

A Family Affair

CAROL L. FOREMAN ESTABLISHES SCHOLARSHIP

Inspired by their mother's desire to see her children achieve certain academic goals, Carol Foreman and three of her five sisters graduated from Washburn University. Carol's sisters Ann Dickhoff and Nancy Beier both received bachelor's degrees in social work. Her sister Janet Leiker earned a bachelor's degree in history, while Carol earned a juris doctor from Washburn Law in 1980. Their late mother, Mary Ann Foreman, had received her bachelor's degree in sociology from Washburn in 1943 and began studies at Washburn Law. However, World War II and the demands of raising a family required her full time and attention.



Carol L. Foreman

Carol was among a growing number of women choosing a career in law in the 1980s and she found success in government service. She began her distinguished career as a hearing officer and within two years received a promotion to chief administrative law judge. She served in that capacity for 15 years before becoming the first director of the Kansas Office of Administrative Hearings. Carol is widely recognized for her expertise in administrative law and chairs the Kansas Judicial Council's Administrative Procedures Advisory Committee.

In 2003, Governor Kathleen Sebelius appointed Carol as deputy secretary of the Kansas Department of Administration, which involved leading and managing a workforce of 500 employees responsible for state government operations. Carol retired from that position in 2010 and now serves as of counsel with the law firm of Glenn, Cornish and Hanson.

"Washburn Law is a special place where students can gain more than an excellent legal education," Carol explained. "The Law School provides rigorous academic legal education in a nurturing and supportive setting and the new Center for Law and Government offers a unique training ground for future attorneys."

The combination of personal relationships and professional growth is at the core of the unique Washburn experience, the experience that Carol wants to perpetuate.

"Washburn Law changed my life. It allowed me the opportunity to engage with bright people and it opened my eyes to new possibilities. Working hard to achieve a goal instills confidence and that's what Washburn Law did for me," Carol said.

Carol has always valued her legal education and believes it was instrumental in providing the tools she needed to achieve her goals. Thus, Carol has financially supported Washburn Law for more than 20 years, giving annually to a myriad of projects including the law library, the Dean's Fund, the annual fund, and student scholarships.

Now, Carol wants to ensure future students have similar opportunities that she experienced and the ability to achieve their goals. She has included Washburn University School of Law in her will to receive a major estate gift to establish the Carol L. Foreman Law Scholarship. She desires future generations of women to enjoy and grow from the same rigorous yet nurturing Washburn education.

"Carol is a long-time supporter of Washburn Law whose generosity has made an important impact on the law school. We are extremely grateful for her desire to provide additional opportunities for our future students," Dean Thomas J. Romig said.

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Alumni and friends who are interested in joining Carol in building the future of Washburn Law through trusts, estates, and other planned gifts are encouraged to contact:

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