

# 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 Joseph W. Morris '47 Unrestricted Fund



"When I enrolled at Washburn Law as a freshman, I took Property I. Judge Harry K. Allen, a member of the Kansas Supreme Court, was my teacher. He had formerly been Dean of the Law School. That was a day of great good fortune for me. Judge Allen set me on fire in my love for the law. As a junior and senior, I took his courses in Future Interests and in Trusts. He was a wonderful man."

"I shall always be grateful for having received my law degree from Washburn. I am especially grateful to have been a student of Judge Allen. I regularly remember him in my prayers."

## Eldon R. Sloan '33 Edward R. Sloan Scholarship Fund



"I had a wonderful father and I wanted to perpetuate his memory in some tangible way. He always enjoyed helping people particularly young lawyers."

"My father took great pride in the fact that his two sons, myself and Gordon, and two of his grandsons became lawyers and that Gordon, was appointed to the Supreme Court of Oregon."

"I just wish he could see some of the letters I have received from students who have been helped by this fund, and maybe he has."

## Scott '80 and Pam Logan Law Scholarship Fund

Approximately 28 years ago, Washburn Law provided Scott Logan with what he describes as “a great opportunity to me by accepting me into the 1977 fall class.”

“I received a great legal education from some excellent professors, a foundation that would help in pursuing the professional practice of law. There was also the added benefit of making friends with students from an array of colleges and other walks of life, some who remain good friends to this day.”

“Although appreciative of all of that, once we graduate we tend to get busy in the early stages of our career



with the day to day tasks of trying cases, handling client matters and scrambling for business. I periodically donated some money to the Law School, and I have given some presentations to some classes in the past ten years. It was in approaching the completion of 25 years in the practice of law, that my wife Pam and I realized we needed to really give back to the school, as well as offer some help to students in the future who could use some assistance in obtaining

the same opportunity I was given. It is with all of this in mind that we decided to endow a scholarship that can be used to aid students in attending Washburn Law School.”

## Philip C. Pennington '84 Law Scholarship Fund

“I attended Washburn Law six years after I completed graduate school with a MBA. I really wasn't certain I wanted to be a lawyer, but knew I wanted to do something different ..... something that would permit me to do different things in life. I found the experience at Washburn Law to be much more motivating than any of my prior educational experiences. It was a place where the faculty really cared about the students and wanted them to succeed. I had applied at four other law schools and visited each of the campuses. The reception at the other law schools was pretty much “take some of our literature and have a look around”. By comparison, when I visited Washburn (without any prior appointment), I was taken from Admissions to the Dean's Office. The Dean (Carl Monk) spent some time with me and took me to meet several professors. My time as a law student was similar to my original



visit. The vast majority of the faculty enjoyed what they were doing and really went out of their way to help their students.”

“I now look back and can see that my experience at Washburn Law was the catalyst that changed my life in many ways. Ironically, I have spent the last twenty-one years working for one of my prior employers, AMC Entertainment. While previously

I was in various management positions, I am now a Vice President in the Legal Department. I will have to repeat what others who have endowed scholarships have said. I reflect on what my experience at Washburn Law has done for me and realize it's time 'to give something back'. Given the dramatic increases in tuition, I hope an unrestricted scholarship will permit opportunities for individuals who would not have them otherwise.”

# Giving Back...

## Duke '73 and Helen '76 Dupre Business and Transactional Law Program Fund

"As we exited the hotel and began our morning walk, we were approached by a man who asked if "we could spare a couple of dollars" so he could eat. Whether by telephone, by mail, by e-mail or like our sidewalk encounter, a personal request, all of us are asked to give of our time and our money. We often feel overwhelmed trying to respond to the many needs, the many requests for help and the many worthy causes. And we each respond differently to those giving opportunities."

"Standing that morning on the sidewalk, our thoughts were thoughts of skepticism. Do we just walk away? How do we know if he is hungry? We did not walk away. We led him into one of the many sidewalk cafes in New York telling him to order anything he wanted to eat. And he did just that. We left that encounter wondering how such a small man could eat so much and so quickly."

"Like many of you, the funds for our undergraduate education came from several sources. With a mixture of scholarships (Helen's), checks from our parents, loans and part-time jobs, we achieved



our goals and received our college degrees."

"We were able to get our law degrees through an equally diverse combination of resources. From scholarships, the GI Bill and each working to put first one, then the other through; we made it."

"Our response that brisk morning in New York fed a person for one meal. Our response to the Washburn Endowment Association for money to underwrite a law school scholarship will last longer and help more than many other gifts. Our gift of a scholarship is a gift that truly will keep on giving. The effects of some of our gifts can be measured in days, for some it is in years, but a gift of education is a gift that lasts a lifetime – the lifetime of each and every recipient."

"When you give to a scholarship, you are giving another a lifetime of opportunities. You may not know the recipient's name, they may never know you, but your gift will be with them forever."

## David Ash Johnson '49 Fund

David Ash Johnson was destined to attend Washburn. His mother, Christine Ash Johnson, was the head secretary at the School of Law for two decades and was revered by every law student who knew her. Johnson received his bachelors and JD from Washburn University. Johnson spent his career in the mortgage banking business and through the years also invested in land.

Recently, Johnson donated his interest in property at Lake Tahoe, California, to establish a charitable remainder trust. This gift will fulfill his dream of establishing a scholarship for Washburn



University School of Law in his mother's memory.

Johnson lives in Sonoma, CA, but maintains his contact with the school and his appreciation for Washburn University and the law school.

"Using this property to establish a scholarship for the law school works well for me financially and it will continue the legacy of learning that was instilled in me so many years ago by my mother."