



Dear Alumni and Friends:

It's time to celebrate! Mark your calendars. Washburn University School of Law will begin its **Centennial Celebration** with a September 18th reception in the Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center. Details about the three-year Centennial Celebration will be arriving soon in your mailbox. We will not only celebrate during the Centennial year, but will continue the celebration as we follow this fall's entering class, the first class of the second century, through their graduation in May 2006. I hope you will join us for the many lectures, symposia, receptions, and gala events that will be part of the law school's celebration. These will be exciting years as we celebrate Washburn Law's remarkable history and promising future.

Part of Washburn Law's great tradition is the illustrious record of our alumni in the judiciary. Beginning on page 4, you will find the stories of some remarkable men and women who have devoted their lives to public service as judges in local, state and federal courts across America. I regret we can only tell a few of the stories.

I am happy to report the School of Law is continuing to make progress in its four signature programs: the Business and Transactional Law Center, the Children and Family Law Center, the Center for Excellence in Advocacy and the Washburn Law Clinic. We believe these programs will place Washburn University School of Law among the nation's top law schools. Details of these programs are included in this issue of *The Washburn Lawyer*.

All of us here at the law school are looking forward to seeing you during the Centennial Celebration. Together we can make the next three years a "**Happy Birthday, Washburn Law**" event to remember.

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