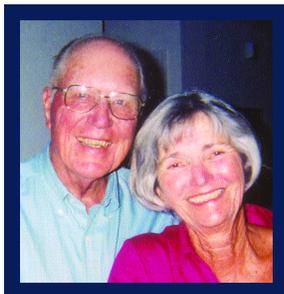
Bunten formerly was president of INTRUST Bank N.A. in Wichita. He serves on the Law School Association Board of Governors and serves as chairman of its Centennial Committee. He is a Trustee of the Washburn Endowment Association.



## **Dean Dennis and Carol Honabach establish endowed fund in Business & Transactional Law Center**

"We are excited about all of the recent developments at the law school, particularly the new cen-

ters. The centers have added new dimensions to the school's programming and have helped the law school forge a stronger partnership with the practicing bar. Because of our shared interest in issues of corporate governance and corporate management, Carol and I are especially interested in the activities of the Business & Transactional Law Center. We believe new lawyers need more than simply an expansive knowledge of corporate doctrine. They need to understand the business environment in which they will practice as well as the business requirements of their clients. They need to have a solid grounding in essential skills such as drafting and negotiating. Most importantly, new lawyers need exposure to seasoned transactional lawyers who will mentor them and introduce them to the intricacies of business practice. The Business & Transactional Law Center provides our students with opportunities for all of that and more. That's why Carol and I are so excited about the Center and pleased to be able to help support it."



## **Bob and Sallee Lee establish John F. Jones II Scholarship**

Bob and Sallee Lee have been life long advocates for Topeka and Washburn University. Bob received his B.A. from Washburn in '52. Sallee, attended Coe College in Iowa. Two of

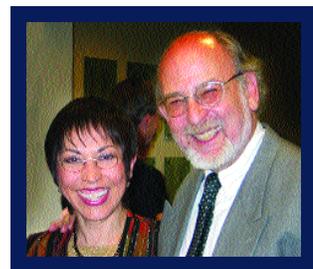
their three children are Washburn alumni; Greg is a '78 Washburn Law alumnus and David is a '80 alumnus of

the School of Applied Studies.

Sallee's brother, John F. Jones II, was a 1972 Washburn Law graduate. For many years John had a successful and thriving practice and was a partner in the Newton law firm of Jones & Dickinson, P.A. When John passed away, Bob and Sallee wanted to do something at Washburn to memorialize his life's work.

Now Bob and Sallee have endowed the John F. Jones II Scholarship in the School of Law. "We are deeply grateful for the living memorial that Sallee and Bob have established in the School of Law. The Jones Scholarship not only honors a brother but it also encourages a dedicated law student," said Dean Honabach.

## **Michael Kaye and Susana Valdovinos '88 endow the Michael Kaye and Susana Valdovinos Fund in the Advocacy Center**



"We are doing many exciting things in the Center for Excellence in Advocacy. Washburn Law is one of only four law schools nationally to join with NITA, the National Institute of Trial Advocacy, to train the trial advocacy teachers who run the workshops in our trial advocacy program. NITA teacher training at Washburn is now an annual event. This year the Center developed the Intensive Trial Advocacy Program: a week-long intensive program in trial advocacy for law students taught by 25 experienced trial lawyers, most of them Washburn Law alumni. This fall Washburn will offer its first ever NITA Deposition Program. Working in partnership with our alums, the Washburn Center for Excellence in Advocacy is committed to training law students to become highly skilled trial lawyers."

"Washburn Law has been a great place to work, to grow, and to achieve our personal and professional goals. When the Centennial Celebration began, Susana and I wanted to give back to the School. We thought about ways to help Washburn and influence the future training of law student advocates. Establishing this endowed fund will help prepare students to be superior trial lawyers. Helping to shape the future practice of law by training trial lawyers is a wonderful opportunity. It doesn't get much better."

Michael Kaye is Director of the Center for Excellence in Advocacy at Washburn Law and teaches Trial Advocacy, Evidence and Criminal Procedure. Susana Valdovinos is the Associate Director of Affirmative Action at Kansas State University.