

Building on Momentum

Rarely have we experienced such an exciting time to be associated with Washburn University School of Law. I am excited to be starting my tenure as chair of the Board of Governors in the midst of this fantastic confluence of events.

We have an incredibly talented, dedicated board who are all committed to doing everything we can to support the law school and build on the progress made over the last few years. My predecessor, **Sabrina Standifer, '99**, did a great job as chair to maintain a focus on the students, faculty, and facilities of Washburn Law in order to maintain the world-class education available through our alma mater. Our law school has seen its ranking increase significantly. In fact, in the 2017 edition of U.S. News & World Report we saw a 16-place jump — the largest increase of any law school in Kansas and in the region and the fourth largest in the nation. The enthusiastic support of our alumni network has played a big hand in achieving this success.

Our alumni efforts to raise scholarship money have paid off in an impressive new class of first-year law students. It is fun to see how excited these outstanding new students are as they start their study of the law. It encourages me to grow our alumni support for scholarships so we have the financial resources to attract top-tier students.

Another exciting development is the progress being made toward construction of a new law school building on Washburn's campus. This project is key to maintaining the momentum Washburn Law has experienced in recent years. Top-of-the-line facilities will be an important factor in attracting the best and brightest students and faculty to join our law school. I can assure you the faculty and administration of the law school and President Farley are all committed to the new building. We are grateful for the vote of support taken by the Washburn University Board of Regents.

We still have a ways to go in making this project a reality. But such a leap forward for Washburn Law only happens once in a lifetime. With the unanimous support of the Board of Governors, I look forward to working with our dedicated alumni to raise the resources necessary to commence construction on our new building in the near future.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, I invite your comments and suggestions about how we can better serve the Washburn Law community. Thank you for your generous support.

Sincerely,



Jim Slattery, '75
Chair
Washburn University School of Law
Alumni Association Board of Governors



The Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Board of Governors was first created in 1952. Our mission is to promote the interests of the Law School by engaging our alumni through service to the Law School and the Association, participating in alumni events and programs, remaining connected, and assisting to further scholarship funding. Appointments run July through June.

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