

# Dean Honabach leaves - Bill Rich Appointed Interim Dean



Dennis R. Honabach, dean of the Washburn University School of Law since 2001, accepted the position of dean of Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, Ky. effective Aug. 1.

At Washburn Law, Honabach was instrumental in the development of the Business and Transactional Law Center, Center for Excellence in Advocacy and Children and Family Law Center. Under his leadership, the school experienced enrollment increases and improved credentials of entering students. He led the School of Law's Centennial Celebration and a \$5.25 million fundraising campaign.

"Dean Honabach has been a great asset to Washburn," said Jerry B. Farley, Washburn University president. "His vision in creating the centers was impressive and he continued a strong tradition of enhancing relationships with constituents. I wish him well in his new position."

Ron Wasserstein, vice president of academic affairs also complimented Honabach's achievements. "Dennis demonstrated extraordinary commitment not only to the success of the School of Law, but to the success of the entire university. As a result, Washburn University will continue to benefit from his leadership for years to come."

Honabach's activities with the American Bar Association include serving as co-chairman of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar Clinical and Skills Education Committee. He serves on the ABA's Law School Admissions Council Services and Program Committee and the Business Law Education Committee. He is a member of the Kansas Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Planning Committee and the Sam A. Crow Inn of Court. Honabach has published law review articles on topics ranging

from managerial liability and Enron to toxic torts and nuisance law. He is co-author of the 2001 edition of "D&O Liability Handbook" and the 1994 to 2001 editions of "Proxy Rules Handbook," all published by West Group. Honabach received an A.B. from Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa., and a J.D. from Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

Law professor Bill Rich has been appointed interim dean for the School of Law, effective Aug. 1. As interim, Rich will promote the development of joint degree programs between the law school and the School of Business and department of social work. He will also continue emphasis of the Business and Transactional Law Center, the Center for Excellence in Advocacy, the Children and Family Law Center and the Washburn Law Clinic.

Rich joined the law school faculty in 1977 and for the past two years has held the position of associate dean for academic affairs. A graduate of the University of California at Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law, he was a law clerk for Chief Justice Donald Wright of the California Supreme Court and served as a staff attorney at the Legal Aid Society of Wichita. Rich also was a Rockefeller Fellow at Yale Divinity School.

For several years he worked with Washburn Law Clinic students representing inmates in constitutional challenges to Kansas prison conditions. Rich co-authored the second edition of *Modern Constitutional Law*, published in 1997.

A screening committee of faculty, staff, students, alumni and judiciary is being formed to search for a permanent dean. On-campus interviews are expected to take place at the end of the fall 2006 semester and a replacement could be named by Jan. 1, 2007.

## A New Century - A New Look

At the Centennial Celebration in May, Dean Honabach unveiled an updated version of the Washburn Law logo. The updated logo is a modern version of the scales of justice to symbolize the start of a new century at Washburn Law. The bolder image of the scales of justice is in step with the University's renewed strength. They typeface mirrors that of the University, while the School of Law becomes the prominent feature in the text of the logo.

The change modernizes the law school logo and makes it more prominent in order to be more easily identified.





## New Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Alex Glashausser, Professor of Law, was named Associate Dean for Academic Affairs effective July 1. Glashausser follows Bill Rich, Professor of Law, who had served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs since 2004 and was appointed Interim Dean effective August 1.

Professor Glashausser received his bachelor's degree from Harvard College in 1990 and his law degree from Duke University School of Law in 1995. Following graduation from Harvard, he traveled to Tokyo, Japan, where he studied at the Yoshida Institute of Japanese Language and taught English. Subsequently, Professor 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 the Ishii Law Office.



While at Duke University, Glashausser was the recipient of the Herbey M. Johnson Memorial Writing Prize. He was also Executive Editor of *Duke Law Journal*.

After graduating from law school, Glashausser clerked for the Honorable Albert J. Engel, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, in Grand

Rapids, Michigan. He served as a litigation associate for Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP and taught as an adjunct at Ohio State University College of Law before coming to Washburn in the fall of 1999.

"The law school at Washburn is a community of people who like and help each other. I love going to work every day in such a supportive environment. The best institutions change in subtle ways over time, and I always look forward to meeting each year's new group of students who will continue to shape the vibrant Washburn community."

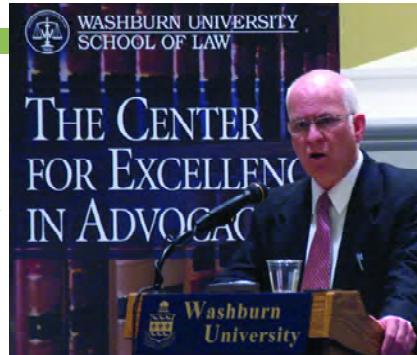
This fall, Glashausser is teaching Civil Procedure II.

## 2006 Advocacy Scholar in Residence

Professor Mark M. Dobson was the 2006 Washburn Law Advocacy Scholar in Residence. He visited Washburn Law March 13-17, 2006. Dobson is from Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. During his time on campus Dobson gave a public lecture titled "A Kansas Murder Trial and the U.S. Supreme Court: The Historic Trials of Clyde Mattox." In addition to his public lecture, Dobson gave a lunch time presentation on the Lionel Tate Murder Case, a Florida case involving a 12-year-old defendant convicted of murder. Dobson taught a special class on case theory development to the Intensive Trial Advocacy Program (ITAP) students, spoke to faculty on the development of externship programs and taught a criminal procedure course for Professor Michael Kaye on post arrest issues and criminal procedure.

Dobson was Nova Southeastern's Outstanding Professor in 2004, administers Nova's Criminal Justice Clinic and teaches mainly in the field of litigation and advocacy including criminal law, criminal procedure, trial advocacy and evidence courses. In addition to Nova Southeastern, Dobson has taught at Loyola University, Touro University, University of North Dakota, Washburn Law and Willamette University. While at both North Dakota and Nova Southeastern law schools, Professor Dobson established the schools' trial advocacy programs. In 1981 he was awarded the American College of Trial Lawyers Emil Gumpert Award for Excellence in Trial Advocacy. He has published extensively in the areas of evidence and criminal practice and is a past chair of the American Bar

Association Criminal Justice Section Committee on Defense and Prosecution of Drunk Driving Cases.



## Moot Court Team Takes First



Zachary Chaffee-McClure '07 & Matthew Ballard '07

The Washburn Law Moot Court team of Matthew Ballard '07 and Zachary Chaffee-McClure '07 captured first place at the Evan A. Evans Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition held at the University of Wisconsin in Madison March 31 - April 2, 2006. Ballard and Chaffee-McClure also received the award for top respondent's brief.

Thirty-two teams from across the nation competed in the premier three-day event including Loyola University of Chicago School of Law, William & Mary School of Law, University of Connecticut School of Law, Valparaiso University School of Law, University of Minnesota School of Law and University of St. Thomas School of Law.

Professor Jeffrey D. Jackson coached the team, and the law firm of Martin, Pringle, Oliver, Wallace and Bauer, L.L.P., sponsored the team by underwriting the competition costs.



Sylvester James, Melissa Taylor Standridge and Keith Cutler

## Diversity Week

Washburn Law held its very first Diversity Week the week of April 10, 2006. Diversity Week was created and implemented by students Linda Eng '07 and Eunice Peters '06. They described its creation as a way to champion the goals of educating and empowering students to actively support diversity in the legal community and alerting the legal community that diversity requires proactive efforts by all members of the profession. Events were designed to spark discussion among students through individual viewpoints, panel discussions and to celebrate diversity for what it is.

The event's theme, "I Support a Diverse Legal Community," was chosen to embody the belief that each and every attorney and future attorney is capable of compelling the legal profession to reflect the principles that laws were designed to protect. Activities included a Diversity Workshop with interactive activities led by Associate Dean Kelly Anders and Professors Janet Jackson and Aida Alaka; "Improving Diversity," a panel discussion with Melissa Taylor Standridge, chambers counsel for the Honorable David J. Waxse, Sylvester "Sly" James, Jr. from the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association and Keith A. Cutler of James W. Tippin & Associates and president of the Jackson County Bar Association; "Living Diversity," a panel discussion regarding interracial marriage and multi-cultural children with Professors Aliza Organick, Michael Kaye, John Francis, Aida Alaka, Alex Glashausser, Janet Jackson and Susana L. Valdovinos '88, Associate Director of Affirmative Action at Kansas State University; "Affirmative Action in Education: From *Brown v. Board* To Michigan Law School Admissions" presented by Susana L. Valdovinos '88; a Leading Diversity forum including speakers The Hon. Henry W. Green, Jr., Kansas Court of Appeals, Tina Harris, Shook, Hardy & Bacon, and Tessa Jacob '92, Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin LLP. The week ended with a cocktail party at the law school with special guests Kansas Supreme Court Justice Carol A. Beier; Kansas Court of Appeals Judges Lee A. Johnson '80 and Christel E. Marquardt '74; and The Hon. Dale E. Somers, Federal Bankruptcy Court Judge.

## Elrod named Woman of Distinction

Professor Linda D. Elrod was honored as the 2006 Woman of Distinction by the American Business Women's Association Career Chapter (ABWA) in Topeka, Kan., during its annual scholarship

luncheon  
March 29,  
2006.

The event honors women of outstanding achievement and raises scholarship



Professor Linda Elrod and Dr. Jerry Farley funds in the Awardee's name for women pursuing degrees at Washburn University. Over \$10,000 was raised in Elrod's name for a Washburn Woman in Business or Law scholarship. President Jerry Farley gave remarks on behalf of Elrod.

According to the vice president of ABWA Career Chapter, Elrod was selected because of her advocacy for children and women, both nationally and internationally. Elrod said, "Women mentoring other women is important, and I am honored to have a scholarship established in my name by the ABWA Career Chapter at Washburn. Women have to help each other, not just do it for themselves. The scholarship is part of leaving a legacy," said Elrod.

In addition to the award, Governor Kathleen Sebelius proclaimed March 29<sup>th</sup> to be Linda D. Elrod Day.



Professors John Francis, Aida Alaka, Rob Rhee, Alex Glashausser, Aliza Organick and Michael Kaye

# New Board of Governors Members

The following Washburn Law alumni were nominated to serve a two-year term on the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Board of Governors. Their term will be effective July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2008.



The Hon. Richard Anderson graduated from Kearney State College with his undergraduate degree in 1976 and his master's in 1977. He graduated from Washburn Law in 1980. After graduation from law school he worked in private practice from 1980 - 1998 with an emphasis in labor, employment and construction law. In 1999, he was appointed to the position of District Judge, Third Judicial District by Governor Bill Graves. He is a member of the Topeka and Kansas Bar Associations and the Sam A. Crow American Inn of Court.



Philip Pennington received a bachelor's degree in History in 1973 and a master's in Business Administration in 1975 from Texas Christian University. In 1984, he graduated from Washburn Law and was admitted to the Kansas Bar that same year. Since 1984, he has worked in a variety of capacities for AMC Entertainment Inc., currently serving as a vice president in the company's Legal Department with his primary emphasis in disability access law. In addition, he supervises outside counsel on a variety of matters and supervises the company's Security Department and its Director of Labor Relations.



Dana Brewer graduated from Washburn Law in December 1976. While attending law school, he worked in the Revisor of Statutes and Judicial Administrator's offices at the State Capitol in Topeka. He is in the law firm of Swenson, Brewer & Long in Concordia, Kan., practicing in the areas of estate planning, estate and trust administration and property law. He is a member of the American, Kansas and Cloud County Bar Associations, has served on the Board of the Kansas School Attorneys Association and the Elderlaw Committee of the Kansas Bar Association. He helped create the "Law Library Without Walls" for Kansas' 12th Judicial District.



James Slattery received his bachelor's degree in Political Science from Washburn in 1970 and his juris doctor from Washburn Law in 1974. He attended the Netherlands School of International Economics and Business from 1969 - 1970. He has been a partner in the law firm of Wiley, Rein & Fielding LLP, Washington, D.C., since 1997. He is a member of the Government Affairs, Energy and International Trade practices groups of the 250-member law firm. He served in the U.S. Congress from 1983 to 1995, as Kansas Secretary of Revenue in 1979, and in the Kansas House of Representatives from 1973 to 1979.



M. Kathryn Webb served on the Board of Editors for the *Washburn Law Journal* and received her juris doctor, with honors, from Washburn Law in 1983. She is a director in the McDonald, Tinker, Skaer, Quinn & Herrington law firm in Wichita, Kan., and has extensive experience at both trial and appellate levels in the areas of commercial litigation, employment law and insurance defense. She is a member of the Wichita, Kansas and American Bar Associations, Kansas Bar Association Board of Governors, Wichita Bar Association Board of Governors, the Kansas Women Attorneys Association, the Wichita Women Attorneys Association and the Kansas Association of Defense Counsel.

Other board members currently serving on the board who were nominated to serve another two-year term include Bill Bunten '56, Topeka, Kan.; David Fenley '79, Kansas City, Mo.; Carol Green '81, Topeka, Kan.; Ward Loyd '68, Garden City, Kan.; Shoko Severt '73, Wichita, Kan.; Sabrina Standifer '99, Wichita, Kan.; and Steve Torline '97, Kansas City, Mo.