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2016-17 Program Highlights

- The **KSU to KU LEAD Program** welcomed its inaugural students!
- The **Rural Legal Practice Initiative** launched its inaugural workshop series in fall 2016, featuring Washburn Law faculty Roger McEowen, Shawn Leisinger, and David Pierce.
- Constitution Day at K-State featured a full docket of well-argued cases before a panel of **Kansas Court of Appeals** judges: Hon. Patrick D. McAnany, Hon. Melissa Taylor Standridge; and Hon. Henry W. Green, Jr., the last a K-State alumnus and member of the Pre-Law Advisory Council.

Upcoming Events

KU Law School Dinner with the Dean

March 28, 2017

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Cocktails: 5:30PM

Dinner 6:30PM

Landon Room of Holiday Inn on Anderson

Practice LSAT

April 22, 2017

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Big 12 Room

KSU Student Union

Alumni Spotlight

We have begun a series of focused chats with alumni to introduce and inform pre-law students about various practice areas. If you would like to speak to Pre-Law students about your area of practice, please let us know!



Ryan L. Winter (KSU '96, CU-Boulder Law '00)
Monday, April 10, 2017
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
215 Fairchild Hall

Join us for a chance to meet practicing attorney and K-State alumnus, **Ryan L. Winter**.

Mr. Winter graduated from Kansas State University in 1996 with a B.A. in Political Science. He attended the University of Colorado School of Law and received his J.D. in 2000. Mr. Winter has a diverse litigation practice and represents a wide array of regional and national businesses. His practice areas include professional liability defense, construction defect litigation, premises liability defense, sports and recreation law, and product liability defense.

Mr. Winter has served as the contact partner and supervising attorney on numerous high exposure, and sometimes high profile, tort and commercial lawsuits, including cases involving allegations of wrongful death, brain injury, and other traumatic injuries. Mr. Winter is equally adept at defending cases in which the injuries are purely economic, as he has served as lead counsel on numerous multi-million dollar cases alleging property damage, design deficiencies, and construction defects.

Congratulations to **Judge Meryl D. Wilson** on being awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the Kansas Association for Justice. He is noted for advancing the cause of justice by seeking to protect the independence of the judiciary. Judge Wilson graduated from Kansas State University in 1971, with a Bachelor of Science in History.



He received his law degree from Washburn University in 1974. He was sworn in as a District Court Judge for the 21st Judicial District on April 18, 1997 and continues to serve as chief judge of the Riley County District Court.

René P. Tatro (KSU '74, Harvard Law '77).

We were fortunate enough to have **René P. Tatro** speak with our students in November, 2016, about his fascinating career. Mr. Tatro is founding partner, Tatro Tekosky Sadwick LLP, Los Angeles, CA. His practice areas include toxic tort litigation; intellectual property; complex litigation; environmental litigation; and complex employment litigation.



Among the many clients who Mr. Tatro has represented in his long and distinguished career, there is none perhaps so memorable as his representation of Pacific Gas and Electric in the case made famous by the Hollywood movie, *Erin Brockovich*. Brockovich—who many will recall is portrayed by Julia Roberts in the film—attended K-State briefly in the late 1970s.

Mr. Tatro graduated from K-State *magna cum laude* and from Harvard Law School with *cum laude* honors. In addition to academic success, Mr. Tatro also played K-State varsity football!

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