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# To Rural Kansas and Beyond

As you see in our cover photo, there is a powerful and growing movement of Washburn lawyers to western Kansas (page 4).

The alumni pictured — **Coleman Younger, '15**; **Megan McCann, '08**; and **Eric Harman, '05** — stand for 1,084 graduates serving in rural communities statewide. They supply much-needed legal support to area citizens, and in exchange gain great opportunities, enviable work-life balance, and freedom to practice nearly any type of law they choose.

But this image is only part of the picture. Our graduates are working in places rural and urban, local and far away — from the calm, quiet prairies of Kansas to big, bustling cities on the coasts. You'll find a force 1,292 strong in the Kansas City metro area; another 878 populating Wichita; and 139 in Dallas, 97 in Phoenix, and 61 in Los Angeles. We even have 24 alumni currently practicing overseas.

Washburn lawyers are practically everywhere, and they're contributing in every field imaginable. In this issue alone, we feature graduates who are making their mark in agribusiness, intellectual property, estate planning, criminal law, and conservation.

Alumni such as **Chris Tymeson, '98**, have turned their passion into their profession (page 20). Still others, such as **Denise Riemann, BS '75** and **JD '00**, have linked the law with another field for the greater good (page 8). Then there is **The Honorable Joe Morris, BA '43** and **LL.B. '47**, who has seen and done it all, from the federal bench to the upper echelons of Shell Oil Company (page 14).

Whether you are serving under city lights or country stars, we hope your work is what you envisioned when you graduated from Washburn Law — a career that takes you anywhere, and everywhere, you desire.

Sincerely,

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