



Off to a Great Start

In late August, we welcomed 301 students back to campus. This year, as in the past, we have exceptionally bright and hard-working students who will become well-educated, practice-ready legal professionals when they graduate and venture out into their chosen career paths.

We also are extremely pleased to have Gillian Chadwick, associate professor of law, and Burke Griggs, visiting associate professor of law, join the Washburn Law faculty. They bring great expertise and energy to the Law School. I hope you will have the opportunity to meet them when you're on campus. You can read more about them on page 26 of the magazine.

In this issue of the *Washburn Lawyer*, you will see once again the diverse career paths open to Washburn Law alumni, and the amazing things they accomplish in their chosen fields – from corporate general counsel to filmmaker to managing partner in a well-known Wichita, Kansas, law firm. Like so many others, they attribute much of their success to the education they received at Washburn Law.

On pages 22 and 23, you will read about six outstanding individuals who have had a lasting impact on Washburn Law. At a special dinner during Alumni Weekend, we honored **Earl Hatcher, JD '23 and H '69 (posthumous)**; **Cynthia Heath, BA '71; The Honorable Edward Larson; The Honorable J. Thomas Martin, BA '73 and JD '76; Lynette Petty, '87; and Frank Ross, Jr., '78** for their outstanding service to the legal profession and to Washburn Law.

This issue also features our 2016 Alumni Fellow, **Natalie Haag, '85**, who has had an impressive career that includes working in both the government and the private sectors.

We expect this to be another outstanding year for our students and faculty. We encourage you to visit campus and share your experiences and talents with our students.

Sincerely,



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