

LAW SCHOOL News

WASHBURN LAW RANKED AS BEST VALUE, NAMED OUTSTANDING

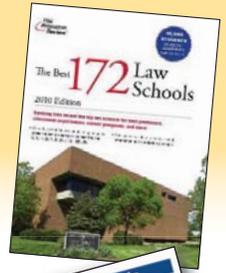
Washburn University School of Law is ranked 31st of all 200 law schools in the United States in “*The National Jurist’s* Best Value Law Schools,” September 2009.

The schools on the list “carry a low price tag and are able to prepare their students incredibly well for today’s competitive job market,” according to *The National Jurist*. Schools ranked had low tuition, high employment after graduation, and bar passage rates above the state average.

Washburn Law was also named an outstanding law school by The Princeton Review in the 2010 edition of its book *The Best 172 Law Schools*. The Princeton Review surveys students to create two-page profiles of the chosen schools with write-ups on their academics, student life

and admissions, plus ratings for their academics, selectivity and career placement services.

“We are honored to be included with the top law schools in the nation,” said Dean Thomas J. Romig. “Washburn University School of Law provides our students with a high-quality legal education found in many of the best private law schools, but at a public law school price. Because of the continued generosity of our alumni, we are able to keep costs low.”



“STUDENTS FIRST” SCHOLARSHIP CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

Washburn Law recently initiated a new scholarship campaign to enhance its strategy to target highly-qualified students with larger scholarships. The new scholarship program implemented for students entering in the fall of 2009 resulted in a higher percentage of students choosing Washburn. In addition, the median LSATs of incoming students were two points higher than the class of 2008.

“We are continually working to recruit the best and brightest students while also ensuring the debt load does not keep them from pursuing the professional opportunities they seek upon graduation,” said Thomas J. Romig, dean of the School of Law. “These scholarships help students immediately and build a stronger law school long-term.”

More than \$1.8 million in scholarships was awarded for the 2009-10 school year, and we seek to increase this by \$200,000 to \$300,000 for the 2010-11 academic year. Four scholarship funds are emphasized in the Students First Campaign:

Premier Academic Scholarships – Washburn Law has created scholarships to recruit premier academic students. These scholarships are renewable for three years if academic standards are met; the majority of other law schools offer one-year scholarships.

Homestead Scholarships – Each year a significant number of students come to Washburn from seven nearby undergraduate schools, including Emporia State, Fort Hays State, Kansas State, Pittsburg State, University of Kansas, Washburn, and Wichita State. These scholarships are awarded to student scholars from these universities.

Competition Team Scholarships – To maintain the national caliber of these teams, scholarships are awarded to upper-class students to attract their participation in these valuable programs.

Bar Preparation Scholarships – When the funds become available, we plan to offer a limited number of Bar Preparation Scholarships to help defray the costs of bar examination application fees and preparation courses for third-year law students, helping to improve bar exam results.