



Former Governor Jay Nixon donates to Washington University School of Law's Interdisciplinary Environmental Law Clinic

ST. LOUIS (July 2, 2018) - Former Governor Jay Nixon recently closed his campaign fund and announced he will donate the final balance of \$6,600 to Washington University School of Law for the Interdisciplinary Environmental Law Clinic's continued work on Missouri's parks and public trails.

"I am confident WashULaw and its students will carry on my long legal efforts in support of public spaces and trails," Nixon said. "Missouri's state park system is a wonderful and eternal asset, and our growing statewide trail system helped our state to be designated 'best trail state in the USA in 2014'."

Washington University School of Law's award-winning Clinical Education Program, consistently ranked among the nation's premier programs, provides law students with opportunities to develop professional skills and values by working directly with clients, attorneys, judges, and legislators. The Interdisciplinary Environmental Clinic has a dual emphasis on experiential learning and community service, and provides pro bono legal services to environmental and community organizations.

"We are honored that Governor Nixon chose WashULaw's Environment Clinic for these funds," Nancy Staudt, dean and Howard & Caroline Cayne Distinguished Professor of Law, said. "These funds will increase resources available to help our law students represent non-profit groups, communities, and individuals who are working to protect the environment but who cannot afford the legal representation and scientific expertise this requires."

In his 30 years of public service, Nixon built a strong record supporting the prudent use of Missouri's natural resources and assets. During Nixon's tenure in public service he was deeply involved in the development of the Katy Trail across Missouri. Governor Nixon led the expansion of Missouri state parks by 16,000 acres, increased park attendance to over 20 million per year, created the 100 Missouri Miles challenge and established the nationally recognized state parks youth corps.

In 2015, Nixon was awarded the Sheldon Coleman Great Outdoors Award from the American Recreation Coalition for his national leadership on parks and conservation. Nixon and his wife, Georganne, received the Conservation Federation of Missouri's Conservationists of the Year Award in 2015 for their lifetime of service to numerous conservation initiatives.

"Training the next generation of lawyers to assist and advance in this great outdoor enterprise is important, and I'm confident that WashULaw and its Interdisciplinary Environmental Law Clinic will do just that," Nixon said.

For more information on Washington University School of Law's Interdisciplinary Environmental Law Clinic, visit law.wustl.edu.

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