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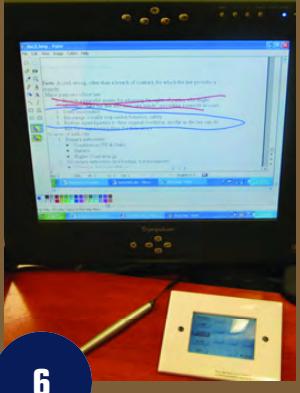
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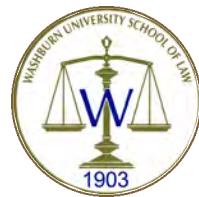
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From the

## DEAN

Dennis R. Honabach



Dear Alumni and Friends,

*Technology is changing the way faculty teach and law students learn. The speed at which technology progresses is undeniably swift. As soon as we master one new tool, it seems another takes its place. How many remember the introduction of the original overhead projector or the bulky but groundbreaking answering machine? Now we have document cameras, such as ELMO, and cell phones that not only take messages but pictures as well. Sometimes the new technology is superior to its predecessor; other times its application is not suitable for all needs.*

*At Washburn Law, we continuously search for new technology that will enhance the law school experience for our students while maintaining the goals of our curriculum. There is a delicate balance to be achieved when incorporating new technologies into the classroom or ancillary law school services. The use of any new technology must be tested and proven relevant to the law school's mission of providing a superior law school education and experience.*

*This issue of the Washburn Lawyer focuses on the law school's current use of technology in the classroom, courtroom and library. We are teaching a new generation of law students, and to reach and engage them in this endeavor we are striving to use their preferred medium. I think you will be impressed with how our faculty members use the latest technology available to engage their students in and outside of the classroom. The addition of the Bianchino Technology Center in the Robinson Courtroom provides a new dimension of technology for our trial advocacy students to explore and master, crucial skills needed to succeed in the future courtroom.*

*Our library services, consistently ranked high among law school libraries, have been on the cutting edge for years in using the Internet and other technologies that support legal research. When not working one-on-one with students or faculty with current technology uses, the library technology staff continues searching for innovative technology that enhances and supports the law school's legal research and curriculum. I doubt there is a better technology team anywhere else in legal education!*

*Yes, we have come a long way since blackboards and chalk, yet we know that what we think of as cutting edge today will be "eight-track" technology not long from now. Thanks to your continued support, you can be assured that we will remain at the forefront of classroom, courtroom and library technology. At the same time, we will ensure that the technologies we integrate will enhance our student's law school experience rather than distract us from our core mission of educating the next generation of great Washburn lawyers!*

*Sincerely,*

*Dennis R. Honabach  
Dean*



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# Courtroom, classroom and library technologies ready students, law school for the future

Chalk and erasers have given way to delete keys and laptops. Projection screens and interactive software are used in place of flip charts and handouts. A plasma screen and a document camera allow counsel to “show” rather than just “tell.”

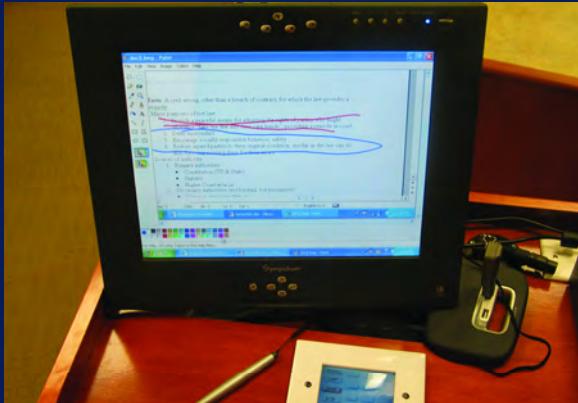
## Making A Connection



In some law schools and courtrooms, this is the classroom of the future. For Washburn University School of Law, this is technology being used by students today.

Some of Washburn Law's technology has been in place for a while, like high-speed wireless throughout the building for ease of Internet access by students, alumni and visitors, while other technology is in its infancy or in some cases only a rough sketch on a notepad.

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## WASHBURN LAW CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY

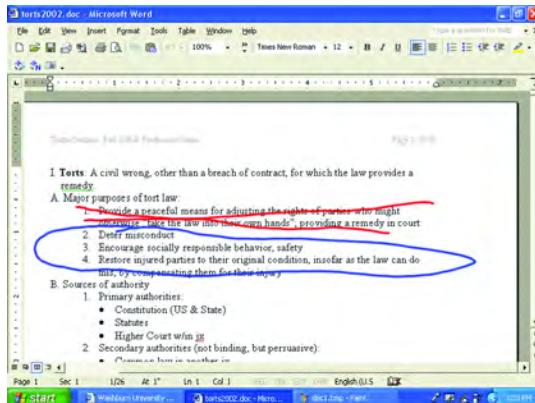
- ▶ Interactive lecterns allow professors to access DVD, Laptop, VCR and document camera
- ▶ The Symposium console combines an interactive screen with SMART Board software and a stylus for an interactive writing surface that allows professors to write electronic notes over the top of computer applications, Web site or video and then save, print, E-mail or post the notes on-line.
- ▶ Professors use the system for delivering prepared or impromptu material, highlighting information or bringing up images and Web sites to enhance the classroom experience.
- ▶ Remote control response pads allow students to participate in Classroom Performance System quizzes.
- ▶ One hundred percent of classrooms are wired (desktop Internet ports and power outlets)

## CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY

With the addition of Internet access, laptop computers, video displays and conferencing, and other visual presentation software, Washburn Law faculty are better able to meet the needs of students while enhancing class preparation, creativity and convenience.

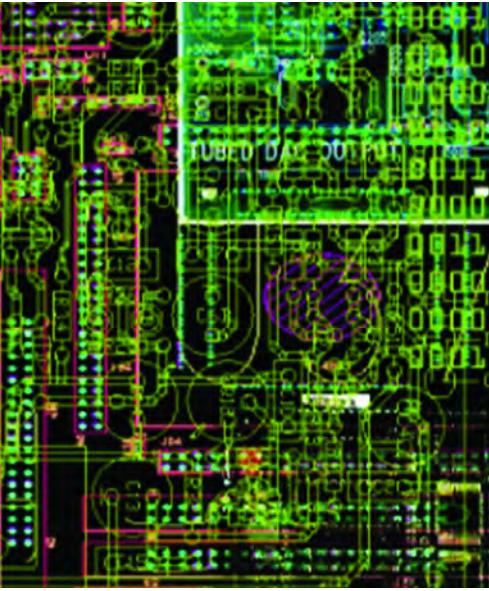
No matter the professor or the technology used, the overriding reason many are incorporating more technology into the classroom is to improve student engagement to reach a new generation of law student.

Washburn Law professors engage their students with a variety of tactics, and each continues to fine-tune his or her current techniques while discovering new ways, with the assistance of technology, to reach their students.



Professor Ali Khan's classroom teaching philosophy is simple – class time is valuable so use it wisely. Professor Khan is able to live that philosophy by taking advantage of the technology available at Washburn Law.

"Class time is so important to me that I don't want to waste a single minute," Professor Khan said. "The students must feel that the class is valuable. In a one-hour class, wasting one minute of my time wastes 17 minutes collectively of my students' time," he said.



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PowerPoint presentations assist Professor Khan in managing classroom time while the visual materials engage the students in the class discussion.

"With PowerPoint, the information is preserved forever, saving a lot of time," Professor Khan said. "I've never written a word on a board – ever. If I write, then erase, the message is gone forever."

By using the visual properties of a PowerPoint presentation, Professor Khan said he also connects better with the students. "If I were to write on a blackboard, I would have to turn my back on the class. When you attend a performance, no one takes their eyes off the stage, and technology can help me have a seamless class."

Using PowerPoint, he minimizes any disconnection with the students, minimizes the amount of text, and inserts images "to bring focus to the discussion," he said.

Professor Khan uses Internet technology and offers his teaching materials on-line for his students, as well. Through a password-protected portal, his students can access his "e-books" for the cost of printing the information to a printer.

The benefits for Professor Khan? "I can update it, design it and change it in a timely manner," he said.

E-mail has also improved the efficiency of communications between students and professors when an in-person meeting is not feasible. Professor Khan emphasized, though, the need for a delicate balance between the two.

"Technology is great but not at the expense of eliminating all human contact," he said.

Law students filing into Professor Nancy Maxwell's criminal law class in fall 2005 may have wondered if they took a wrong turn upon hearing the following lyrics fill the room:

*I hear the train a comin'  
It's rollin' 'round the bend,  
And I ain't seen the sunshine,  
Since, I don't know when,  
I'm stuck in Folsom Prison,  
And time keeps draggin' on,  
But that train keeps a-rollin',  
On down to San Antone.*

*When I was just a baby,  
My Mama told me, "Son,  
Always be a good boy,  
Don't ever play with guns,"  
But I shot a man in Reno,  
Just to watch him die,  
When I hear that whistle blowin',  
I hang my head and cry.*

"I decided I was going to do something fun, something related to the class. I found Folsom Prison Blues very tangential," Professor Maxwell said, reflecting on her choice of Johnny Cash's classic as students entered her Criminal Law classroom.

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Professor Maxwell incorporates music that's relevant to the planned discussion each day. She researches lyrics of songs based on the cases the class will be reading for a particular day. At the end of the semester, Professor Maxwell posts the "play list" so students can have a collection of the songs played during that semester.

She believes the music not only grabs the attention of students but also helps make an impact on a generation of law students who are tech-savvy and hungry for class engagement.

At the end of the fall 2005 semester, Bob Dylan's "Knocking on Heaven's Door" filtered through Professor Maxwell's classroom providing a powerful impression as students arrived that day for a review session. "I dedicated the song to all law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty."

Review sessions are enhanced by the Classroom Performance System (CPS), a technology professors use to engage students while reviewing course material. CPS allows instructors to ask students multiple-choice questions and receive immediate, in-class feedback using computer projection equipment, student remote control response pads, a portable

receiver and response analysis software.

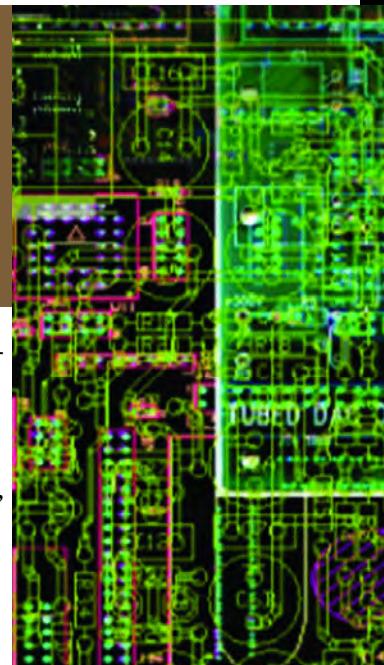
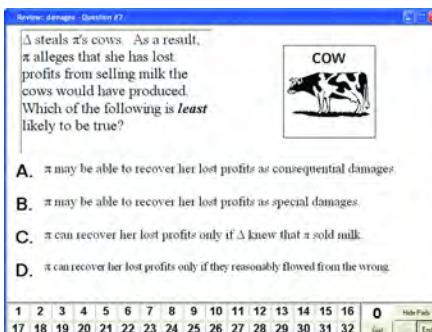
CPS can be used for class interaction, class quizzes or formal exams, and the software will generate percentages and graph totals of each question's answers.

The use of the CPS assists professors in reviewing material, measuring students' comprehension and bridging the generation gap with technology that is relevant to today's law students.

Professor Alex Glashausser, who uses the CPS system, has discovered it not only measures the students' understanding but also creates a buzz in the classroom by engaging the students in the discussion that day.

"I use CPS for review two times per semester. On the day we review, the level of excitement and energy is as high as it gets," he said. "It's competitive, which the students like, but in a non-threatening way."

Instant feedback from using CPS can make a significant difference in correcting the students' understanding of course material before an exam.





"I get immediate feedback about what they do or don't understand," Professor Glashauser said, which proved valuable when one of the quizzes he administered demonstrated that a procedural twist in a question resulted in the entire class missing the question.

"There is a delay factor with written quizzes. (The CPS) is a dramatic example of how immediate feedback can make a big difference. I was able to correct it to the whole class. Otherwise, I blindly would have thought they got it," he said. Answers to the quiz may then be posted on-line and used by students as supplemental review material. Washburn Law professors use three different sites - TWEN, LEXIS/NEXIS and My Washburn. These on-line services are extensions of the law classroom where students can access course materials, participate in classroom discussions, receive and submit online assignments and perform a host of other class-related functions.

Professors may post class syllabi, course materials, questions to help direct students to materials prior to class discussion, statutes hyperlinked to research services, and other information they believe to be helpful for the students to access at any time of the day.

Professor Maxwell has used TWEN's communication features to conduct a live chat with her students to review course material while she was in the Netherlands.

"I set up at an Internet Café at 9 p.m. in the Netherlands and was chatting with students on-line at 2 p.m. their time," she said. Once Professor Maxwell concluded the one hour and 45 minute-review session, a transcript of the session was available on TWEN for her students to use for review.

Glen McBeth, who is in charge of instructional technology at Washburn Law and is the "go-to" person for the professors' classroom and courtroom technology

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questions, transformed a simple classroom videotape request into a high-demand streaming video service requested by both professors and students.

Professor Maxwell had asked McBeth to videotape her classes because new faculty asked to see her teaching style.

It turned out that students requested access to the videos to supplement their educational experience. McBeth began transferring the videotape into streaming video for on-line viewing, assigning password protection for access while initiating safeguards to prevent using technology as a substitute for class attendance. On-line video is available for students when they are too ill to attend class and to help review for exams.

"It spread like wildfire," Professor Maxwell said. "I had no idea it would be important to students educationally." She recalled a student who, after attending the class, also listened to the videotape of that class while cleaning her house to help her review the material that was going to be on the midterm exam.

Each professor incorporates technology in his or her own way into the classroom based on what is best for the students in concert with the professor's goals. At the beginning of the fall 2005 semester, Professor Maxwell prohibited students from using laptops and other electronic devices while in her classroom. Her goal was to maintain a connection with the students by using her own technolo-

gy rather than competing for the attention of the students.

As for Professor Maxwell's use of technology in the classroom, "It has allowed me to not only revise my material more quickly, but increase my creativity as well."

"When you use any kind of technology – interactive quizzes, movie clips, music and other visuals – you've created a fun atmosphere, you've created a buzz and students will engage and talk more," Professor Glashauser said.

"Using technology is a way of varying the pace and feel of what you are doing. Visuals act as guideposts for the students when remembering the material," he added.

## COURTROOM TECHNOLOGY

Increasingly, courtrooms at all levels provide litigants with an array of technologies to assist with case presentation. By offering technology consistent with that found in courtrooms across the United States, Washburn Law students gain experience and are prepared to operate and use courtroom technologies upon graduation from law school.

Dedication of the Bianchino Technology Center at Washburn University School of Law in October 2002 ushered in a new era of the Robinson Courtroom and Washburn Law with the latest in courtroom technology.





## **LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

Under the leadership of Dennis Honabach, Dean of Washburn University School of Law, the Library/Technology committee conducts strategic planning for technology. The mission of the committee includes obtaining consensus and direction from the Law Faculty concerning implementing relevant legal education technology that enhances the law school experience for Washburn Law students. The specific mission is to provide a blue print that 1) Makes Washburn Law nationally competitive in the use of new teaching technology to enhance classroom experiences and 2) Provide national leadership in the area of designing and implementing law-related Internet research tools.

### **Members of the Library Technology Committee are:**

**Professor James Concannon, chair**  
**Professor John Christensen**  
**Professor Alex Glashausser**  
**Plus one student representative**

### **Bianchino Technology Center includes:**

- Flat-screen display monitors at the judge's bench, counsel tables and witness stand to assist with the viewing of evidence;
- A 65-inch plasma screen providing high definition viewing of evidence;
- An interactive attorney's podium containing a control panel touchscreen, flat-screen display, and document camera to assist with the presentation of evidence;
- An interactive whiteboard to assist with jury viewing of evidence;
- Video cameras in the Courtroom and the attached Robing/Jury Deliberation Room to provide recording and viewing of proceedings; and
- Technology that provides the capability for video teleconferencing and remote broadcasts, digital court reporting and electronic legal research.

Trial Advocacy classes use Robinson Courtroom & Bianchino Technology Center to train students how to present evidence using the technologies now available.

Professor Michael Kaye, Director, Center for Excellence in Advocacy, finds the new technology invaluable to his students. "With the technology we have available at Washburn Law, we are able to prepare law students for what they may encounter," he said.

Third-year law student, Tony Hunter, agrees. "Being able to practice with the technology available at Washburn Law is very valuable. You never know when you might need to use it in a courtroom."

The electronic court-room complete with all the bells and whistles may not be fully integrated across the country at this time, but specific elements of courtroom technology are used every day in court-rooms.

According to the Honorable Charles Stokes, 68<sup>th</sup> District Court, Civil District Court in Dallas, and a Washburn Law alumnus, technology in the court-room is being used a fair amount in his courtroom and other courtrooms in Dallas, but that "ELMO (document camera) is used in every trial," he said.

Judge Stokes said he's watched some cases bring in whole audio visual crews and set up their technology needs in the courtroom before

a trial. In one intellectual property case in Dallas, the parties completely rewired the courtroom and added Internet access, plasma monitors for judges, jurists and witnesses, as well as computer equipment for counsel and then donated the technology upgrade to the 193<sup>rd</sup> District Court.

The time-saving element of using court-room technology is one important reason some counsel use it. "Sometimes a fairly complicated motion can be streamlined by pulling up digitally stored information essential to the case instead of having to dig through hundreds of paper documents," Judge Stokes said.

**"The resources we have here are phenomenal," she said. "My job is to ensure students know how to use the resources effectively and become familiar with the content we have to offer. All the technology in the world doesn't do you any good unless you know how to use it and teach it . . ."**

— Barbara Ginzberg

From searching court cases via on-line data-base files to offering remote testimony, Washburn Law students have the opportunity to prepare for the court-room of the future, which is becoming more visually oriented each day.

At Washburn Law's Robinson Courtroom, in lieu of reading a witness's deposition, a document camera may be used to show the words and point out possible inconsistencies from previous testimony. With a touch of a button, attorneys can display paper documents and physical evidence projecting the image onto the 65-inch plasma screen at the front of the courtroom.

Judge Stokes believes that this type of visual presentation is much more effective with juries. "People are very visual, plus juries don't want to look at documents in the jury room. They want to see them visually in the courtroom either enlarged or highlighted," he said.



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Robinson Courtroom & Bianchino

Technology Center  
also provides flat-

screen display monitors at the judge's bench, counsel tables and witness stand, which allows for additional viewing of evidence.

The audiovisual equipment enhancements in the courtroom can offer a much more powerful and persuasive presentation. In addition to standard programs such as PowerPoint in which presentations are linked to laptop computers, the interactive white board allows the presenter to access and display information from the Internet, run video, and deliver CD-ROM presentations that offer sounds and images counsel may want the court to "experience" rather than just see or hear.

Hard-copy printouts of what has been illustrated or highlighted on the screen can be available for handouts in seconds.

Videotaping equipment is used to record student performances of mock trial exercises so they may be critiqued by Trial Advocacy instructors.

Judge Stokes' one caution concerning the use of technology in the courtroom is counsel preparation. "Learn how to use the equipment before the trial. You need to have your ducks lined up when it comes to using the equipment," he said.

Washburn Law trial advocacy classes using the Robinson Courtroom & Bianchino Technology Center will learn just that. Through small group hands-on instruction, the students will understand how to use the technology and incorporate it into a presentation, ensuring their "ducks" are lined up for the courtroom of the future.

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## LIBRARY

Washburn Law's law library has been consistently ranked high among law school libraries because of its extensive collection, innovative use of technology and high praise by students and others using the library's services.

John Christensen, Library Director, Professor of Law, is the driving force behind the Washburn Law Library's success. Under Professor Christensen's guidance, Washburn Law Library has enjoyed a national reputation for leadership in the use of Internet and information technology to support legal research.

One of the first to offer a web-based online catalog, the Washburn Law Library continues to adopt new technology and provide additional resources to enhance its research capabilities.

"It's been our shared goal to be a leader in technology," said Mark Folmsbee, Associate Dean for Computer Services. Maintaining that leadership role requires the ingenuity of highly skilled staff at the Washburn Law Library who actively seek ways to incorporate technology for the betterment of the law school, its students and faculty.

Washburn Law technology staff present sessions for the annual meeting of the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI), a consortium of law schools that researches and develops

computer-mediated legal instruction and supports institutions and individuals using technology and distance learning in legal education.

In fact, McBeth last year presented a session about videotaping class presentations and the benefits of using streaming video vs. VHS for the students' convenience. In addition, staff regularly present at the annual meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries.

"Staff can perform a host of technology services at the drop of a hat," said Folmsbee who credits the library technology staff for the library's consistent ranking in the top 10 of law schools for its technology.

The successful integration between technology and the law school's mission, as well as technology's practical usage for students and faculty in and out of the classroom are always paramount when determining new project lists.

"Our mission is to be law school centric and more specifically, to support curriculum," said Folmsbee.

How to effectively support curriculum with ever-changing technology and integrating it into the law school's mission is the main focus at all times, but the summer months provide a specific timeframe for staff to tackle and test new projects and ideas that may one day find their way into the classroom, library or courtroom.



Barbara Ginzberg, assistant instructional technology librarian at Washburn Law, works one-on-one with students to help them master the electronic and standard research tools available to them at the law school.

"The resources we have here are phenomenal," she said. "My job is to ensure students know how to use the resources effectively and become familiar with the content we have to offer. All the technology in the world doesn't do you any good unless you know how to use it and teach it," she added.

Each year the Washburn Law Library adds more than 8,000 volumes to its collection, which now includes more than 340,000 total volumes.

Law students, faculty and on-site users have access to electronic research resources at the Washburn Law Library including:

- U.S. and Kansas governmental materials
- citation services
- periodicals
- directories
- indexes to periodicals
- books and catalogs
- references for foreign and international law
- specialized topical resources including Pike and Fischer's Internet Law and Regulation, Religion Case Reporter, Telecommunications Reports and the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Digital Library.

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WashLaw, a legal research portal, provides users with links to all known law-related materials on the Internet. It is one of the premier legal Internet research services available to a worldwide audience of practicing and academic legal experts. It also hosts a large number of law-related discussion groups.

Highlights of WashLaw include access to:

- More than 50 legal directories for law schools, law firms and law-related organizations
- DocLaw –access to all know federal law and law-related government document resources
- ForIntLaw –Provides comprehensive Internet access to foreign, international, and United Nations legal materials. This web site contains links to primary and secondary sources in many countries.
- Kansas WEB - Offers links to Kansas information including historical materials, state colleges and universities, cities, and business information.
- Law Firms - a list of regional, national and international law firm web sites.
- LawJobs -A source for anyone seeking



information about careers and education after the completion of law school. Includes bar preparation, seminars, continuing legal education, post-law school opportunities, and job opportunities.

- Law Journals - A list of law-related electronic law journals. Includes some full text searching.
- Law Library Catalogs - Provides connections to over 100 law (or law-related) library catalogs. Includes descriptions of special collections, telefax numbers, phone numbers, and street addresses.
- Law Schools and Legal Organizations - A list of all law school and legal organization sites. Includes addresses.
- Discussion Group Information - This includes access to all law-related discussion groups maintained at Washburn University School of Law.
- StateLaw - A comprehensive set of state law links in the United States.
- Subject Index/Access to Law related materials - Includes links to all law specialty sites and is organized according to the “section” breakdown for the American Association of Law Schools (AALS).



In 2001, Washburn Law was named among the 30 "Most Wired Law Schools," according to a survey published in *The National Jurist* magazine. Law school's information technology resources were evaluated based on six criteria:

**1.**

Use of information technology in courses and classrooms (availability of internal network for faculty/students; percent of courses using advanced online resources; percent of classrooms with half the seats networked);

**2.**

Network access (number of network connections as a percent of enrollment; wireless network access);

**3.**

Student access (Web space for clubs, bulletin boards, online registration and journals, free E-mail);

**4.**

Hardware resources (computer workstations and online research stations, both as a percentage of enrollment; research resources);

**5.**

Career placement resources (web site; job postings and research; links to alumni; interview scheduling; resume posting; e-mail contact; advanced software); and

**6.**

Other resources.

Washburn received high marks for network resources, student access and other resources.

The law school has three computer labs with the largest located on the second floor of the library. It houses a 30-station computer lab that is used to train students and staff on various research services, software, CD-ROM resources and other Internet uses.



A mobile computer lab offers the use of laptops for training sessions, class meetings and workshops. Each of the 20 laptop computers is configured with several software applications and is automatically connected to the Washburn University wireless network for instant Internet access from anywhere in the law school building.

Videoconferencing adds another dimension to the law school's communications. It's used for joint meetings of student organizations with other law schools, trial advocacy remote dispositions, computer and law continuing education, and student job interviews.

## THE FUTURE OF WASHBURN LAW TECHNOLOGY

Never content to be part of the status quo, the Washburn Law technology staff continues to forge ahead with new ideas and concepts to incorporate into the classrooms, courtroom and library services.

With direction from the Library Technology Committee and input from law faculty and students, Washburn Law will continue its efforts to reach a new generations of law students by continually evaluating and implementing relevant legal education technology that enhances the Law School experience for students.

# Final Business Camp Presentation



*From the*



## President

Duke Dupre  
Washburn Law School Association

*Time and Technology – two ever-changing concepts that today seem to be moving faster and faster. I often feel I am behind and will be behind forever. No matter how fast I go, there are times when I just cannot seem to get everything done. I would guess that I have been concerned about “time” since the school bell rang on my second day of school and I was still half-a-block away.*

*The speed at which technology is changing our world is even more frightening. How many upgrades of what was known first as “word processors” and now “PCs” have we seen in the past 20 years, or 10 years, or just the past five years? Each advancement, each “upgraded” version, brought us the promises of more speed, more efficiency, more memory. In a recent seminar, the group was asked to list the items that would disappear in five years. I was surprised at the responses. Included were a couple of Fortune 500 companies, VCRs, movie theaters, paper checks, and the list went on and on. The changes/upgrades to existing technology were even more fascinating.*

*Technology is reshaping the practice of law. The CLE programs are filled with courses dealing with the use and application of technology to the practice of law. Electronic discovery, Internet searches, and electronic court filings are common today. Publications abound promising to help you and your firm “get ahead of the emerging technologies curve and discover the benefits of adopting...” these new information tools.*

*Today’s Washburn University School of Law graduate is well-prepared to meet the challenge of the “emerging technologies curve.” From the classroom, through the Law Library, to the law school’s courtroom, today’s graduates are familiar with the challenges brought on by technology.*

*If you haven’t visited Washburn Law recently, drop by and see these changes; changes that alumni like yourselves have helped become a reality at Washburn Law.*

*The Class of 2006 will be the 100<sup>th</sup> class to graduate from Washburn University School of Law. To usher in the next century, a Centennial Finale will be held May 6, 2006, in Topeka. That would be a great time to make a return visit and see how Washburn Law has changed. I look forward to seeing you in the future.*

*Sincerely,*

*Duke*

# Business and Transactional Law Center Receives \$1 Million Gift

**Norman Pozez '80** recently established the Norman R. Pozez Chair in the Business and Transactional Law Center at Washburn University School of Law. The \$1 million gift by Pozez was announced Dec. 7, 2005, by Dennis R. Honabach, Dean, Washburn University School of Law and Dr. Jerry Farley, President, Washburn University, in the Robinson Courtroom and Bianchino Technology Center at Washburn Law.

The law center chair will permit the law school to attract an additional expert in the field of transactional law to the faculty of Washburn Law.

"The mission of the Business and Transactional Law Center at Washburn University School of Law is to provide today's law students with the analytical tools they will need to succeed as problems solvers, especially in the fields of business and commerce. It is our expectation that students who participate in the Center's activities will distinguish themselves as transactional lawyers and as law-trained leaders in all fields of commerce," said Dean Honabach.

Pozez knew when he entered law school that his future endeavors would lie in the field of business and not in the practice of law. He also realized that a law school education would provide him the best analytical training available. Pozez has since learned how meaningful his legal education has been in his career.

"It has been a tremendous help in the  
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success of my business," stated Pozez, who has compiled a record of considerable success in many fields of business.

In making this gift, Pozez believed it was important to offer students a program that focuses on negotiation and deal making, not just litigation, and the Business and Transactional Law Center does just that.



"This gift will help further facilitate that goal," said Pozez. Pozez agreed to become a member of the founding Board of Advisors for the Business and Transactional Law Center and his advice in that capacity will prove invaluable to the Center.

The success of the Center's programs is dependent upon the School of Law's ability to bring together the best, most accomplished legal scholars in the field of transactional law and the best and brightest students who become the leading problem solvers of the next generation. Pozez realized that to achieve that goal, the Business and Transactional Law Center would require an infusion of new resources. Pozez stepped up and provided a lead gift for that purpose. Pozez has always been a generous supporter of the School of Law through his philanthropic gifts to the Norman R. Pozez Unrestricted Endowed Fund.



Dr. Jerry Farley and Dean Dennis R. Honabach

"I wanted to show my continued support for Washburn University School of Law and the impact that my legal education and the law school has had on my life," said Pozez.

Washburn Law is eternally grateful to Pozez for this newly created chair. This gift comes at a most opportune time as the entire Washburn Law community is in the midst of the law school's Centennial Celebration.

Pozez is a native of Topeka who now lives in Washington, D.C. He is Chairman of the Uniwest Group, LLC, Uniwest Construction, Inc., Uniwest Commercial Realty, Inc., and Uniwest1031, LLC. Previously, he was the Chief Operating Officer of The Hair Cuttery, Falls Church, Va., and is currently on the firm's Board of Advisers. From early 2004 to early 2005, Pozez served as Chairman of the Board of

Fidelity and Trust Corporation. He has also served as a Regional Director of Real Estate and Construction for Payless ShoeSource, a retail company founded by his father, Louis Pozez. During his tenure at Payless and for some years thereafter, Norm Pozez served on the board of directors of Bookstop, Inc., which sold to Barnes and Noble in 1989. Since 1979, Pozez has been an active member of the International Council of Shopping Centers and is a board member of five not-for-profit organizations serving community needs in and around the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. He and his wife, Melinda, have three sons.

# *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.

## **Phil Harley '74 Advocacy Law Fund**



"I am a person who grew up dreaming of becoming a trial lawyer. Washburn University School of Law made my dream a reality and for over 30 years I have been fortunate enough to love how I earn a living. In addition, everyday I have the opportunity to help sick and dying individuals and their families because of the education I received at Washburn University School of Law.

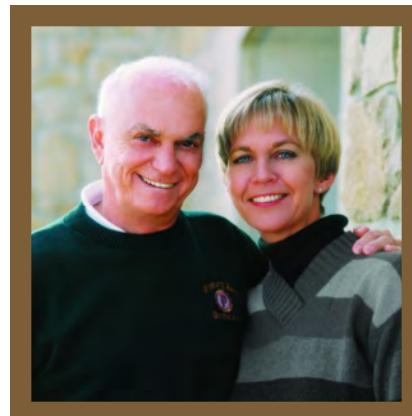
"It is my hope that this endowment will help others attain their dreams and facilitate the education of new lawyers, who aid in the preservation of our jury system."

## **Rita '95 and Gene Bicknell Law Scholarship**

"I'm proud to say I'm a Kansas girl. I was born, raised and educated in Kansas. I was blessed with the opportunity to attend Washburn University School of Law as a non-traditional student, following a career with Kansas Power and Light Company.

"Since graduation, Gene and I have supported scholarships at Washburn Law annually and believe that many outstanding and qualified students would miss the opportunity of attending Washburn Law without the aid of scholarships.

"We decided to establish an endowment for our scholarship fund, which will benefit countless students in the future. Our goal is simple: to enable Washburn University School of Law to offer, to fellow Kansans, a chance to receive a first rate legal education and the necessary training for a successful future."



# *Leading* by Example...

## RECENT ENDOWMENTS



### **Paul '75 and Jeanne Hoferer Law Scholarship**

"I graduated from Washburn Law School 30 years ago and have been fortunate to spend those 30 years representing the Santa Fe and the BNSF railroads in a career that has fulfilled all the dreams and expectations I had on graduation day in 1975. On this 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, I am happy to be able to endow a scholarship directed at students attending law school while they support a family."

"When I started law school in 1972, I was a veteran, married with one child, and primarily concerned with supporting my family. The faculty and administration at Washburn offered wonderful support and encouragement, but there were few scholarships available for students who hadn't matriculated through college on a traditional path. In creating this scholarship, I hope to make it a little easier for a student with a family to make the decision to attend law school and to choose Washburn Law. As I reflect on my education and 30 years of law practice, I can say, without reservation, that my degree from Washburn Law was worth more than the 'price' and the benefits have been 'priceless.'

"I encourage my classmates and other Washburn Law alums to share the fruit of their success by creating scholarships and supporting educational programs at Washburn Law."

### **M.Kathryn Webb '83 Law Scholarship Fund**

"I know that the excellent education I received at Washburn University School of Law has opened many doors for me and provided opportunities that I could not have enjoyed otherwise. I hope to contribute to the richness of the lives of future lawyers with this endowed fund. In the words of Winston Churchill, 'We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.'"



### **John R. '84 and Kristina D. Dietrick Law Scholarship**



"It is with a wonderful sense of gratitude and heartfelt appreciation that my wife, Kristina, and I have chosen to create the John and Kristina Dietrick Law Scholarship for the benefit of future Washburn Law students."

"As with many Washburn Law graduates, the law school served as a pivotal point for me in my professional development, and the knowledge I obtained continues to benefit me today in my business practices. I am genuinely indebted for the excellent education I received from a truly remarkable faculty. This scholarship is my way of thanking the law school, the faculty and my fellow classmates for an extraordinary educational experience."

# *Giving Back...*

## *Donor Honor Roll*

July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005

### **C O R R E C T I O N S**

Washburn Law wishes to express its sincerest regret for several incorrect entries in the Donor Honor Roll for July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005. The following alumni of Washburn Law were misrepresented in the categories of giving. Listed below are those alumni with their correct level of giving. Washburn Law wishes to express our regret in the printing error and our sincerest apology to those alumni who were incorrectly listed.

#### **Dean's Cabinet \$10,000 +**

Donald D. '65 & Margorie A. Barry  
Steven G. '73 & Janet M. Cooper  
Paul R. '75 & Jeanne M. Hoferer

#### **Dean's Advisors \$5,000 - \$9,999.99**

Michael L. Snider '85

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- Winston Churchill



# Summer 2005 Business Camp Participants





# Ron Pope '84

## Alumni

studying Theology at Ottawa University in Kansas. "Because I wanted to play football and their team was 'horrible', I decided to go to Emporia State University instead," Pope said. Pope played football and graduated with a bachelor's degree from Emporia in 1980. After graduation, he considered medical school but thought the program was too long and difficult. He decided instead, to become an attorney and applied only to Washburn Law.

Pope attended law school with his then wife, Judy. "I worked to make us money, and Judy is the one who got both of us, especially me, through law school." Pope was a commercial pilot and flew an air ambulance and still flies today. He has taught more than 1,000 students to fly.

Through law school, Pope wasn't sure what area he wanted to practice or the direction his career would take. Pope said he fell into trial work in medical malpractice and personal injury. As he quoted Harry Potter, "The wizard does not choose the wand, the wand chooses the wizard." I was fortunate and had some early success. The area of law chose me." Pope practices in the area of medical malpractice, personal injury product liability. He handles some general practice work "if friends or family need assistance, or if someone needs legal representation and can't afford help elsewhere. Then I do general practice work." Pope is quick to point out the interesting coincidence that he once considered med school, but ended up practicing law in an area that focuses on medical issues.

Pope wholeheartedly believes that practicing law is "the most fun thing you can do." He loves to go to work every day and finds each day challenging and rewarding. Pope believes he has been "blessed" with finding a career that he loves and enjoys and one where he has been fortunate enough to be successful. He describes a day of practice as "organized anarchy – it is organized chaos." Pope believes his success comes not from always being able to out-think opposing counsel, but definitely being able to out-work them; words he fondly remembers hearing from Judge Terry Bullock during law school.

Pope is quick to point out that he doesn't like to talk about his verdicts. "I have had some million dollar verdicts and some zero dollar verdicts. It's not about what you won or received in the past. Maybe another attorney would have received more, maybe someone else would

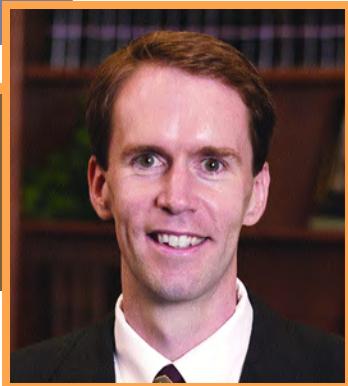
have gotten less. What matters is what you are doing today, right now, for your client. Your past verdicts have nothing to do with your client's current case. Therefore talking about big cases does not serve a useful purpose," said Pope.

Working with people and helping them with real problems is what Pope finds rewarding. "These are real people with real problems. Their lives have been turned upside down, and for some it is the decision to buy prescriptions or food, or the decision to provide one child with an operation or let the family eat. I have the opportunity to help these people during their darkest moments and it feels wonderful."

Pope is an adjunct professor at Washburn Law who has taught Pre-Trial Procedure, Trial Advocacy, Litigation Strategies and has lectured on nearly every subject in the clinic. Pope engages his students in class. If they won't come to him, he goes to them. "In class everyone sits at the back. I like to walk around, but since the classrooms are set up so I can't walk around among the students and interact with them, I walk on top of the desks." Pope loves teaching and the interaction with law students. "Washburn Law has a great quality of students who are thirsty for knowledge; that makes it fun to teach," he said.

Pope believes Washburn Law turns out the best trial lawyers. "I have tried cases in over 13 states with some of the best attorneys, in some of the biggest and so-called most prestigious firms, in New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles. Some of the most competent and most respectful attorneys come from the Midwest. We are lucky to have that reputation here," said Pope. He is also quick to point out that not only does the law school have a great full-time faculty, but they have adjunct professors who are certainly in the top five percent of trial lawyers, not only in the region, but nationally. "You have people like Tom Wright '64, Mike Francis '75, Curt Waugh '87 and Wayne Stratton '58, just to name a few, teaching law students. It is no wonder Washburn Law turns out so many successful trial lawyers."

Pope, by all definition has a passion for what he does and for the people he serves. He is a strong advocate for Washburn Law and the advocacy programs it provides its students. He is a successful trial lawyer and appreciates every day that he works at what he loves. Pope is also committed to and proud of his family, wife Shawna, and children RJ, 17, Harley, 4, and Jett, 1.



# Professor Alex Glashausser

## Faculty

mother who was an artist and a father who was, and still is, a physicist, more than likely paved the way for Alex Glashausser to enter the teaching profession as well. "I grew up in a family where both parents taught. I think that from a young age I had the idea in my brain that what one did in life was become a grownup and then teach. Their evident professional satisfaction made it seem like a natural path to take," said Glashausser.

Prior to law school, and after graduating in 1990 with a bachelor's degree from Harvard, Glashausser went to Tokyo. While there he studied at the Yoshida Institute of Japanese Language and taught English. Subsequently, Glashausser studied the Japanese legal system at Santa Clara University School of Law's Institute of International and Comparative Law, in Tokyo, and interned at Ishii Law Office.

Glashausser then went to Duke University School of Law where he was Executive Editor of the *Duke Law Journal*. After graduating from Duke in 1995, Glashausser clerked for the Honorable Albert J. Engel, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, in Grand Rapids, Mich. He then became a Litigation Associate at Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, L.L.P. in Ohio. While in Ohio, he was also an Adjunct Professor at Ohio State University College of Law before joining Washburn University School of Law in the fall of 1999.

Glashausser has pushed himself his entire life. He decided to leave home and go away to college. He then decided to expand his horizons after undergraduate school and live in Japan. Without anyone pushing him, he attended law school. Once out of law school and practicing law Glashausser felt he had hit a dead-end road, especially when he saw partners in the firm who had been doing the same work for 30 years. At that point, he realized he didn't have the passion for practicing law that he wanted to display in his work, so again, he took steps to do something different. Glashausser ultimately found himself teaching at Washburn Law.

Glashausser is a natural at teaching; it is his passion. While an adjunct teacher at Ohio State and working at his law firm, he remembers opening his E-mail one day. There was one from a client and one from a law student. "I had no desire to respond to the client's message, even though, of course, I had to. But I couldn't wait to respond to the student's message. It was then that I realized I had to leave the firm and go into full-time teaching," he said.

Growing up with parents who were teachers, a

He believes the most important aspect of being a professor is to show students how to be comfortable with the uncertainty of the law and the ways to deal with those uncertainties. "They should be able to approach a legal situation, learn what there is to learn about it, and construct arguments of why the situation ought to be resolved in one way or another," Glashausser said.

For Glashausser, preparation is key for the law. "It may not be glamorous, but neither is falling on your face. If you prepare for things as much as reasonably possible, then even if they don't work out, you won't kick yourself for what you might have done," he said. He believes learning the law is like learning a new language. "It doesn't come all at once, but if you work hard and are willing to dive in and make mistakes, you can eventually meet and even exceed your goals."

"Seeing the transformation of students who begin law school unsure of themselves and of legal terminology, to student's who graduate with the confidence that they are ready to succeed," is what gives Glashausser the most satisfaction. "When I hear from alums who have been out of school for a few years and they tell me about the value of some point I got them to learn in class, well, that's where the big payoff for me is personally," he said.

Glashausser teaches Civil Procedure, Remedies and Torts and is active with several student organizations. Along with Professor Steve Ramirez, Glashausser proudly boasts maintaining an undefeated record in 2-on-2 basketball with students. Albeit he confesses they use the Ramirez "home court rules" to their advantage, but "only because our forceful arguments about interpretations of the rules have persuaded the judge (who happens to be Ramirez)."

In June 2006, Glashausser will become the new Associate Dean at Washburn Law replacing Professor Bill Rich who will return to teaching fulltime. Glashausser is unsure what to expect of his new position but quickly states, "Going into the unknown is always a challenge, but it's also what makes people grow – which is where the reward is."

"Personally, I'm just happy that I still have the passion for teaching that drew me to this profession. I hope to be saying the same thing 30 years from now."

# Center for Excellence in Advocacy

This fall, the Center for Excellence in Advocacy launched programs for improving litigation skills and studying the profession of the advocate. It continued the lunchtime lecture series featuring skill demonstrations, educational talks and informal meetings with outstanding lawyers; it hosted the Kansas Court of Appeals as they held oral arguments at the law school; the third Building the Mitigation Case Death Penalty Defense Conference was held in November 2005; and Professor Dan Manville, a litigator and law clinic instructor at Wayne State University and a nationally known expert in prisoner rights, was the Advocate in Residence.

The Center continued its educational alliance with the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA). In September 2005, the second joint Washburn Law-NITA Deposition Skills Training Program was held. The Center also sent a trial advocacy competition team to Santa Fe, N.M., to compete in the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Invitational Trial Advocacy Tournament.

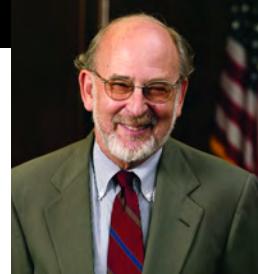
Other trial advocacy, negotiation, client counseling and moot court teams will compete during the spring semester. These teams are coached by law school faculty and practitioners. The joint effort of faculty and practitioners (overwhelmingly alumni) fuel and sustain the Center's energy and success. The enthusiastic work of these alums enable the law school to host the National Trial Competition Regional Advocacy rounds in Topeka, which bring law school advocacy teams from across the Midwest to Topeka. Judges and lawyers from across the state will join the Center in making the trial competition a success. The tournament was coordinated by law students, James Orth '06 and Lindsey Patmon '07, and was held February 9 through 11, 2006.

In April, Washburn Law and the Center will again host a visit of a panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit who will hear arguments in the Robinson Courtroom and Bianchino Technology Center.

One significant program the Center hosted was the Western Kansas Public Service Lawyers Outreach Program in Hays, Kan., from October 14 through 17, 2005. The enthusiasm generated by the Eastern Kansas Program last summer was so strong that Washburn Law headed to the western region of the state to continue its outreach training. The Public Service Lawyers Outreach Advocacy Training



Professor Michael Kaye



Program is a public service of Washburn Law Center for Excellence in Advocacy and NITA.

It is designed to provide participants a quick and effective way to improve their courtroom skills. The emphasis of the program is based on "learning by doing."

Public Service Lawyers Outreach is designed to reach public sector litigators who are unable to attend trial advocacy training seminars because of the high tuition rate usually charged by these programs. Recognizing the importance of training persuasive advocates working in public service, Washburn Law and NITA agreed to offer advocacy training free of charge to public service lawyers. Many from the western portion of the state may not be able to travel to Topeka for training, so Washburn Law scheduled two outreach programs; one in western Kansas and one in eastern Kansas.

The Ellis County Commissioners and District Judge Tom Toepfer '75 allowed the program to use the courthouse for the final bench trial. Additionally, the law firm of Glassman, Bird, Braun and Schwartz provided the conference room in their new law offices for faculty training before the program began. Twenty lawyers participated in the program. Volunteer faculty for the program were from Hays, Colby, Olathe, Topeka and a few from out of state. The lead trainers were Bill Ossmann '77 and Major Chris Behan of the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General Trial School located in Charlottesville, Va. Other program faculty included Byron Cerrillo '74, Mike McCulloch, Carol Cline, Don Hoffman '77, Glenn Braun '81, John Bird '74, Paul Oller '86, Cal Williams '78 and Dave Starkey '75. Participants in the program included county attorneys, public defenders, assistant attorneys general and lawyers for state agencies.



Ellis County Courthouse



Cal Williams '78

and receive feedback for improvement. Each time a participant performs, the instructor makes suggestions to help the participant become a more effective advocate. Suggestions are constructive and include specific recommendations to help improve the participant's presentation to be more successful in representing his or her side of the case. Performances are videotaped and later individually reviewed with the participant. Program sessions and workshops were held on the campus of Ft. Hays State University. The state-of-the-art facilities allowed the program to use video, PowerPoint and document cameras to enhance the presentations.

Program participants are grouped together based on their areas of practice. Instructors are prosecutors, public defenders, and governmental agency lawyers. All of the exercises are conducted in a courtroom setting simulating an actual trial. Courtroom attire is required of all participants so that simulations are as realistic as possible.

The focus of the program is to gain experience in using basic trial skills: openings and closings, direct and cross examination, offering and using exhibits and communication skills lawyers need in the courtroom. Simulated cases are selected that have a fact pattern similar to what many lawyers in public service see regularly. Participants choose a case theory and the case is tried in a courtroom as a bench trial at the end of the program.

A typical program day begins at 8 a.m. with a 30-minute meeting of all program instructors. Participants and instructors then meet in plenary sessions for a brief discussion of the day's educational objectives. Participants then break into groups to perform as direct or cross examiner. Faculty demonstrate a trial skill, which will be performed later that day. Another group session follows using drills on objections. The program continues through the afternoon on other skills techniques such as impeachment and redirect examination. Wrap-up for the day is at 6 p.m. Participants then work with mentors or on

Faculty in the program use a number of different teaching techniques. Instructors demonstrate each important trial skill and explain the purpose behind each skill demonstration. Participants perform that skill in group break-out sessions

their own to prepare for the next day's exercises. The intensive practice over a two-day training period concluding with a bench trial on the third day is a valuable, confidence-building experience. Teams of two faculty members assigned to a breakout group provide participants the needed attention to develop persuasive case theories and useful case strategies.

By faculty providing helpful feedback on participant's skill performance, direct examinations became smoother, cross examiners made their points swiftly while clearly keeping control of the witness, openings were factually and legitimately persuasive without being argumentative, and closings addressed key points in the case.

Participant evaluations and satisfaction with the program were high. One participant wrote:

"The bench trials were a valuable part of the training seminar. After learning about all the individual parts of the trial, it only makes sense to put it all together and conclude with a bench trial. The bench trials give the students a feel for the speed, complexity, and uncertainty of a real trial. In the practice sessions on the individual topics, students get to practice the drills without worrying about anything else, but in the bench trial, students must do everything at once ... listen to the testimony, take notes, make notes about additional questions for cross, and object ... just like a real trial. This, in and of itself, presents a new aspect of trial work that is not otherwise covered in the lectures/drills. It is invaluable. Thanks so much to you and everyone else for the training. It was a great experience!"

Alumni support makes Washburn Law's outreach programs a successful and stimulating educational experience. Cal Williams recruited faculty with hands-on experience in trying cases, experience that was relevant to the needs and aspirations of the participants. The firm of Glassman, Bird, Braun and Schwartz made the faculty training session a success, and Bill Ossmann provided incredible energy, talent and administrative ability to the success of the program.



Bill Ossmann '77

Look for Washburn Law to provide additional training programs later this year.

If you wish to learn more about the Center or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Director, Professor Michael Kaye, at 670-1370 or [michael.kaye@washburn.edu](mailto:michael.kaye@washburn.edu)

# Business & Transactional Law Center

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Professor Steve Ramirez



## 2005 WASHBURN LAW BUSINESS CAMP: PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BUSINESS AND LEGAL COMMUNITY ENHANCES LEGAL EDUCATION

The Business and Transactional Law Center (BTLC) is a partnership of the law school, alumni, and the business and legal communities. The 2005 Washburn Law Business Camp is an example of the potential this partnership creates. In this inaugural event, 19 law students and 24 business and legal professionals participated in a week-long intensive program. The students visited the business offices of several local businesses, received instruction from numerous community legal and business professionals, worked in groups on a sophisticated business acquisition problem and presented the results of their efforts to corporate officers of AmerUs Annuities Group.

### THE BUSINESS CAMP CONCEPT

It is sometimes difficult to pinpoint the source of an idea. Business Camp is no exception. Those who direct in the BTLC are constantly looking for ways to improve its program offerings. One place the Center looks for ideas is other centers at the law school. The Center for Excellence in Advocacy is a pioneer in offering programs to law students. Multiple times each year, it offers a week-long intensive trial program (appropriately called Intensive Trial Advocacy Program or ITAP). Recognizing ITAP's success, the BTLC began thinking of possible week-long business and transactional law programs, hatching the idea of Business Camp. The goal of Business Camp was to offer an intensive week-long program immediately prior to the fall semester that focused on the business and accounting concepts, instead of legal issues. To make Business Camp successful the Center need-

ed help from partners outside of the law school. In considering possible partners, Chris Conroy '98, Assistant Counsel at AmerUs Annuity Group and someone who had participated in other BTLC events in prior years, seemed to be a perfect fit. With a law degree, MBA, extensive corporate experience and proximity to the law school, Conroy was an ideal choice to help brainstorm about Business Camp and help get the program off the ground.

During the initial meeting, Conroy indicated that other alumni at AmerUs Annuity Group, Mark Heitz '77, CEO, and Mike Miller '91, General Counsel, also wanted to help make Business Camp a success. Conroy offered to prepare a case study of an acquisition, make available the corporate headquarters of AmerUs Annuities for an entire day and organize a mock board of directors to listen to the student presentations of the case. With this support, Business Camp had a foundation to build upon. From the foundation provided by Conroy and AmerUs Annuities, the Center began to contact other business and

legal professionals to help complete an impressive roster of instructors.

Incidentally, Conroy announced on the first day of Business Camp that AmerUs Annuities Group would present a plaque and a \$1,000 cash prize to the team that did the best job of analyzing and presenting the case study.



Chris Conroy '98, Mark Hammond, Mark Heitz '77 and Janet Sipes

### THE BUSINESS CAMP STUDENTS

Some of Washburn Law's most talented students participated in Business Camp. Most of the Business Camp students intend to become business and transactional lawyers. Some, however, realized the benefit business knowledge would provide in a litigation practice and attended Business Camp to obtain that extra knowledge. Because this was the inaugural Business Camp enrollment was limited to 20 students. That number allowed the program to

have four teams of five, allowing each team member to make significant contributions to the team project and allowing the teams adequate time to present to the mock board of directors. It so happened that 20 students applied, and after one had to forgo Business Camp because of a family illness, 19 students ultimately participated.

One aspect of Business Camp that most reflected practice was the time pressure the schedule imposed. Each of the first three days of Business Camp was booked from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. with instruction sessions. Somewhere between all of the sessions, teams had to find time to meet to analyze the case study and prepare their presentations. Despite the time pressure, the students did an excellent job analyzing the problem and presenting their recommendations. They received excellent reviews from the mock board of directors.

The work effort and commitment demonstrated by the Business Camp students are indicative of the type of students at Washburn Law. Each student attended Business Camp voluntarily knowing they would receive no academic credit for their participation. Without academic credit or grades to motivate them, the students put in tremendous effort and produced an excellent product. The students' effort demonstrates their interest in learning and their competitive natures, which will serve them well as future lawyers.

### THE BUSINESS CAMP INSTRUCTORS

The Center's objectives in contacting instructors were to (1) create an instructor roster of people who do not teach at the law school and (2) line up a roster of instructors with varied experiences and backgrounds. Many very talented professionals donated time to help achieve those objectives. As the list of instructors and topics covered demonstrate, not only did the instructors generally come from practice, they represent the best professional talent and a cross-section of the business community that transactional lawyers often encounter in practice. They were business executives from large and small companies, attorneys, accountants, bankers, trust officers, actuaries, government officials and entrepreneurs. Being exposed to these professionals, law students were able to learn the substantive material presented and rub shoulders with the type of professionals with whom they will be practicing very shortly.

The Center thanks the instructors for the time they donated to Business Camp. Some drove from



Business Camp at Payless ShoeSource

Kansas City, Wichita and even Denver to participate. The Center also thanks Susan Tucker '92 from Payless ShoeSource, and Stephen Page '77 and Daryl Craft '77, from GTrust for inviting students to their headquarters for some of the Business Camp sessions. The contribution of time and resources made Business Camp possible.

### BUSINESS CAMP IN REVIEW

Feedback received from students and instructors indicates that the inaugural Business Camp was successful. Students said it was a considerable amount of work but that they learned from the experience. They also appreciated the opportunity to interact with professionals. Some of the students made contacts that led to job interviews. All of them had the opportunity to spend time in the business environment and prepare themselves for situations that will arise in law practice. The instructors, after donating their time and resources to make Business Camp a success, indicated they enjoyed the experience and appreciated the opportunity to serve.

### LOOKING AHEAD

The Center learned much from the inaugural Business Camp, perhaps most significant is that when Washburn Law partners with alumni, other lawyers and the business community, great things can happen for students. In the future, Business Camp and other BTLC programs will continue to be a success as Washburn Law's dedicated alumni and others in the community join together to provide quality programs for Washburn Law students. Efforts in this direction continue to make Washburn Law a great law school.

If any Washburn Law alum would like to get involved with the Center, please contact Steve Ramirez at 785-670-1668 or [steven.ramirez@washburn.edu](mailto:steven.ramirez@washburn.edu) or Brad Borden at 785-670-1857 or [brad.borden@washburn.edu](mailto:brad.borden@washburn.edu). We look forward to hearing from you, and thank you in advance for your continuing support.

Professor Linda Elrod



# Children & Family Law Center

## THE 18TH ANNUAL FAMILY LAW INSTITUTE

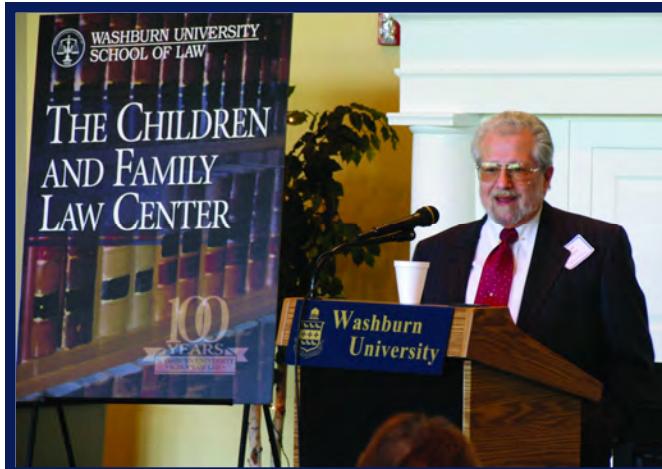
The Washburn Law Children and Family Law Center held its 18th Annual Family Law Institute Friday, Sept. 16, 2005. The program examined the problem of "no fault" divorce with "at fault" people. The law appears to be fault neutral, however the participants do not always see it that way. The program explored the various types of tort actions available to divorcing parties and looked at the use of negligent and intentional infliction of emotional distress in family systems.

In addition, as families have become more fragmented and varied, children also have tort action possibilities. The program looked at torts and causes of action from the child's perspective and discussed current proposals for representation of children.

Regarding children, one of the most complex and controversial topics is the issue of relocation. Across the country, appellate decisions are looking at the appropriate legal standards to apply in relocation cases. In addition, the program also discussed the increased complexity of family law and how it requires lawyers to stay abreast of malpractice issues.

Two nationally recognized experts presented during the program. Professor Robert Spector, the Glenn Watson Centennial Professor of Law and Legal Director of the Interdisciplinary Graduate Training Program in the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect at the University of Oklahoma, keynoted the program with his presentation, "The World of Marital Torts."

Spector served as the Reporter for the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act and as Deputy Head of the United State's Delegation to the Hague Convention on Private International Law's Special Commission on the Protection of Incapacitated Adults. He also serves as an Expert Member of the United State's Delegation to the Hague Convention on



Professor Robert Spector

Private International Law's Special Diplomatic Commissions for the Convention on the Protection of Minors. He is a member of the Governing Council of the American Bar Association Family Law Section where he chaired the Committee on Marital Torts and served as Vice-chair of the Law School Curriculum Committee. He has published more than 80 articles on family law.

Ann Haralambie, a Certified Family Law Specialist in private practice in Tucson, Ariz., explained the numerous tort actions available to children and discussed new proposals for lawyers who represent children. Haralambie's practice is restricted to family and juvenile cases, with an emphasis on custody and child abuse. She is a former President of the National Association of Counsel for Children, and charter life member of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children. She founded and serves as President of the Arizona Association of Counsel for Children. She has authored four books on representing children and parents.

Several Washburn Law faculty also presented. Distinguished Professor Linda Elrod discussed, "Balancing the Interests of Parents and Children in Relocation Cases." Professor Sheila Reynolds presented recent cases on lawyer malpractice, and Professor Robert Rhee discussed the intentional and negligent infliction of emotional distress in family matters. Family law students also had the opportunity to meet with both Spector and Haralambie in small group sessions during lunch. The 18<sup>th</sup> Family Law Institute which was held on the Washburn University campus had more than 45 participants.

## OTHER CENTER NEWS

In addition to the Institute, the Family Law Student Society, under the leadership of Dallas Bauer '06, Stefanie Benson '06 and Sara Martin '06, brought in numerous speakers throughout the semester who participated in the lunch time learning series in the Children and Family Law Center.

During the fall semester, 16 law students served on the student staff for the *Family Law Quarterly*, a publication of the American Bar Association Family Law Section, which is edited at Washburn

Law. The issues this year included a special issue on domestic violence, a comparative custody symposium detailing the custody laws in countries on five continents and a symposium on assisted reproductive technologies.

In addition, the Washburn Law Clinic offered 20 students "hands on" experience with family law cases and live clients. Professors Aliza Organick, Lynette Petty and Sheila Reynolds each supervised several interns working on family law cases. In November, Rachel Pirner and Scott Curry '97 presented a

moot court-type of presentation of their argument on a case.

A variety of opportunities existed for students to learn about and become involved in family law activities throughout the semester. In addition to several family law specialty courses and clinic opportunities, students were encouraged to become involved by watching court cases, attending continuing education programs and meeting with alumni and family law practitioners.

In January 2006, 30 students completed a course in child advocacy to prepare them to be effective advocates for children and to provide high quality legal representation of child clients. In addition, the Children and Family Law Center hopes to start a Child Advocacy Fellows Program to attract students interested in child and family advocacy.

To learn more about the Center, or to volunteer, contact Director, Professor Linda Elrod at 785-670-1838 or [linda.elrod@washburn.edu](mailto:linda.elrod@washburn.edu)



Ann Haralambie

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## WASHBURN LAW CLINIC CELEBRATES 35TH ANNIVERSARY

The weekend after Labor Day, alumni of the Washburn Law Clinic gathered to celebrate the Clinic's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary. When the clinical program at Washburn was unveiled in 1970, clinical legal education was not yet a widely embraced method of teaching at law schools. However, Washburn Law staked its claim as a pioneer in legal education by committing itself to the practical benefits of teaching law students by giving them the opportunity to represent real people in real cases. Thirty-five years later, clinical legal education is recognized as an important part of a quality law school education.

Since the Clinic is renowned for teaching practical knowledge, the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary event commenced with a complimentary CLE program presented by Clinic Director John Francis and Professor Sheila Reynolds. After the instructional component, alumni and friends of the Clinic gathered at the Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center to reminisce about days spent in the Law Clinic. A dinner and program of speakers followed.

Highlights of the evening included comments from Professor Concannon and two Law Clinic alumni. Concannon, the Law School's historian, spoke about the history of the Law Clinic and the important national role Washburn Law played in the early days of clinical legal education. Concannon recognized the vision and hard work of two men who were integral in the Clinic's early successes, Professors Raymond Spring and Don Rowland. Surviving family members of Spring and Rowland were in attendance as the assembly hon-

ored both men for their important contributions to the Washburn Law Clinic.

Two alumni also on the evening's slate of speakers were Billy Rork '79 and Teri Canfield-Eye '02. Rork spoke about how his participation in the Clinic during its earliest days influenced the work he currently does. He also noted the important role that the Law Clinic plays in preparing Washburn Law students to practice law and in serving the legal needs of the Topeka community. Canfield-Eye punctuated this point by sharing her Clinic experience of arguing an important legal issue before the Kansas Supreme Court on behalf of a Clinic client. When Canfield-Eye argued the case, she was reportedly the only law student given permission to appear before Kansas' high court.



Teri Canfield-Eye '02

The evening concluded with dancing to music of a live band and more opportunity to visit with friends. Thanks go out to Clinic Coordinator Debi Schrock, whose great planning and organizational skills helped make the event run smoothly. Thanks also to all the alumni and friends of the Clinic, whose participation in the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary event made the evening a huge success.

## THE MIDWEST CONFERENCE ON CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION COMES TO WASHBURN

The Law Clinic hosted another major event in fall 2005. In early October, law clinic Professors from across the region and the nation came to Washburn Law to learn from each other, share teaching techniques and discuss the future of clinical education. The event, which brought them to Topeka, was the annual Midwest Conference on Clinical Legal Education.



Dr. Toni Johnson, University of Kansas, Professor Bridgett Carr, Ave Maria School of Law, Professors Lynette Petty and Aliza Organick, Washburn Law.

The theme of this year's conference was "Carrying *Brown's* Legacy Forward: Justice, Service, Teaching." The conference focused on how law school clinical programs can use their unique position in legal communities to help carry forward the promise of social and economic justice embodied in the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision. Speakers at the conference specifically addressed teaching methods that facilitate obtaining justice for diverse client populations.

The first panel, which was anchored by Professors Aliza Organick and Lynette Petty, addressed methods that can be used to increase cross-cultural understanding in the clinical class room and in the court room. Also on the panel were Bridgette Carr from Ave Maria School of Law and Toni Johnson from the University of Kansas School of Social Work. Keeping with the theme of the conference and tying into Washburn Law's commitment to integrating skills with theory, the second panel, headed by Professor Sheila Reynolds, addressed how to teach law students storytelling as an advocacy skill. Judith Fox from Notre Dame Law School and Kim Thomas from the University of Michigan School of Law were also presenters.

The keynote speaker of the conference, Professor Victor Goode, from CUNY Law School, is a highly respected clinical professor and advocate for fair housing. With issues such as access to education and economic opportunity being tied to housing issues, Professor Goode was an especially poignant speaker.

The final conference panel traced the shared history of legal services initiatives and clinical legal education, also addressing how law clinics can carry the ideals of *Brown* into the 21<sup>st</sup> century for our students and communities. Professor Janet Thompson Jackson moderated this panel. Other presenters on the panel were Bryan Adamson

from the University of Seattle School of Law, Sandy Ogilvy from Catholic University School of Law and Kim O'Leary from Thomas Cooley Law School.

Conference events wrapped up with a tour of the *Brown v. Board of Education* National Historic Site. Attendees of the conference carried home to their institutions important information on promoting clinical legal education and helping underserved people in their communities with their legal needs.

### **WASHBURN LAUNCHES THE SMALL BUSINESS AND TRANSACTION CLINIC**

Consistent with Washburn's history of being on the leading edge of the clinical legal education, this fall the Clinic unveiled a new program which provides real world experience in transactional matters. Underscoring the theme promoted at the Midwest Clinical Conference, this new clinical program promotes economic justice in the Topeka community. The Small Business and Transactional Clinic, which is headed by Professor Janet Thompson Jackson, accomplishes this by providing legal assistance and counseling in the areas of business and transactional law to qualifying for-profit entities, community associations, and non-profit organizations. Qualifying businesses and organizations include those that are financially disadvantaged and those located in or providing services to underrepresented communities.

The Transactional Clinic's opening semester provided its four legal interns with the opportunity to work on a variety of client projects including the incorporation of a nonprofit organization and assisting with its application for tax-exempt status, drafting formation documents and operating agreements for limited liability companies, and giving presentations to Chamber of Commerce and Washburn Small Business Development Center clients on choice of legal entity. Projects for the spring semester include assisting a client with obtaining copyright protection for a design, and counseling a client on the purchase of an existing business.

For more information on the Law Clinic, contact Director, Professor John Francis, at 785-670-1191 or [john.francis@washburn.edu](mailto:john.francis@washburn.edu)

## 1930's

**Keith F. Quail '37**, Prescott, Ariz., died Oct. 6, 2005, at the age of 92. While in law school, Quail served as law clerk to the presiding judge of U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals and law clerk to a justice of the Kansas Supreme Court. Immediately after law school, he moved to Albuquerque, N.M., where he became law clerk to Judge Sam Bratton, the Chief Judge of the U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. Quail became a tax trial attorney for the New Mexico Bureau of Revenue and also entered the private practice of law. In 1937 he moved to Prescott, Ariz., to establish the law firm of Favour and Quail. From Oct. 1, 1947 to Jan. 1, 1999, Quail practiced law in Prescott. He was President of the Yavapai County Bar, served on the Board of Directors of the Arizona State Bar and was President of the Arizona State Bar from 1956 to 1957. Quail was Arizona State Chairman of American Trial Lawyers Association, a fellowship member in the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and fellowship member of the International Society of Barristers.

## 1940's

**Charles W. Hill '48**, Charlotte, N.C., died Oct. 11, 2005, at the age of 84. Hill graduated from Washburn Law *cum laude* in 1948 and entered private practice in Pittsburg, Kan. He also served as Deputy County Attorney. He served on the staff of The Judge Advocate General in Washington, D.C., during the Korean War and after active duty, he became Counsel to the Atomic Energy Commission at Paducah, Ky. and later Chief Counsel to the agency, The Energy Research and Development Agency, and to the Department of Energy at Oak Ridge, Tenn. Upon retirement from the Federal Service in 1979, Hill became Counsel and later General Counsel of Battelle Memorial Institute's Pacific Northwest Division at Richland, Wash. He was Special Counsel to Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus, Ohio, in 1987, from which he ultimately retired in 1989.

**Charles W. McDermott '48**, Colorado Springs, Colo., died Sept. 5, 2005, at the age of 82. McDermott was an attorney for several affiliated oil and gas companies in Wichita, Denver, Colorado Springs and Houston including Colorado Interstate Gas and Coastal States Gas Company. He entered private practice in Denver in 1976, eventually leading the natural resource department of Gorsuch Kirgis. He retired as President of Salmon Resources, a division of Shell Canada in 1992.

**Norbert R. Dreiling '49**, Hays, Kan., died Aug. 1, 2005, at the age of 80. Dreiling was Senior Partner in the law firm of Dreiling, Bieker and Hoffman in Hays, Kan. He served two terms as Ellis County Attorney, served as Kansas State Democratic Chairman from 1966 to 1974 and led several delegations to National Democratic Conventions. Dreiling served on the Washburn Law School Board of Governors.

## 1960's

**The Honorable Charles "Chuck" A. Elliott III '65**, Olathe, Kan., died Dec. 1, 2005, at the age 66. Elliott was elected Magistrate Judge in Johnson County, Kan., in 1968 and 1972 and Associate District Judge, Johnson County, Kan., in 1976. He was also involved in legal practice in Mission, Kan., Kansas City, Mo., and Olathe, Kan. and was Assistant General Counsel for Marion Laboratories from 1980 to 82, Kansas City, Mo. Since 1988 Charles served as a Hearing Officer for District Court, Johnson County, Kan. He was admitted to the state and federal courts of Kansas; the Supreme Court of the United States and the state and federal courts of Missouri. Elliott was a member of the American, Missouri, Kansas and Johnson County Bar associations, Association of Trial Lawyers of America and Kansas Trial Lawyer's Association.

**Bill V. Hampton, Jr. '65** Pratt, Kan., died July 14, 2005, at the age of 66. Hampton was a lifetime Pratt resident, practicing law with the firm of Hampton and Hampton and was a retired municipal court judge.

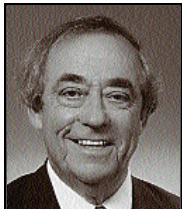


**John C. Tillotson '65,** Leavenworth, Kan., died Nov. 4, 2005, at the age of 86. Tillotson was a lawyer in Leavenworth having practiced there for 40 years. He served as Leavenworth County Attorney from 1969 to 71 and served as a part-time U.S. Magistrate Judge from

1981 to 1997. Tillotson served on the Washburn Law School Association Board of Governors and the Kansas Bar Association Board of Governors. He was a fellow of the Kansas Bar Foundation and a member of the Kansas Judicial Council Criminal Code Advisory Committee. He served as Vice President and President Elect of the Kansas Bar Association. In 1994 he received the KBA Outstanding Service Award and in 2005 received its Lifetime Service Award.

## 1970's

**Stephen J. Curtis '75**, Tulsa, Okla., died Aug. 17, 2005, at the age of 61. Curtis served in the U.S. Air Force as Captain and had commanded the Titan II missile. He was a professional tax attorney with both CPA and JD credentials.



**Daniel J. Severt '75**, Wichita, Kan., died December 16, 2005, at the age of 61. Severt received both his undergraduate degree and law degree from Washburn University. Severt was a partner in the law firm of Severt & Severt with his wife, Shoko. Severt was

heavily involved in negotiation, arbitration and mediation in a variety of civil areas. Severt has served on the Board of Governors of the Wichita Bar Association, Kansas Trial Lawyers Association, Kansas Bar Association and the Wichita Bar Foundation. Severt served as President of the Wichita Bar Association from 1993 to 1994 and the Kansas Bar Association from 2003 to 2004. Severt also served on the Board of Directors for the Wichita Symphony Society and the Washburn University Alumni Association. He was appointed by Governor Bill Graves to the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission in 1996 and was reappointed in 1998 and 2000. He became chairman in 1999. Governor

Kathleen Sebelius reappointed him to the commission in 2002 and as chairman in 2004. While President of KBA, Severt and his wife were sworn into the United States Supreme Court.

**Stephen D. Kruse '76**, Jackson Hole, Wyo., died Oct. 27, 2005, at the age of 61. Kruse worked for the Wyoming Department of Transportation since 1978, was a certified blaster and a member of the American Association of Avalanche Professionals.

**W. R. "Rod" Ludwig '76**, Beloit, Kan., died Nov. 21, 2005, at the age of 54. Upon completion of law school, Ludwig returned to Beloit where he joined the firm of Noah and Harrison, P.A. He established a solo practice in 1981 shortly after being elected County Attorney and served the people of Mitchell County until 2004. Ludwig formed the firm of Miller and Ludwig in 1984. He was a member of the Kansas Bar Association, the Mitchell County Bar, and the Kansas County and District Attorneys Association. He argued many cases before the Kansas Supreme Court and the Kansas Court of Appeals.

## 1980's

**Rebecca S. Green '81** Wichita, Kan., died Nov. 21, 2005, at the age of 61. Green served as the Manager of Compensation for Pizza Hut, Inc., General Counsel for NAF Inc. and NEF Inc., and was also involved in the private practice of law. Green gave up her career when her daughter was born to devote herself to being a full-time mother.

## 1990's

**Joann M. Cook-Tehan '82** Morgan Hill, Calif., died Sept. 22, 2005, at the age of 53. Cook-Tehan was both a lawyer and schoolteacher.

**Joy C. Aukema '92**, Tallahassee, Fla., died Nov. 28, 2005, at the age of 46. Aukema was a Senior Attorney for the Florida Attorney General's office.

**Kristine R. Kutz '92**, Orlando, Fla., died Aug. 19, 2005 at the age of 38. Kutz was a lawyer in Orlando, FL.

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The Hon. Christel Marquardt '74, Joanne Altman, Jack Kaplan '02, Teri Canfield-Eye '02, Robert Eye '80 and Bruce Plenk





## December Graduates

Thirty-four law school students graduated in December. A recognition ceremony was held Dec. 3, 2005, in their honor at the Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center on campus. Justice Harold Herd '42, was the keynote speaker for the ceremony. Washburn Law School Alumni Association Board of Governors member, Steve Cavanaugh '80, welcomed the students into the Washburn Law School Alumni Association and told them of the great history of the school and successful reputation of other graduates. After the recognition ceremony, students, family, friends and faculty attended a reception in the graduates honor.



Ruth Graham '80 and Jill Michaux '82

## Bankruptcy Law Reform: What Every Family Lawyer Needs To Know

The Children and Family Law Center sponsored a continuing legal education program on Bankruptcy Law Reform, which was held Nov. 4, 2005. The Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 went into effect Oct. 17, 2005. The numerous changes include pitfalls for the family law practitioner in drafting property settlement agreements. This CLE discussed the important changes of interest to family lawyers, including discussion of the new definition for a "domestic support obligation," exemptions, priorities and new rules for dischargeability. In addition, it discussed changing rules for lawyers who advise clients about bankruptcy.

Presenting was Jill Michaux '82, who practices with the firm of Neis & Michaux, P.A., of Topeka, Kan. Michaux graduated with Dean's Honors and has had her own law practice since graduating from Washburn Law. She is board certified in consumer bankruptcy by the American Board of Certification. She is a founding member and former Director of the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys, is past President of the Kansas Bar Association Bankruptcy and Insolvency Section and a Director of the Topeka Area Bankruptcy Council.

Also presenting was Ruth Graham '80, a sole practitioner in Topeka, Kan. working primarily in bankruptcy and probate. Graham is Past President of the Topeka Bar Association and the Bankruptcy Section of the Kansas Bar Association. She currently serves on The Board of Directors of the Topeka Area Bankruptcy Council.

## Professional Development – News

Thinking of a career change? Let the Washburn Law Professional Development Office help you. You may access job postings at <http://washburnlaw.edu/career> and click on "Employment Opportunities". As with many on-line job posting sites, our site is password protected so only Washburn Law students and alumni may access to the information. To obtain the password, contact the Professional Development Office at 785-670-1184. In addition, Margann Bennett, Director of Professional Development, is available to discuss your career plans, help you identify career resources and review your resume.

If you are an employer looking to post an open position the Professional Development Office can help you as well. Log-on to their site at <http://washburnlaw.edu/career>, click on "Employer Services," and complete the job-posting form.



Dean Honabach, Dr. Jerry Farley and Winton Hinkle '68

## Washburn Law School Association Alumni Awards

The Washburn Law School Association held its annual awards presentation in conjunction with the Dean's Circle Dinner in October. These awards are typically presented at the Kansas Bar Association's Annual Meeting during the Washburn Law luncheon, but due to varying circumstances, award winners were unable to attend that meeting, which was held in June 2005.

Awards given each year by the Washburn Law School Association are the Honorary Life Member Award which goes to a non-alum; the Distinguished Service Award; and new this year, the Distinguished Alumni Award, both of which go to Washburn Law

alumni. The Distinguished Service Award goes to an alum who has provided an abundance of service to Washburn Law. The Distinguished Alumni Award goes to an alum who has distinguished him or herself in their career.

Winton Hinkle '68, a member of the Washburn Law School Association Board of Governors, made the award presentations on behalf of the Washburn

Law School Alumni Association. The Honorary Life Member Award was awarded to **Dr. Jerry Farley**, President of Washburn University, for his unwavering support of the School of Law. The



Winton Hinkle '68, James R. Roth '66 and Dean Honabach

Distinguished Service Award was awarded to **James R. Roth '66** for his support and service to not only Washburn Law but also to Washburn University as a Regent.

The newly created Distinguished Alumni Award was awarded to the late **Justice Robert L. Gernon '69** for his endless support of Washburn Law and his dedication to his profession. During the presentation of Gernon's award, Hinkle noted that, unfortunately, Justice Gernon left us all too soon. However, Justice Gernon had received confirmation before he passed away that he was the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award. Hinkle read aloud a letter he received, dated March 23, 2005, from Gernon regarding the award he had been selected to receive:

*Dear Winton:*

*I received your letter and I was moved beyond measure at the honor that Washburn is willing to bestow on me. There are not enough thanks for me to give you.*

*My goal of course, is to be there at the (KBA) meeting so that I can thank you in person. Whether I achieve that goal is another matter, but that is my intended goal.*

*Please express to everyone my thanks, my gratitude and my love to the Association for this event.*

*Sincerely,  
Robert L. Gernon,  
Kansas Supreme Court*

Gernon's Distinguished Alumni Award was accepted posthumously on his behalf by his two daughters, Rebecca and Kristin.



Dr. Jerry Farley, Neil Cohen, Kristen Gernon, Rebecca Gernon, Marc Wilson and Dean Honabach



## Alumni Fellow Award

Chief Justice Kay McFarland '64, received the Washburn University Alumni Fellow Award for the School of Law on Oct. 14, 2005. The Alumni Fellow Award recognizes alumni who have distinguished themselves in their careers. Fellows are invited back to campus to interact directly with students and faculty. Justice McFarland received the Alumni Fellows Award at a luncheon that day, as other members of the Kansas Supreme Court looked on. Prior to the awards luncheon, McFarland addressed a group of law school students in Robinson Courtroom and Bianchino Technology Center at the law school. She spoke to the group about her career, how she ultimately arrived in the position of Chief Justice of the Kansas Supreme Court and her many firsts and obstacles she encountered as a woman not only in the private practice of law, but also in the court system. McFarland's remarks were given with a good dose of humor. The audience was intrigued by her accomplishments and were equally entertained by her wit and sense of humor.

Justice McFarland has held the position of Chief Justice of the Kansas Supreme Court since 1995. She is the first woman to serve in that capacity. In fact, her career has been a remarkable series of "firsts." Following law school, she was in private practice in Topeka until 1971, when she challenged the incumbent judge of the Shawnee County probate and juvenile courts and won the election. She was the first woman elected to a judgeship in Shawnee County. She delivered the court reforms pledged in her campaign and reduced serious juvenile offenses by more than half in the two years she held the office. In 1973, she became Judge of the newly created Fifth Division of the District Court in Topeka, thereby becoming the first woman to be a District Judge in the history of Kansas. She was appointed by the governor to be a Justice of the Kansas Supreme Court in 1977, and she remained the only woman to hold that office until the appointment of Justice Marla Luckert in January 2003.



Professor Nancy Maxwell, Justice Eric Rosen and Dean Honabach

## Justice Eric Rosen '84

Justice Eric Rosen joined the ranks of the Kansas Supreme Court Nov. 18, 2005, when he was officially sworn in. The Washburn Law School Alumni Association hosted a reception in his honor at the Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center on Washburn's campus Dec. 8, 2005. Many Topeka area alumni, lawyers and members of the Kansas Judiciary attended the reception to honor Justice Rosen on his past accomplishments and to wish him well in his new position. Justice Rosen was surrounded by his family members at the reception including his wife Libby; parents Irwin and Betty Rosen and sons Mark and Tom, among other family members. Justice Rosen's addition to the Kansas Supreme Court places four Washburn University School of Law alumni on the bench of the Kansas Supreme Court out of the seven seats. Other alumni sitting on the Kansas Supreme Court include Chief Justice Kay McFarland '64, Justice Marla Luckert '80 and Justice Donald L. Allegrucci '63. Rosen replaces the late Justice Robert L. Gernon '69, also a Washburn Law alumnus.

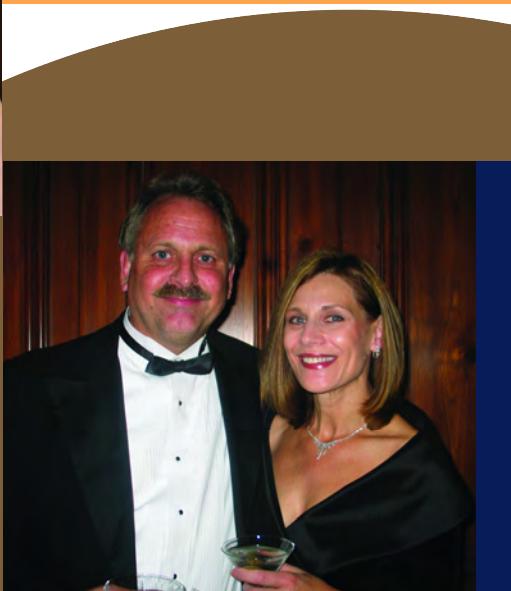
Justice Rosen became a District Judge in April 1993. He previously held positions as Public Defender from 1983 to 1985; Assistant District Attorney from 1985 to 1988; Associate General Counsel for the Kansas Securities Commissioner from 1988 to 1990; Attorney in private practice from 1990 to 1993; and District Court Judge from 1993 to his recent appointment to the Kansas Supreme Court. In addition, Justice Rosen has been a part of Washburn Law serving as an Adjunct Professor from 1989 to 1994.



Dick Sherbondy '74 and Linda Miller



John '73 and Peggy Johnson



Gary Mathews '77  
and Deb Huff



Judy Jewsome '07, Prof. Linda Elrod '72,  
Aaron Jewsome, Prof. Joyce McCray Pearson '89  
and Mitchell Pearson



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# Smith v. VanGorkom 20 Years Later

A continuing legal education program regarding *Smith v. VanGorkom* was held Sept. 20, 2005, at Washburn Law.

The 1985 Delaware Supreme Court decision in *Smith v. Van Gorkom* defined the meaning of the duty of care for directors in most public corporations that led to a nationwide effort to relax the standards facing board directors as a matter of state statutory law. Since the *Smith* decision, executive compensation has soared, Enron and a host of other high-profile corporations have succumbed to scandals, and a litany of top executives has landed in jail. Lawmakers have responded by creating more crimes, imposing longer criminal sentences and imposing vast new corporate governance standards pursuant to legislation such as the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. Yet the duty of care for corporate directors remains remarkably undemanding. Indeed, very recently the Delaware courts demonstrated just how easy it is for directors and officers to comply with the duty of care in the context of the Disney shareholder litigation. The symposium examined the legacy of the *Smith* decision 20 years later, in an effort to explore the policy dynamics underlying the directors' duty of care and to understand the proper role of the board of directors.

Presenters included Henry N. Butler, the James Farley Professor of Economics at Chapman University; Lawrence A. Hamermesh, Professor of Law and Director of the Widener Institute of Delaware Corporate Law in Wilmington, Delaware; Dennis R. Honabach, Professor of Law and Dean of Washburn University School of Law; Steven Ramirez, Professor of Law at Washburn University School of Law; Cheryl L. Wade, the "Dean Harold F. McNiece" Professor of Law at St. John's University School of Law; and Robert Rhee, Professor of Law at Washburn University School of Law who served as mediator.

Fifty-six people attended the CLE and Jim Haines, President and CEO of Westar Energy, spoke to participants at the end of the program.



Dean Dennis Honabach, Prof. Steve Ramirez, Henry Butler, Cheryl Wade and Lawrence Hamermesh

## Russian Judges

Washburn University School of Law hosted five judges from Russia Aug. 2, 2005. The judges visited the United States and Topeka as part of an Open World Program. The program enables emerging Russian leaders to experience U.S. democracy and free enterprise. Participants also learn about the roles and interrelationships of the three different branches and levels of the U.S. government. The Judges, Sergey Baranov, Aleksandr Borshch, Vadim Pavlov, Larisa Sudnyachenkova and Inessa Volkova, received an overview of the American legal education system from Professor Nancy Maxwell. After touring the Law Library and Law Clinic, the judges learned about the trial advocacy program at the law school from Professor Aida Alaka and recent graduate Duston Slinkard '03. Anthony Hunter '06 demonstrated for the judges the trial presentation technologies available in Robinson Courtroom and Bianchino Technology Center.



Tony Hunter, Prof. Nancy Maxwell, The Hon. Sergey Baranov, Assoc. Dean Kelly Anders, The Hon. Larisa Sudnyachenkova, Dean Dennis Honabach, The Hon. Inessa Volkova, The Hon. Vadim Pavlov and The Hon. Aleksandr Borshch



Daniel E. Manville

## 2005 Distinguished Tax Law Visitor

The Honorable Juan F. Vasquez, presented "The Perspectives from the Bench of the United States Tax Court," Oct. 27, 2005, at Washburn Law.

Judge Vasquez presented his perspectives from the bench to tax practitioners at a special lunch meeting. With more than 10 years of experience as a judge on the Tax Court and almost 30 years in the tax profession, Judge Vasquez provided insight and perspective on numerous issues. He discussed his experiences while serving on the bench and the rules and culture that govern practice before the Tax Court.

Vasquez was nominated as a Judge to the United States Tax Court by President William J. Clinton Sept. 14, 1994, and confirmed by the Senate Finance Committee March 17, 1995. He was sworn in as a Judge May 1, 1995.

Prior to his appointment, Vasquez was in private practice representing clients in tax controversies before the Internal Revenue Service and the United States Tax Court. He worked with the Office of Chief Counsel, IRS, Houston office from 1978 to 1982.

In 1984, Vasquez became the first Hispanic attorney to be certified in tax law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He received a CPA certificate from the States of Texas and California. He has been a member of the Austin IRS District/Practitioners Liaison Committee and was its chairperson in 1991. He served as treasurer of the San Antonio Mexican American Bar Association (MABA) from 1982 to 1994, and state chapter of NABA from 1986 to 1988.

## Fall 2005 Advocate in Residence

**Daniel E. Manville** was the Center for Excellence in Advocacy's Fall 2005 Advocate in Residence. He is a Professor at the Constitutional Rights Clinic at Wayne State University. During his 25 year legal career, Manville has worked tirelessly to improve conditions in American prisons. He co-authored *Prisoner's Self-Help Litigation Manual*, which has helped countless prisoners protect their own rights. As a former prisoner himself, Manville has focused his work on using the legal system to remedy the deficiencies of the correctional system.

While at Washburn Law, Manville addressed students on the topic of litigating prisoners' rights in a clinical setting during a noon lecture, spoke on criminal law to Professor Francis' class and had dinner with a small group of students. He also shared some of his personal experiences as a former-prisoner-turned-litigator. He acknowledged that leaving prison in the 1970's, he had tremendous advantages over others released at the same time, and certainly more going for him than most prisoners released since. As the beneficiary of educational programs in prison, he left state custody with more education and skills than he possessed on arrival. Despite his advantages, he confessed that the scariest night of his life was the first night out of prison after three years. The hurdles he faced as a convicted felon were serious. It would be three more years before he could enroll in law school. It would be seven additional years after law school before admission to the Michigan Bar.

Manville says his story highlights the need for change in re-entry and rehabilitation programs in the current prison system. As education and training programs in prison have dwindled, recidivism rates have skyrocketed. Inmates given a change of clothes and \$75 upon release soon become guests of the state again at the cost of \$30,000-\$50,000 per year. If inmates with college degrees face years of hardship attempting to build a life after release, what challenges await those with no education or skills, asks Manville.

Manville also met with members of the Center for Excellence in Advocacy to discuss his personal experiences in the legal and correctional systems, his work with the ACLU, and the legal issues surrounding the remand of *Jacklowich v. Simmons*, 392 F.3d 420 (10th Cir. 2004), a case heard in October 2005 by the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in Washburn Law's Robinson Courtroom and Bianchino Technology Center.

# Washburn Law Students Receive Nation's Largest Legal Education Scholarships



Joleetta Friesen '06, Roarke Gordon '06 and Eric Pauly '08 were among eight students recognized as J. L. Weigand Jr. Notre Dame Legal Education Trust scholarship recipients at an open house held at the Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center Oct. 18, 2005. Scholarships

are for the 2005-2006 school year.

Friesen is a third-year student at Washburn Law. She graduated from McPherson High School in 1998 before receiving a Bachelor of Arts in History and Spanish from Bethel College in 2002. While a student at Bethel, Friesen earned a 4.0 G.P.A., served as Student Body Senator, and was a Bethel College Dean's Scholar and a Veterans of Foreign Wars & Kansas Registrar Scholar. Despite her many successes, she lists the Weigand scholarship as one of her most meaningful accomplishments. Friesen is Editor-in-Chief for Volume 45 of the *Washburn Law Journal*.

Gordon is a third-year student at Washburn Law. He graduated from Kapaun Mt. Carmel in 1999 before receiving a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Kansas in 2003. Gordon has been a teaching assistant for Professor Lyn Goering and is a Comments Editor for Volume 45 of the *Washburn Law Journal*. He has accepted a position with the Wichita firm Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, L.L.C. following his graduation from Washburn Law in May, 2006.

Pauly is a first-year student at Washburn Law. He was previously a Technology Consultant at CIO, Inc., in Shawnee, Kan. He graduated from Conway Springs High School in 1999 before receiving a B.S. in Business Administration from Colorado State University in 2003. While a student at Colorado State, Pauly was a three-year starter and two-year captain on the Ram football team. He was presented with the C.S.U. Scholar Athlete Award and was named Verizon Academic All-American. He graduated *Cum Laude* and was the Fall Commencement Student Speaker for the College of Business.

The Weigand Scholarships — the largest legal education scholar-

ships in the country — were established to offer assistance to law students from the state of Kansas. The scholarships provide for full tuition, fees, books, and a room and board allowance for selected students who have been legal residents of Kansas for 10 years prior to their admission to law school. The Weigand Trust was established to actively promote excellence in legal education and to encourage the most academically qualified Kansans to remain in or return to Kansas to practice law.

Karla Beam, Director of Admissions at Washburn Law, said the scholarships will play an important role in keeping Kansans in their home state.

"Washburn Law has a rich tradition of educating Kansas lawyers. I have no doubt that the legacy of the Weigand Scholarships will be felt for many years to come in the Kansas communities in which Washburn Weigand Scholars will live and practice law."



## White House Interns

Washburn Law students Molly McMurray '07 and Matthew Holcomb '07 both interned in Washington D.C. this past summer. Their official title and capacity was Legal Intern, Office of the General Counsel, Office of Administration, Executive Office of the President, Summer 2005.

Both McMurray and Holcomb worked independently on projects assigned by the General Counsel; completed substantive legal research in the areas of administration law, procurement law, and appropriations law; and drafted legal memoranda for the Office of Administration as it provided direct support to components of the Executive Office of the President. Holcomb was in D.C. for nine weeks; McMurry for six.

Both students had the privilege of attending a Senate Armed Forces Committee Hearing, Judiciary Committee hearings and a Foreign Relations Committee Hearing. They attended the arrival ceremony for the Prime Minister of India on the South Lawn and took a tour the inside of the Pentagon including a brief conversation with Donald Rumsfeld. During their internship they met and worked with individuals within the Bush Administration and met and visited with state representatives and senators.

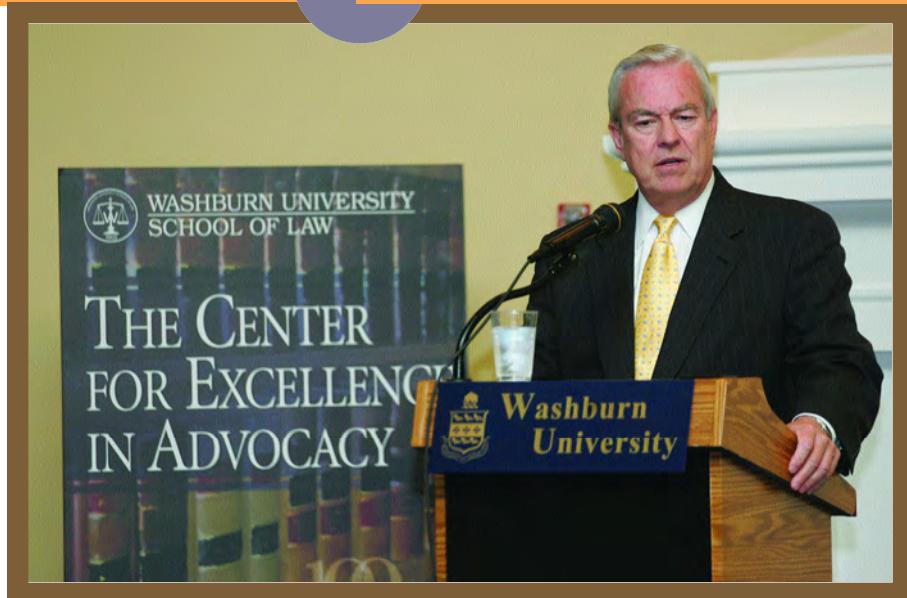


Judge Pierron, Chief Judge Rulon '71 and Judge Hill '75

## Kansas Court of Appeals

The Kansas Court of Appeals held appellate arguments for the third consecutive semester in Robinson Courtroom and Bianchino Technology Center Oct. 25, 2005. The full day of hearings was accompanied by a luncheon attended by Chief Judge Rulon '71, Judges Pierron and Hill '75, and 20 law students. All first year law students attended at least one argument as a part of their Legal Research and Writing class. Many second- and third-year law students attended arguments to gain further insight into a particular area of the law.





## Building the Mitigation Case

The Third Annual Building the Mitigation Case seminar was held Nov. 11 to 12, 2005. The program covered recent developments in capital punishment law, both legal developments and empirical studies, and continues its annual focus on training mitigation specialists and building the

most effective mitigation case. Speakers and participants examined pending federal legislation on habeas corpus relief, strategies for effective post conviction practice, racial aspects of capital punishment law, methods of pre-



Christina Swarns

senting an effective mitigation case and legislative strategies to end capital punishment.

Bill Kurtis '66

Bill Kurtis '66, author, death penalty opponent and host of the A&E Series *American Justice*, was the keynote speaker. Kurtis spoke on "What I have learned about the death penalty." The program hosted the following additional speakers: Ruth Friedman, Washington DC; Deborah Fleischaker, Washington, D.C.; Christina Swarns, New York; Professor John Francis, Washburn Law; Rebecca Woodman, Topeka, Kan; Cheryl Pilate, Kansas City, Mo.; Professor Jeffrey Jackson, Washburn Law; Dick Dieter, Washington, D.C.; Sean O'Brien, Kansas City, Mo.; Jenny Merrigan, Kansas City, Mo.; Jim Ellis, Albuquerque, N.M.; Pat Berrigan, Kansas City, Mo.; and Sam Gross, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Sean O'Brien, Executive Director of the non-profit Public Interest Litigation Clinic in Kansas City, Mo., and Professor Michael Kaye, Director, Center for Excellence in Advocacy at Washburn

Law, coordinated the program. More than 40 people attended the program.



Dick Dieter

The Washburn Lawyer



**Rebecca Woodman**, a Kansas Capital Appellate Defender and 1987 Washburn Law graduate, recently traveled to Washington, D.C., for oral argument in the United States Supreme Court. The experience was the pinnacle of her fifteen year career as an appellate attorney, but also a mixed blessing because of the grave issues at stake.

Woodman noted, "For any appellate attorney, the opportunity to argue before the nation's highest court is a great honor. At the same time, it could not be overlooked in this case that the Court was going to review the Kansas Supreme Court's decision invalidating the state's death penalty law — a momentous decision that we believe should stand."

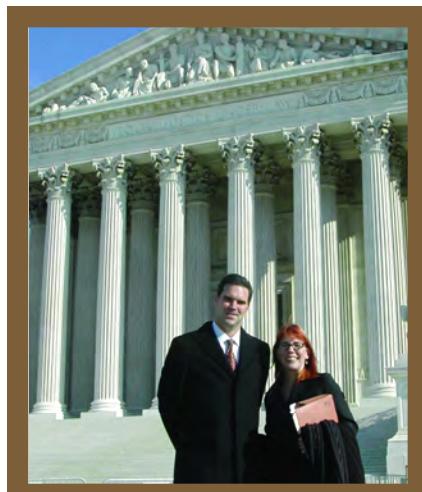
Woodman's long road to argument before the high court began in 1998, when she was appointed lead counsel in Michael Marsh's appeal from a capital murder conviction. In 2004, Woodman convinced the Kansas Supreme Court to invalidate Kansas' death penalty sentencing scheme because of a constitutional flaw identified in a previous ruling of the Court. The Court's ruling in Mr. Marsh's case temporarily invalidated the death sentences of all eight offenders sitting on Kansas' death row. But the United States Supreme Court later granted the Kansas Attorney General's petition for a writ of certiorari, setting the stage for an hour-long oral argument on the merits of the state's weighing equation in imposing death sentences, as well as issues pertaining to the Court's jurisdiction to review the case.

Neither Woodman, nor Attorney General Phil Kline, had previously appeared before the United States Supreme Court, and the endeavor was a bit intimidating. The Court generally grants review in only one percent of the cases where petitions for writs of certiorari are filed, and expects the litigants chosen for oral argument to be meticulously prepared. "The time and effort involved in preparing for the argument was unlike any argument preparation I have experienced. It was uniquely stressful as well, simply because the United States Supreme Court is the final arbiter of the law. There is no appeal from the decision," said Woodman.



Even with her preparations for the argument reaching a fever pitch, Woodman still found time to remain active in Washburn Law activities. In November, she spoke about her impending oral argument at the third annual "Building the Mitigation Case: Advocating for Life" conference sponsored by Washburn University School of Law. She also presented a luncheon lecture to Professor Webb's Criminal Appeal Advocacy class, where she urged the student interns working on cases in Washburn's appellate practice clinic to conscientiously devote themselves to the task of ensuring their clients' constitutional rights had been honored. Will Drexler, '06, remarked that "Rebecca's comments on the appellate process were really insightful. It's not

everyday that you get to question an attorney preparing to argue in the Supreme Court. I was nervous just listening to her talk about the upcoming argument."



Prof. Nathan Webb and Rebecca Woodman

When Woodman eventually appeared for oral argument on December 7, 2005, the nine Supreme Court justices lived up to their reputation as keenly incisive inquisitors. Woodman fielded questions on a wide range of legal issues; from Eighth Amendment cruel and unusual punishment jurisprudence to jurisdictional irregularities. According to Professor Webb, who traveled to Washington to observe the arguments, "the level of discourse between the justices

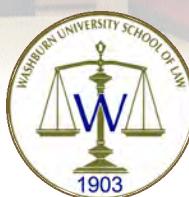
and both Woodman and Kline was quite impressive; the Court appeared to be satisfied with the presentations of both parties, and prepared to render a decision." While Woodman was pleased with the argument, she noted that it was "impossible to tell how the Court will rule based on the oral arguments." A decision is expected this spring.

\*Professor Nathan Webb contributed this article after witnessing Woodman's argument to the U.S. Supreme Court.

# *Speakers* at Washburn University School of Law

Each semester, Washburn Law is fortunate to have numerous speakers at the law school. Most speak over the lunch hour to groups of students and faculty.

Speakers are invited to the law school by various student groups, faculty members and other law school departments. Washburn Law appreciates all speakers who take time out of their busy schedule to provide a variety of expertise and insight in their respective field of practice or business. If you are interested in speaking at the law school on a certain topic, please contact Julie Olson, Alumni Coordinator, at 785-670-2013.





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**Joanna Penn**, Resource Development Director of CASA of Shawnee County, Inc., spoke Sept. 6, 2005, sponsored by the Children and Family Law Center. Penn talked to law students who were interested in learning more about the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate (for Children) program. CASA organized an additional fall 2005 training series to accommodate interested students. Thirteen Washburn Law students have signed up for training so far.



Law and Public Policy Studies. Graglia, a recognized expert in Constitutional Law, shared remarks about the death of the Constitution by due process. Noting that the activism of the United States Supreme Court, when combined with much of the recent constitutional litigation, revolves around only four words in the Fourteenth Amendment — “equal protection” and “due process” — Graglia observed the court should rarely find a law unconstitutional and often creates ‘rights.’ Washburn Law’s Associate Dean and Constitutional Law Professor **Bill Rich** reacted to Professor Graglia’s remarks by commenting that the Court merely enacts the founders’ intent—protecting the minority in society from the tyranny of the majority.



**Professor Lino Graglia**, Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Texas at Austin, spoke Thursday, Sept. 8, 2005, sponsored by the Federalist Society for



**Beth Forwalder** ‘85, Director of Employment Litigation and Counseling in the Sprint Nextel Legal Department, spoke Sept. 16, 2005, about the attorney’s role as in-house counsel. Forwalder was sponsored by The Washburn Business Law Society.

**Tom Stratton** ‘84 and **Bethany Roberts** spoke Sept. 20, 2005, as part of the brown-bag speaker series for students and faculty sponsored by the Family Law Student Society. Stratton discussed elder law issues, including the drafting of advanced

directives and living wills. Roberts talked about grandparent’s rights and grandparent adoptions/guardianships in Kansas. Stratton and Roberts are attorneys at the Kansas Legal Services Topeka office.



**Dan Lykins** ‘72, spoke Sept. 21, 2005, sponsored by the Center for Excellence in Advocacy. Lykins spoke about trial preparation and the two main aspects of personal injury cases: choosing a jury and winning a case.



**Charles Graves** ‘91 of the Internal Revenue Service Chief Counsel’s Office spoke Sept. 23, 2005. He was hosted by the Tax and Estate Planning Association. Graves worked for 14

years as a docket attorney representing the IRS, trying numerous cases before the Tax Court. He discussed the operation of the Chief Counsel’s Office, specialty areas of tax practice and provided guidance about obtaining a position in the Office.



**Professor Stephen B. Presser**, the Raoul Berger Professor of Legal History at Northwestern University School of Law, spoke Sept. 27, 2005, sponsored by

the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies. Presser explored the topic, "Are Judges Really like Umpires? Judicial Ideology and the State of the Court" with more than 70 students, faculty and staff attending.



**Jeremy Moseley** from Foulston Siefkin in Wichita, Kansas, spoke Oct. 4, 2005. Moseley spoke to more than 40 students about, "Maintaining a Christian Perspective

through Law School," and was hosted by the Christian Legal Society.



**Jason Stone '00**, Associate at Davis, Brown, Koehn, Shors & Roberts in Des Moines, Iowa, spoke Oct. 7, 2005, sponsored by the Washburn Business Law Society and Tax

and Estate Planning Association. Stone discussed transactional tax practice and his work as a transactional tax attorney. Stone earned an LL.M. from New York University in 2001.



**Mira Mdivani**, Attorney at Law, spoke Oct. 12, 2005. Ms. Mdivani discussed "Current U.S. Immigration Law and Policy," which was hosted by the Hispanic American

Law Student Association.

**Dr. Donald Pojman**, Shawnee County Deputy Coroner, continued the Center for Excellence in Advocacy's Lunch and Litigation series Oct. 12, 2005. He helped students understand the legal basis for the coroner's work in Kansas, the responsibilities of the coroner's office and when autopsies must be conducted. Pojman gave a photographic tour of the morgue and showed some photos of interesting examinations his office had conducted.

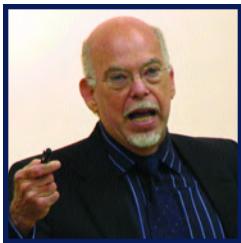


**Major Chris Behan**, U.S. Army and Associate Professor of Law at the Judge Advocate General School, delivered a lunch and litigation topic for the Center for Excellence in Advocacy Oct. 13,

2005. Behan's lecture, "My Due Process, Your Due Process: Contemporary Issues in Military Justice," explained the differences in procedure between civilian and military justice systems. Behan also discussed the practical and philosophical differences between handling misconduct in a combat zone versus in civilian life.



**C. Todd Navrat '95**, Senior Attorney at Hallmark Cards, Inc., spoke Oct. 14, 2005, hosted by the Washburn Business Law Society. Navrat spoke about confidential disclosure agreements.



**Pedro Irigonegaray '73**, spoke Oct. 18, 2005, sponsored by the Washburn Law ACLU group to a capacity crowd of students about the vital role lawyers play in the ongoing fight for

civil rights and justice. Irigonegaray, a Topeka attorney, spoke of a recent pro bono case in which his transgendered client was denied equal treatment and was brutalized while in police custody. Irigonegaray subsequently received the KS/MO ACLU's "Advocate of the Year" award for his work on the case.



**Kimm Alyane Walton** spoke to a standing-room-only crowd of Washburn Law students Oct. 24, 2005. An attorney herself, Ms. Walton is a national speaker on legal career planning

and is the author of *Guerrilla Tactics for Getting the Legal Job of Your Dreams* and several other books related to legal career planning. Walton concentrated her discussion on strategies for finding legal career opportunities other than through "traditional" methods such as on-campus interviews and responding to job postings.



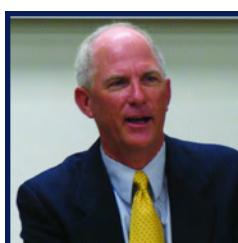
**Joyce Grover '94**, of the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, was a guest speaker for the Family Law Student Society Oct. 25, 2005. Grover discussed

domestic violence, how it can impact a domestic attorney, and she also led an interactive discussion that illustrated for the audience how complicated it can be for a victim to get help and navigate through the system

**David Kopel**, Research Director of the Independence Institute and Associate Policy Analyst at the Cato Institute, spoke Oct. 26, 2005, hosted by the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies. Kopel's presentation was based on a forthcoming article that posits victims of genocide have a human right to resist and a basic right to arms. His presentation was attended by more than 50 students and faculty.

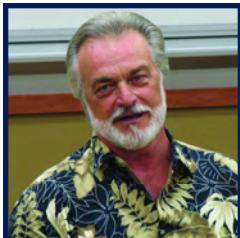


**Jeremy Southall '02, Mike Sell '85, and Jeff Nourse '00**, discussed different perspectives on a career as a corporate attorney Oct. 28, 2005, sponsored by the Washburn Business Law Society. All three Washburn Law alumni are currently in-house counsel for the Brook Corporation of Kansas City. Brook Corporation is an insurance agency that buys independent insurance agencies and then sells to franchisees. Entrepreneur magazine ranks Brook number one in insurance franchise companies.



**Craig Shultz '78**, spoke Nov. 2, 2005, hosted by the Christian Legal Society. Shultz is a sole practitioner from Wichita, Kan., and discussed "Morality and the Law." He expanded how to balance your morals when they conflict with the law and should morality be legislated. Shultz graduated *cum laude* from Washburn Law and is a member of the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association and the Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers.

## Speakers at Washburn University School of Law



**Lee Barnett '79**, spoke Nov. 3, 2005, hosted by the Washburn Law ACLU group. Barnett spoke about Section 1983 civil rights claim cases as well as popular misperceptions of plaintiffs' trial lawyers proffered through the

media. Barnett illustrated the importance of juries, and good trial skills, in seeking civil justice.



**Mario Verna '96**, currently an agent with the FBI in Kansas City, discussed opportunities with both the FBI and the JAG Nov. 15, 2005. The Professional

Development Office and the Veterans Law Association of Washburn sponsored the event. Verna spent several years with the Marine Corp JAG before joining the FBI last year.



**Angela McGuire '99** and **Brian Stanley '99**, spoke Nov. 8, 2005, sponsored by the Washburn Business Law Society. They discussed obtaining a position as in-house counsel. McGuire is Senior Corporate Counsel of Marketing and Contracts for H&R Block. Stanley is an intellectual property associate with Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal in Kansas City. McGuire also spoke about the Midwest Association of Corporate Counsel, a bar association created specifically to support in-house attorneys, where she currently serves as President.



**Professor Lynn Wardle** from Brigham Young University J. Reuben Clark Law School and **Professor Linda Elrod** from Washburn Law debated about "Same Sex Marriage and the Federal Marriage Amendment" Nov. 8, 2005. The debate was sponsored by the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies. Wardle and Elrod presented their arguments to more than 120 students, faculty and staff. Wardle's position stemmed from a belief that men and women are different in ways that make heterosexual marriage a unique institution that should be protected. Elrod's position was that homosexual marriage should be permitted in part because the restriction of marriage to heterosexuals is a vestige of paternalism and gender hierarchy.



**Don Patterson** spoke Nov., 16, 2005, sponsored by the Hispanic American Law Student Association and the Christian Legal Society. Patterson, co-founder of Fisher,

Patterson, Sayler and Smith, L.L.P., discussed, "Expert Testimony: The Requirement of Reliability in State and Federal Courts." Patterson is a highly experienced trial attorney in areas such as real estate, antitrust, trade practices, vehicular accidents, medical malpractice, fair employment practices, products liability, civil rights and governmental defense.



**Ruben Krisztal** discussed, "Successful Tips for Prosecuting Nursing Home Civil Cases from a Plaintiff's Perspective," Nov. 28, 2005, sponsored by the Hispanic

American Law Student Association and the Family Law Student Society. Krisztal, a former president of the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association, is also a pioneer in the field of nursing home litigation and advocates for the well being of elderly individuals residing in nursing homes.

## 1930's



**John E. Shamborg '37**, Overland Park, Kan., received the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association Humanitarian Award for his more than 60 years as an exemplary lawyer and advocate for the disadvantaged.

## 1950's

**Louis F. Eisenbath '54**, Topeka, Kan., retired after being a longtime partner in the law firm of Sloan, Eisenbath, Glassman, McEntire and Jarboe L.L.C.

**Vincent L. Bogart '55**, Wichita, Kan., was recognized by the Kansas Bar Association for practicing law in Kansas for 50 years or more.

**Wayne T. Stratton '58**, Topeka, Kan., of the law firm Goodell, Stratton, Edmonds & Palmer L.L.P., was presented the Silver Helmet Award, which recognizes significant contributions in the legislative arena by the Kansas Association of Defense Counsel.

## 1960's

**Eugene B. Ralston '66**, Topeka, Kan., of Ralston, Pope & Diehl L.L.C., was named to the 2005 Kansas Super Lawyers list by *Law and Politics* magazine.



**Winton M. Hinkle '68**, Wichita, Kan., was named the statewide business organization's Chief Legal Counsel by the Kansas Chamber of Commerce. Hinkle is Senior Partner at Hinkle Elkouri Law Firm L.L.C.



**Richard F. Hayse '69**, Topeka, Kan., was installed as President of the Kansas Bar Association.

## 1970's

**Paul R. Boeding '72**, Seneca, Kan., was installed as the new Chairman-elect of the Community Bankers Association of Kansas at its recent 27th Annual Convention.

**John W. Johnson '73**, Eastborough, Kan., has joined Morris Laing Evans Brock & Kennedy Chtd., Wichita.



**The Hon. Gregory L. Waller '73**, Wichita, Kan., was keynote speaker at the 25th Anniversary Freedom Fund Dinner at Hutchinson Community College, sponsored by the Hutchinson Chapter of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

**John D. Kemp '74**, Washington, D.C., has been selected by a jury of his peers as the 2006 Henry B. Betts Award recipient, the most prestigious award within the national disability community. This award is given to honor an individual whose work and scope of influence have significantly improved the quality of life for people with disabilities in the past, and will be a force for change in the future.



Retired Maj. Gen. **Michael W. Ryan '74**, Clay Center, Kan., was inducted into the Kansas National Guard Hall of Fame.



**The Rev. Victoria M. Kumorowski '75**, Warren, Ohio, became the Interim Minister at Howland Community Church. She will teach a class in bioethics and faith.

**H. D. Starkey '75**, Colby, Kan., was elected to serve as President of the Kansas Bar Foundation for one year.

**John M. Davies '76**, Lawrence, Kan., was promoted to Senior Vice President for trust and investment management services at Douglas County Bank.

**Gerald L. Green '76**, Hutchinson, Kan., was elected to serve as District Representative of the Kansas Bar Association Board of Governors. Green is a shareholder with the firm of Gilliland and Hayes P.A.

**Theodore D. Roth '76** Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., was appointed to the Board of Directors for Orange 21 Inc.



**Thomas L. Theis '76**, Topeka, Kan., Partner at Foulston Siefkin L.L.P., was named to the 2005 Kansas Super Lawyers list by *Law and Politics* magazine.

**The Hon. David W. Urbom '77**, Arapahoe, Neb., was appointed District Court Judge for the Eleventh Judicial District.



**Lawrence L. Hess '78**, Dulles, Va., was reassigned to the U.S. Embassy in Yerevan, Armenia, as the Management Counselor.

**Dr. Howard N. Ward M.D. '79**, Topeka, Kan., received the 2005 Bal Jeffrey Award. The award is presented annually to an individual or organization for distinguished contributions to health care in northeast Kansas.

## 1980's

**The Rev. Michael F. Blevins '80**, North Miami, Fla., was awarded the 2005 Best Student Paper Award by the Institute of Policy Sciences at Yale University Law School for his LL.M.—Intercultural Human Rights thesis entitled "Slavery, Race and the Soul of America: A Policy-Oriented Intercultural Human Rights Approach to the Question of Reparations."

**Joseph E. Cosgrove, Jr. '80**, Austin, Texas, has accepted the position of General Counsel-Austin for AT&T Texas (formerly SBC Texas), with responsibility for providing legal counsel on state regulatory and legislative matters in Texas.

**Randall D. Grisell '80**, Garden City, Kan., is serving as a member of the Board of Directors for the City Attorney's Association of Kansas. He was also recently named City Attorney of Deerfield.

**Bradley E. Haddock '80**, Wichita, Kan., was named to the American Arbitration Association's Board of Directors.

**Glenn R. Braun '81**, Hays, Kan., has been appointed to the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission by Gov. Kathleen Sebelius. Braun will serve a four-year term.



**Lucy A. Daniels '81**, Nashville, Tenn., is Vice President, Legal at Logan's Roadhouse, Inc., Nashville. Daniels will be responsible for all aspects of the restaurant company's legal function.

**John F. Bergner '82**, Dallas, Texas, Shareholder and Chairman of Winstead's Wealth Preservation Section was one of three Dallas attorneys who made the "100 Top Attorneys" list in *Worth* magazine which recognized professionals who combined exceptional legal expertise with outstanding interpersonal skills and great tact.



**Ronald P. Pope '84**, Topeka, Kan., of Ralston, Pope & Diehl L.L.C., was named to the 2005 Kansas Super Lawyers list by *Law and Politics* magazine.

**Anita M. Tebbe '86**, Overland Park, Kan., was named Chair of the Paralegal Approval Commission at the ABA National Meeting in August.



**Debra A. Vermillion '86**, Overland Park, Kan., joined Martin, Pringle, Oliver, Wallace & Bauer L.L.P., Overland Park.



**Deryl W. Wynn '86**, Kansas City, Kan., received the Distinguished Alumni award by Emporia State University, which recognizes outstanding professional accomplishments.

**Anthony J. Romano '87**, Kansas City, Mo., was appointed to the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority by Gov. Matt Blunt. Romano is an attorney and Chairman of the Labor and Employment Practice Group at Polsinelli, Shalton, Welte and Suelthaus.



**Jeffrey W. Rockett '89**, Hardtner, Kan., has opened a law office in downtown Hardtner.

**Charles R. Shirley '89**, The Woodlands, Texas, was promoted to Chairman of the Board and CEO of the new Window Rock Capital Corporation.

**Eric Witkoski '89**, Las Vegas, Nev., was named state consumer advocate by Attorney General George Chano. Witkoski will also serve as Chief Deputy Attorney General overseeing the division in the attorney general's office responsible for enforcement of antitrust and deceptive trade practices laws, securities fraud, charities fraud and telemarketing fraud.

## 1990's

**Douglas P. Witteman '91**, Burlington, Kan., is President of the Kansas County and District Attorneys Association.



**Gary D. White, Jr. '91**, Topeka, Kan., was elected President of the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association.

**Paul E. Ailsleiger '92**, Wichita, Kan., an Army Reserve Captain, served as the Command Judge Advocate of the 561st Corps Support Group at Al Asad, Iraq.

**Elsie A. Faciane '92**, Kansas City, Mo., was named as one of the area's "Black Achievers" by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.



**William R. Thornton '92**, Atchison, Kan., Vice President of Quality Management at MGP Ingredients, Inc., has been elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce for 2005-06.

**Commander Bertrand C. Harry '93**, Marlton, N.J., was selected to attend the Liberty Mutual Insurance Group's Attorney Management Training Program in July 2005; selected as Diversity Chairman for the law offices of Styliades, Jackson & DiMeo; elected Basileus [President] of the Pi Kappa Kappa chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; and selected as "2005 Omega Man of the Year."

**Cheryl R. Kingfisher '93**, Topeka, Kan., was appointed as an Associate Topeka Municipal Court Judge in September.

**Craig P. Henderson '94**, Fruita, Colo., was appointed as County Court Judge for Mesa County by Colorado Gov. Bill Owens.

**Craig A. Posson '95**, Sioux City, Iowa, was awarded the professional designation of Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter by the American Institute for Underwriters.

**Brian J. Thomas '95**, Lenexa, Kan., joined Preferred Physicians Medical in Shawnee Mission.

**Johnny L. Yeary, Jr. '95**, Topeka, Kan., has expanded his practice to include Social Security disability claimants.



**David P. Dewick '96**, Green Bay, Wis., has formed Hager, Dewick & Zuengler, S.C. focusing on business planning, mergers and acquisitions, real estate law, commercial transactions, banking law, estate planning and probate and trust administration.

**Todd R. Stramel '96**, Colby, Kan., is one of 28 attorneys selected statewide to help update *The Kansas Criminal Law Handbook*.

**Deena M. Bailey '97**, Wichita, Kan., has joined Raytheon Aircraft Co., Wichita.

**Joseph S. Passanise '97**, Springfield, Mo., was selected and recognized among the *Springfield Business Journal's* 2005 Class of "40 Under 40." Passanise practices law as a Junior Partner with Dee Wampler Law Offices, focusing on criminal law in federal, state and municipal courts.





**Wade H. Bowie, Jr. '99**, Topeka, Kan., has become an Assistant District Attorney for Douglas County.



**Sabrina K. Standifer '99**, Wichita, Kan., has become a Shareholder in the firm of Adams & Jones, Chartered in Wichita, Kan.. Standifer was also named Chair of the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission by Gov. Kathleen Sebelius and will serve a two-year term. She replaces Dan Severt '75, who died in December.

## 2000's

**Zelda F. Schlotterbeck '00**, Dodge City, Kan., joined the Ford County Attorney's Office, Dodge City.

**Chane C. Carpenter '03**, Wichita, Kan., has joined Raytheon Aircraft Co., Wichita.

**Blaine B. Finch '03**, Ottawa, Kan., has become a Partner with Robert W. Green Chtd., Ottawa, which now is Green & Finch Chtd.

**Elizabeth C. Schleicher '03**, Kansas City, Mo., was hired as Managing Attorney for the Kansas City office of Kramer & Frank, P.C.



**Molly J. Staab '03**, Topeka, Kan., joined Stinson Morrison Hecker as an Associate in the firm's Tax, Trusts and Estate Division.

**Justin A. Barrett '04**, Colby, Kan., is serving as the Cheyenne County Attorney.

**Wade H. Bowie II '04**, Iola, Kan., is Assistant County Attorney for Allen County, handling misdemeanor, traffic, juvenile violator and child in need of care cases.

**Clint W. Floyd '04**, Johnson, Kan., opened his own firm in Johnson.

**Tracy M. Gullickson '04**, Prairie Village, Kan., joined Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin's Kansas City, Mo., office as an Associate.



**Laura H. Lewis '04**, Dodge City, Kan., opened the Law Office of Laura H. Lewis, L.L.C., with primary practice areas in family law, limited civil actions, mediation and court-appointed Guardian Ad Litem work.

**Elizabeth M. Myers '04**, Junction City, Kan., joined the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services in Manhattan.

**Brad A. (Bo) Oliver '04**, Barnwell, S.C., has joined the nationally recognized plaintiff's law firm of Motley Rice, L.L.C. in Barnwell, focusing on matters involving environmental and natural resource law, occupational diseases and toxic torts.

**Gregory D. Parker '04**, Laurel, Md., was named Special Assistant, Community Liaison for the State's Attorney for Prince George's County Maryland. He is responsible for exploring ways to reduce the present crime rate in the county.



**Joshua P. Perkins '04**, Kansas City, Mo., joined Bryan Cave L.L.P., Kansas City, Mo.

**Meaghan M. Dalton '05**, Topeka, Kan., joined the firm of Palmer, Leatherman and White in Topeka.

**Charles G. Harris '05**, Bartlesville, Okla., joined Concordia Benefits Group.

**Brette S. Hart '05**, Unionville, Mo., joined the firm of Harris McCausland, P.C. as an Associate focusing on insurance defense litigation.



**John T. Hiatt '05**, Lawrence, Kan., is an Associate with the firm of Ralston Pope and Diehl L.L.C., Topeka, Kan..



**Carolyn L. (Oelkers) Payne '05**, Topeka, Kan., joined Cavanaugh, Smith & Lemon P.A., Topeka, as an Associate practicing in the areas of family law, landlord and tenant law, subrogation appellate practice, and business litigation.

**Brett J. Shirk '05**, Kansas City, Mo., is the new Executive Director of The American Civil Liberties Union of Kansas and Western Missouri.

**Keen A. Umbehr '05**, Alma, Kan., has opened a general practice law office in Topeka.

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# LAW SCHOOL EVENTS

## April 2006

- April 1 – Kuether Memorial Golf Tournament – 9 a.m.  
Lake Shawnee  
Topeka, KS
- April 8 – BLSA Black Tie Banquet – 5:30 p.m.  
Capitol Plaza – Sunflower Ballroom  
Topeka, KS
- April 10 – Trial Ad & Competition Team Awards Banquet – 6 p.m.  
Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center  
Topeka, KS
- April 12 – 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals  
Robinson Courtroom and Bianchino  
Technology Center, Topeka, KS
- April 18 – Law Journal & Family Law Quarterly Awards  
Banquet – 6 p.m.  
Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center  
Topeka, KS



## May 2006

- May 6 – Centennial Gala Event – 6 p.m.  
Keynote Speaker — Delano Lewis '63  
Capitol Plaza Hotel  
Topeka, KS
- May 13 – Law School Graduate Luncheon — Noon  
AG Hall – Kansas ExpoCentre  
Topeka, KS
- May 14 – Law School Graduation – 2 p.m.  
Washburn University – Lee Arena  
Topeka, KS

## June 2006

- June 8 – Washburn Law Alumni Reception at KBA  
Meeting – 7 p.m.  
Overland Park Marriott Hotel  
Overland Park, KS
- June 10 – Board of Governors Meeting – 7:30 a.m.  
Overland Park Marriott  
Overland Park, KS
- June 10 – Law School Luncheon at KBA Meeting  
— Noon, Overland Park Marriott  
Overland Park, KS

- June 11 – Supreme Court/DC Alumni Reception  
6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Hotel Washington  
Washington, DC
- June 12 – US Supreme Court Swearing In – 8:30 a.m.  
US Supreme Court  
Washington DC
- June 12 – US Supreme Court Swearing In Luncheon  
Noon, Zola Restaurant  
Washington, DC



## July 2006

- July 20 – Alumni Reception at KWAA Annual Meeting  
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
Ol Stuga Lindsborg, KS



## August 2006

- Aug. 18 – 1L Alumni BBQ – 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Sunrise Optimist Club  
Topeka, KS
- Aug. 25 – 2&3L Alumni Reception – 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center  
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- Aug. 26 – Board of Directors Meeting – 9:00 a.m.  
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