

# Speakers at Washburn University School of Law

Each semester, Washburn Law is fortunate to have numerous speakers at the law school. Most speak over the lunch hour to groups of students and faculty.

Speakers are invited to the law school by various student groups, faculty members and other law school departments. Washburn Law appreciates all speakers who take time out of their busy schedule to provide a variety of expertise and insight in their respective field of practice or business. If you are interested in speaking at the law school on a certain topic, please contact Julie Olson, director, Alumni Affairs, at (785) 670-2013.

The Professional Development Office sponsored Interview Skills Workshops with attorneys from the Wichita Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section, Aug. 28, 2006; Shook Hardy & Bacon, Aug. 20, 2006; and, Hinkle Elkouri Law Firm, Sept. 6, 2006.



The Federalist Society hosted **Professor Robert Turner**, associate director, Center for National Security Law at the University of Virginia School of Law, Sept. 7, 2006. Turner addressed more than 70 Washburn Law students and faculty about "The NSA Warrantless Wiretap Controversy and the Constitution: Was Congress the Real Lawbreaker," and "Did FISA Contribute to 9/11?"

The Tax and Estate Planning Association and Professional Development Office hosted **Scott MacBeth '92**, Hinkle Elkouri Law Firm LLC; **Hellen Haag**, Bever Dye LC, and



**Professor Brad Borden**, Sept. 12, 2006. The panel discussed the LL.M programs at the schools they attended, the benefits of an LL.M, and the impact it

has had on their careers. MacBeth received his LL.M from New York University, Haag from the University of Denver, and Borden from the University of Florida.



The Federalist Society hosted **Jeffery Clark**, former deputy assistant attorney general in the Environmental & Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, Sept. 14, 2006. Clark spoke to approximately 30 Washburn Law



students and faculty on the topic of “Ninth Circuit Overreaching in Environmental Law.” Clark explained that the Ninth Circuit is overturned more than any other circuit by the Supreme Court.



The J. Rueben Clark Society hosted **Kevin Shepherd** ‘00, Sept. 19, 2006. Shepherd discussed the pros and cons of becoming a sole practitioner.

Shepherd has operated his own criminal defense law office and discussed the challenges associated not only with properly representing your clients, but also managing the challenges of the day to day business aspects of solo practice.



The Washburn Business Law Society hosted **Jennifer Osborn** ‘96, an associate with Polsinelli, Shalton, Welte, Suelthaus PC in Kansas City, Sept. 21, 2006.

Osborn spoke about insurance regulation and compliance issues titled, “What Does An Insurance Attorney Do?” She discussed how the industry is one of the most heavily regulated, which necessitates a large number of lawyers to make sure insurance companies are compliant and to push back the regulatory authorities when they overstep their legal boundaries.



The Federalist Society hosted **Scott Bloch**, from the White House Office of Special Counsel, Sept. 26, 2006. Bloch spoke to students and faculty about “Is there A Fourth Branch of

Government: Independent Agencies and the U.S. Office of Special Counsel?” He explained that the role of the Office of Special Counsel is to be a watchdog over other administrative agencies and ensure that those agencies obey the law.



The Washburn Real Estate Law Society hosted **Kyle J. Mead** ‘98, chief examining attorney for Lawyers Title of Topeka, Inc., Sept. 27, 2006.

Mead gave students an overview of title searching, the mechanics of title insurance and also addressed title issues that may arise during a real estate closing.



The Washburn Business Law Society hosted **Dusty Moshier** ‘77, partner at Hampton & Royce, L.C., Salina, Kan., Oct. 5, 2006. Moshier discussed the Fair

Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and how it directly relates to business clients. He spent the majority of the time discussing the “White Collar Exemptions” giving specific real world examples to illustrate how the FLSA works.

The Washburn Law Democrats hosted **Senator David Haley**, Oct. 12, 2006. Haley spoke about how he became interested in politics through the private sector, working diligently on urban housing projects in his home district of Wyandotte County. His remarks consisted of ways in which lawyers can become involved in the betterment of their community, through a work focus or on a volunteer basis.



The Washburn Real Estate Law Society hosted **Gerald Maier**, a commercial real estate appraiser with Mainland Valuation Services, Lenexa,

Kan., Oct. 18, 2006. Maier spoke on topics including the usefulness of a law degree in the appraisal industry, some typical approaches to value, and legal issues in the appraisal industry, including bankruptcy, condemnation, and ad valorem tax appeals.



The Federalist Society hosted **Professor Eugene Kontorovich**, visiting professor of law at Northwestern

University, Oct. 19, 2006. Kontorovich spoke to students and faculty about the "Dangers of Universal Jurisdiction." He explained that universal jurisdiction is the theory that any jurisdiction may prosecute any party, at any time, regardless of the jurisdiction's contacts with the incident or parties involved.

The Washburn Business Law Society hosted **George Hersh, Jr.**, owner and businesses manager in industries rang-



ing from construction to moving; **Helen Crow**, long-time Topeka, Kan., realtor; and **Bob Schuster**, manager of the Topeka and Wichita offices of Kennedy and Coe, LLC, Oct. 20, 2006. A panel discussion was held concerning "The Business Client's View of What they Want in a Lawyer."

The Federalist Society hosted **Professor Nicholas Capaldi**, from Loyola University, Oct. 26, 2006. Capaldi addressed over 60 students and faculty about "Why the Rule of Law is not Taught in our Nation's Law Schools."



Capaldi argued that the rule of law must be applied across the board in all circumstances in order for our system to truly be governed by the rule of law.

The Children and Family Law Center hosted **Angela Ferguson**, Austin & Ferguson in Kansas City; **Joyce Grover '94**, Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence; and **Pam Burrough '06**, Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, Oct. 31, 2006. They discussed issues and remedies available for immigrant women and their families when domestic violence occurs and also discussed what the perpetrators face as well as what some male victims face.



The Washburn Real Estate Law Society hosted **Patrick Gideon**, president of Silver Lake Bank, Topeka, Nov. 1, 2006. Gideon's presentation was titled, "A Community Bankers Perspective on Commercial Real Estate

Lending." He covered various topics involved in the real estate lending process including the regulatory environment today, what a banker looks for in the application process, and how lawyers can assist their clients through the financing process.

The Washburn Law Democrats hosted **Dr. Kent Runyan**, Nov. 1, 2006. Runyan addressed questions concerning, the federal "no child left behind" program, the problems with state school finance, school vouchers, and the best ways to empower our teaching force on the ground.



The Asian American Law Student Association, Hispanic American Law Student Association, and the Professional Development Office hosted **Dan**

**Cranshaw**, Nov. 7, 2006. Cranshaw is an associate with Lathrop & Gage in Kansas City and discussed issues minorities may face in the practice of law.



The Washburn Law ACLU hosted **Mickey Weinstein**, founder of the Military Religious Freedom Foundation, Nov. 9, 2006. Weinstein spoke about fundamental Christian proselytizing

in the military. He told students the type of fundamentalist proselytizing that happens in the military is real and common, and it violates the First Amendment's establishment clause.



The Veterans Legal Association of Washburn hosted **Kenneth Carpenter '73**, president of Carpenter Chartered and founding mem-

ber of the National Organization of Veterans' Advocates, Nov. 11, 2006. Carpenter spoke on the appeals process for VA claimants under the Veterans Judicial Review Act highlighting the problems faced by claimants including the complexity of the process and the length of time to complete an appeal.



The Sports and Entertainment Law Society and the Professional Development office hosted **Kevin Regan '81**, Nov. 15, 2006.

Regan and his associate, **Lucy McShane**, spoke to students about working in the sports and entertainment world. He talked about the importance of ethics in the profession. He told students, as an attorney, it is important to keep your ethics in the forefront of what you do, and it is ok to turn down a case, if taking the case would mean you compromise what you believe in.