LEGAL WRITING PROGRAM AGAIN RANKED AS ONE OF BEST IN NATION

U.S. News and World Report released its 2011 law school rankings in April 2010. Washburn moved up in the rankings, and its Legal Analysis, Research, and Writing Program (LARW) was ranked 17th among all law schools.

Legal writing is one of many strengths of Washburn Law, and it is a critically important skill to become a successful lawyer.

“Employers place a high value on legal writing skills when considering candidates,” said Margann Bennett, director of Professional Development. “A Washburn Law education ensures students’ skills will be top-notch.”

Highlights of the LARW Program at Washburn Law include:

• A focus on preparing students for the actual practice of law
• Professors dedicated to legal writing as a primary field
• A foundation in legal reasoning, research, and oral advocacy

In addition to the U.S. News and World Report ranking, Washburn Law has earned a number of accolades this year, including:

• Law Library ranked in the top 20 percent of all law libraries in the country by The National Jurist
• Washburn Law’s website, www.washburnlaw.edu, listed as one of the “Top 10 Law School Home Pages of 2009” by Roger V. Skalbeck of the Georgetown University Law Center
• Named an outstanding law school by The Princeton Review in the 2010 edition of “The Best 172 Law Schools”
• 223 alumni listed in Law & Politics’ 2010 Super Lawyers U.S. Law School Rankings

More information about the LARW Program is available at www.washburnlaw.edu/curriculum/larw

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In Memoriam

Washburn Law mourns the passing of the following alumni whose deaths were reported to the school since the date of our last publication.

41 Daniel Dennett Tontz, Wichita, on Feb. 7, 2010, at the age of 92
46 John Francis Hayes, Hutchinson, Kan., on Jan. 14, 2010, at the age of 90
49 David Ash Johnson, Sonoma, Calif., on July 9, 2010, at the age of 84
50 Wilbert William Hiss, Oklahoma City, Okla., on Feb. 6, 2010, at the age of 85 • Clifford Ragsdale Hope Jr., Garden City, Kan., on Feb. 11, 2010, at the age of 86
54 Richard G. Heywood, Innsbrook, Mo., on May 21, 2010, at the age of 81 • Richard Lee Reep, El Paso, Texas, on Oct. 27, 2009, at the age of 80
55 Rodney Hubert Busey, Wichita, on May 2, 2010, at the age of 79
59 The Honorable Gerald Lee Houghland, Olathe, Kan., on Feb. 8, 2010, at the age of 77
60 The Honorable Bob L. Abbott, Topeka, on March 23, 2010, at the age of 77 • Richard Lewis Roberts, Olathe, Kan., on May 22, 2009, at the age of 73
62 The Honorable J. Michael Smith, Arkansas City, Kan., on Sept. 6, 2010, at the age of 74 • Leo Newell Johnson, Council Grove, Kan., on Dec. 17, 2009, at the age of 77

63 The Honorable James Edward Wells, Topeka, on Sept. 19, 2010, at the age of 78
69 Larry Tate Hughes, Topeka, on Sept. 1, 2010, at the age of 66
70 Jane Twining Osterhoudt Roy, ‘70, of Topeka, on Oct. 18, 2010, at the age of 86
76 Rev. Robert Arthur Brunig, Southlake, Texas, on Aug. 31, 2009, at the age of 63
79 Patricia Ellen Baker, Topeka, on Dec. 17, 2010, at the age of 62
80 Willis K. Musick, Hays, Kan., on Aug. 23, 2010, at the age of 56
82 The Honorable Jim R. Nix, St. Joseph, Mo., on June 5, 2010, at the age of 69 • Jo Ann Teasley Van Meter, Topeka, on Oct. 8, 2009, at the age of 62
83 Kim Dean Steele, Wichita, on Oct. 3, 2009, at the age of 56
84 Philip Clayton Pennington, Weatherby Lake, Mo., on Feb. 16, 2010, at the age of 59
90 J. Richard Showalter II, Topeka, on July 27, 2010, at the age of 63