Opportunities for Participation and Involvement

Thomas J. Romig assumed his duties as dean of Washburn University School of Law, July 2, 2007. Everyone was anticipating his arrival, and rightfully so. His demonstrated leadership skills and enthusiasm will capitalize on and enhance the strengths of the law school. And, with your help and support, he will take the law school to the next level.

The alumni association will be hosting numerous “Meet the Dean” receptions during the summer, fall and spring semester to enable alumni to meet Dean Romig. Reception sites include Salina, Lindsborg, Topeka, Manhattan, Kansas City, Wichita, Dodge City, Garden City, Chicago, Hays, Colby/Goodland, Denver, Phoenix, Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston, Las Vegas, and Albuquerque. I encourage you to attend one of these receptions. It will be a great opportunity to meet Dean Romig, as well as other alumni, faculty and staff.

In addition to these “Meet the Dean” receptions, a number of other alumni events will take place. They include the second annual alumni association golf scramble, September 14 at Falcon Lakes Golf Course near Kansas City, and the annual Dean’s Circle Dinner, September 15 at the InterContinental Hotel in Kansas City.

Many volunteer opportunities also exist for alumni to become involved in law school activities. Alumni can: help the admissions staff recruit top-notch students by making phone calls or writing letters to prospective students and attending alumni admissions events; participate in career assistance programs by talking to students at seminars about their practice areas, conducting mock interviews, reviewing resumes and cover letters, and letting the law school know about job opportunities; participate in the mentor program and be mentors to first-year students; and, speak or lecture at the law school.

Finally, alumni giving creates scholarship opportunities for many deserving students. Washburn Law distributes more than $1.2 million annually in institutional scholarships – but more is needed. The cost of a legal education, and the debt burden incurred by law students to obtain that education, is constantly increasing and will adversely affect law school admissions and retention. Generous contributions from alumni will enable the law school to provide additional scholarships and help ensure the future success of Washburn Law.

Information on all of the above, as well as other alumni receptions, events, volunteer and giving opportunities, is available at www.washburnlaw.edu/alumni. Your continued support of the law school is instrumental to its future success and growth. Alumni involvement is part of the momentum that will help Dean Romig and the faculty and staff transform Washburn into a truly great law school.

I look forward to seeing you at a future alumni event.

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