

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Awards

The Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Board of Governors presented its annual awards during the Washburn Law luncheon at the Kansas Bar Association's annual meeting in Wichita on June 11, 2010.

Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is bestowed on graduates of the School of Law who have particularly distinguished themselves and brought recognition to the school through their service to Washburn University School of Law, the legal profession, or their community.

The Honorable Marla J. Luckert, '80, joined the Topeka firm of Goodell, Stratton, Edmonds and Palmer after law school graduation. While in law school, she served as technical editor of the *Washburn Law Journal*. In 1992, she was appointed as a district judge of the Third Judicial District and to the Kansas Supreme Court in 2002.

Justice Luckert has served as president of numerous Kansas legal associations.

In 1993, then-Judge Luckert was recognized as a Washburn University Alumni Fellow. She has been an adjunct professor of business and of law at Washburn. She served on the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Board of Governors and on the Washburn Legal Assistant's Advisory Board from 1995 to the present. In addition, Justice Luckert has been a guest lecturer at Law Clinic swearing-in ceremonies and admitted and prospective student events. She has served as a mentor to numerous Washburn Law students through the law school's alumni and Women's Legal Forum mentorship programs.



Honorary Life Membership

The Honorary Life Membership is awarded annually to a *non-graduate*. The recipient of this honor is someone who has provided exemplary service to Washburn University School of Law, the legal profession, or their community.

Professor John E. Christensen has been the Washburn Law Library director for the past 31 years, and under his direction the library has developed a reputation for excellence in utilizing technology. *The National Jurist* ranked Washburn's law library in the top 20 percent of ABA-accredited United States law school libraries in 2000, 2004, and 2010.



Christensen was associate editor of the *Utah Bar Journal* and clerked for Justice J. Allan Crockett of the Utah Supreme Court. He was an instructor and professional law librarian at the University of Texas in Austin.

Christensen recently served as president of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries. He initiated and maintains the LawLibDir discussion list. Christensen has served on the Technology Committee of the ABA's Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar and is a site evaluator. He is also a frequent CLE presenter on legal research resources on the Web.

BA, Washburn University, 1977 • JD, Washburn University School of Law, 1980 • Kansas Supreme Court Justice

BA, Brigham Young University, 1971 • JD, University of Utah, 1975 • MLS, University of California, Berkeley, 1976 • Washburn Law Library Director • Professor of Law

Lifetime Achievement Awards

The Lifetime Achievement Award is bestowed upon graduates whose careers have been highly distinguished and whose achievements and contributions are widely recognized as significant and outstanding in their field of endeavor, whether it be in the practice of law, the judiciary, business, public service, education, or otherwise.

While all graduates of the law school will be eligible for consideration, in general those nominated should be persons whose professional careers have been substantially completed, and who clearly will represent the very best and most accomplished of the law school's many outstanding graduates.

Donald O. Concannon, '52, of Hugoton, Kan., attended Essex School (a one-room country school 20 miles northeast of Garden City) from 1933 to 1937. The district closed the school in 1937 during the heart of the Dust Bowl. His family moved to Garden City, Kan., where he graduated from high school.

He enlisted in the United States Navy on May 1, 1945. Concannon graduated from Garden City Community College and received his bachelor's degree in political science from Washburn University in 1952, where he was active in sports and was a member of the varsity football and track teams. He was also a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. As a Washburn Law student, he was involved in the Student Bar Association.

Concannon was state chair of the Republican Party, and in 1974 was a candidate in the primary election for governor. In 1987, he established the Donald O. Concannon Law Scholarship, an endowed fund designated for Washburn Law students. In 1991, he established the Patricia Davis Concannon Endowed Law Scholarship, in memory of his first wife, **Patricia J. Davis, '53**, who died in February 2001.



The Honorable John Edwards Conway, '63, is Senior U.S. District Judge in Albuquerque, N.M. He was co-captain of Paola (Kan.) High School's first undefeated football team. At the United States Naval Academy, Conway was one of 16 midshipmen out of 680 in his class to letter three years. In 1963, Conway graduated *magna cum laude* from Washburn University School of Law. Conway was editor of the *Washburn*

Law Journal, a member of Phi Alpha Delta, and president of the student bar association.



During the 1970s, Judge Conway was a New Mexico state senator for 10 years and served as the minority floor leader for eight years. Since 1986 he has been a U.S. District Judge, an appointment made by President Ronald

Reagan. In the 1980s, he was chairman of the New Mexico Governor's Organized Crime Prevention Commission, and chairman of the Disciplinary Board of New Mexico Supreme Court. Judge Conway was appointed to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act Court in Washington, D.C., by U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist, serving from 2003 to 2008. He was a member of the Judicial Resources Committee from 1995 to 1998, and chief judge for the District of New Mexico from 1994 to 2000. In 1994, Judge Conway tried a six-month drug case, the longest trial on record in New Mexico judicial history.

BA, Washburn University, 1952,
JD, Washburn University School of Law, 1952

BS, U.S. Naval Academy, 1956
JD, Washburn University School of Law, 1963
Senior U.S. District Judge, Albuquerque, N.M.

The Honorable Homer Hoch, '09, was valedictorian of Marion (Kan.) High School in 1898 and graduated from Baker University, Baldwin, Kan., in 1902. He attended George Washington Law School in Washington, D.C., but later graduated in 1909 from Washburn University School of Law. Hoch served as clerk and chief of the Appointment Division in the United States Post Office Department, Washington, D.C., from 1903 to 1905. He was private secretary to the Governor of Kansas, his father, Edward Wallis Hoch from 1907 to 1908.

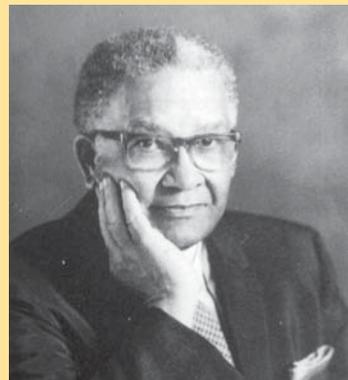
Hoch was engaged in the practice of law in Marion from 1909 to 1919, and was editor of the *Marion Record*. In 1928, Hoch served as a delegate to the Republican National Convention, held in Kansas City, Mo.

Hoch was elected as a Republican to the 66th Congress and to the six succeeding Congresses (March 1919 to March 1933). He served as member and chairman of the Kansas State Corporation Commission during the years from 1933 to 1939. Hoch was elected a member of the Kansas Supreme Court in 1938, was reelected in 1944 and served until his death five years later. He was interred in Highland Cemetery, Marion.



Born: July 4, 1879 - Marion, Kan.
Died: Jan. 30, 1949 - Topeka, at the age of 69

The Honorable Raymond J. Reynolds, '29, initially practiced law in Topeka while serving seven terms as president of the Topeka chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Reynolds led a fight to open Topeka area public parks for all persons regardless of their color. Before leaving Kansas, Judge Reynolds did the preliminary work with the organization's national office to explore the merits of using the Topeka school system for the case that ultimately became a landmark school desegregation decision, *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*. He also wrote a column "Cheers and Encores" for the *Topeka Capital-Journal*.



After unsuccessfully challenging incumbent **Warren Shaw, '31**, a fellow Washburn Law graduate, for election as Topeka municipal judge, he moved in the mid-1940s to California. Reynolds served several years as president of the NAACP in San Francisco, and won several legal decisions that advanced civil rights. In 1954, Reynolds became the first African American appointed as deputy city attorney in San Francisco, and became well known as one of their top trial attorneys. Governor Ronald Reagan appointed him as judge of the Superior Court in Oakland in 1969. During a Washington, D.C., ceremony in 1989, Judge Reynolds was inducted into the National Bar Association's Hall of Fame, a unique distinction as the first Washburn Law graduate to receive this honor. He wrote two books, *SHARING MY NOTEBOOK*, published in 1979, and *LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY*, published in 1989.

Born: Aug. 29, 1905 - Topeka
Died: Aug. 14, 1995 - Oakland, Calif., at the age of 89