DISTINGUISHED LAW ALUMNI AWARDS

The Distinguished Law Alumni Awards honor alumni who have obtained distinction in their professional or academic careers. Those being honored share the same characteristics of leadership, progressive thinking, high standards, uncompromising integrity, commitment, courage, and confidence. Their careers serve as models for all Washington University students and alumni.

DISTINGUISHED YOUNG LAW ALUMNI AWARDS

The Distinguished Young Law Alumni Awards honor alumni who graduated from the law school within the past 25 years. The recipients exemplify achievement and commitment to the ideals embodied in a law school education.
WELCOME
Susan Nell Rowe, MSW/JD ’83
President, Law Alumni Council

REMARKS AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS
Kent D. Syverud
Dean and Ethan A.H. Shepley Distinguished University Professor

Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients
Hon. Michael A. Cherry, JD ’69
Glenn L. Dalton, JD ’77
Steven Cash Nickerson, JD ’85, MBA ’93
Andrew F. Puzder, JD ’78

Distinguished Young Alumni Award Recipients
Arsalan T. Iftikhar, AB ’99, JD ’03
Robert D. Millstone, AB ’85, JD ’88, EMBA ’02
Hon. Ellen Levy Siwak, AB ’85, JD ’88

CLOSING REMARKS
Kent D. Syverud
Michael A. Cherry has been an attorney in Nevada since 1970 and was elected to the Supreme Court in 2006. In May 2012, he was nominated to be Chief Justice until the end of his current term. Chief Justice Cherry ran unopposed for a second term in November 2012. His new six-year term will end in January 2019.

He began his career as a Deputy Clark County Public Defender before becoming a partner in the law firms of Manos & Cherry and later Cherry, Bailus & Kelesis. In 1981, Chief Justice Cherry was named Special Master of the MGM Grand Hotel Fire Litigation and, in 1983, he assumed the duties of Special Master of the Las Vegas Hilton Fire Litigation. His work as Special Master has gained him nationwide recognition, and the procedures he established are now a part of most mass disaster litigation.

Chief Justice Cherry served as an Alternate Municipal Judge for the cities of Las Vegas and Henderson, as well as Justice of the Peace Pro Tem and Small Claims Referee for Clark County. In 1994, he became an instructor for the University of Phoenix, teaching business law and history. Then in 1997, Chief Justice Cherry was named to lead the newly created Clark County Special Public Defender’s Office. He led a staff of six attorneys, serving in that capacity until his election to Department 17 of the Eighth Judicial District Court in November 1998.

Chief Justice Cherry chairs the Indigent Defense Commission examining how the justice system deals with criminal defendants who cannot hire their own attorneys. He also is the supervising justice over the Senior Justice and Senior Judge Programs for the State of Nevada Judiciary.

Before earning his JD from Washington University in 1969, he earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Missouri in 1966. A native of St. Louis, he is the father of two and grandfather of two.
Glenn Dalton, managing partner at RKD Group, has spent a career advising large corporations. First as house counsel, then as a human resource executive, and finally as management consultant, he has gained national recognition for his ability to help companies better manage their human capital.

During law school, Mr. Dalton joined Ralston Purina Company as a summer clerk and ended up with a 20-year career. Attracted to Ralston by the rare opportunity for trial work as house counsel, he advanced to director of labor relations. He was then asked to help reverse a trend of deteriorating margins in the flagship pet food and cereal business as director of human resources.

In 1995, he joined Sibson & Company, a fast-growing HR consulting firm, where he quickly rose to partner. At the 250-consultant firm, he gained a national reputation consulting to the telecommunications, consumer products, financial services, health care, mining, chemical, utilities, hospitality, and retail industries. In 2001, after the firm’s IPO, he left to found RKD Group where his team continues consulting to large corporations. He is widely published, a frequent speaker, and has been featured on TV and quoted in publications such as the Wall Street Journal, Industry Week, and Management Review.

Mr. Dalton has served Washington University as president of the Law School’s Executive Committee, member of the Law Alumni Board of Governors, and national president of the Black Alumni Council. He co-founded and was chair of the Gateway Sickle Cell Disease Association, co-founded and was president of the St. Louis Chapter of the National Association of African Americans in Human Resources, and served on the NAAAHR national board. He has served on numerous other boards, including the Urban League of St. Louis, AAIM, INROADS, Union Sarah Economic Development Corporation, and Enzymatic Therapy, Inc.

An avid golfer and skier, Mr. Dalton has three sons and a step-daughter. He and his wife, Brenda, share six grandchildren.
Cash Nickerson is president and CFO of PDS Tech, Inc., a position he has held for 10 years. With over $440 million in annual sales, PDS is the 4th largest engineering and IT staffing firm in the United States. He has held a variety of legal and executive positions in his 25-year-plus career, including serving as an attorney and marketing executive for Union Pacific Railroad; an associate, and then partner at Jenner & Block, one of Chicago’s five largest law firms; and chairman and CEO of an Internet company he took public through a reverse merger.

Mr. Nickerson holds a JD and MBA from Washington University, where he was an editor of the law review and a recipient of the US Steel Scholarship. He is chairman of the Dallas Regional Cabinet for Washington University. He is also a member of the National Council of the Washington University School of Law and International Council of the Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute. Mr. Nickerson serves on the Equifax Workforce Solutions Client Advisory Board.

Mr. Nickerson is licensed to practice law in California, Nevada, Illinois, Nebraska, and Texas and is a member of the American, Los Angeles, and Dallas Bar Associations. He received the Global Philanthropy Award from Washington University for his support of the Crimes Against Humanity Initiative. Mr. Nickerson holds a security clearance with a major department of the United States government. He is an avid martial artist, ranked as a third-degree black belt in Kenpo Karate, a blue belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, and a green belt in kickboxing; he is a Russian Martial Arts instructor. Mr. Nickerson is the author of the recently released, critically acclaimed book on employment, StagNation, Understanding the New Normal in Employment and has appeared on numerous radio programs across the country.

He and his wife, Evie, reside in Southlake, Texas, and have three children.
Andrew F. Puzder is the CEO of CKE Restaurants, Inc. From 1978 through 1991, Mr. Puzder was a commercial trial lawyer in St. Louis. From 1978 through 1984, he practiced at the Law Offices of Morris A. Shenker. In 1984, he moved to The Stolar Partnership in St. Louis.

While practicing law in St. Louis, Mr. Puzder met Carl Karcher, founder of the Carl’s Jr. quick-service restaurant chain. Mr. Karcher was embroiled in serious financial difficulties and asked Mr. Puzder to move to California as his personal attorney. In 1991, Mr. Puzder relocated to Orange County, California. He is credited with resolving Mr. Karcher’s financial dilemma, allowing Mr. Karcher to avoid bankruptcy and retain a significant ownership interest in the company he founded, CKE Restaurants, Inc. (“CKE”).

In 1997, Mr. Puzder was named executive vice president and general counsel for CKE. Also in 1997, CKE purchased Hardee’s Food Systems, Inc., which owned the Hardee’s quick-service restaurant brand. Faced with serious financial and operational issues, CKE’s Board of Directors named Mr. Puzder as president and CEO of Hardee’s Food Systems in June 2000 and named him president and CEO of CKE Restaurants, Inc. in September of that year. Mr. Puzder is credited with turning around both the Hardee’s brand and CKE, allowing the company to survive, become financially secure, and return to growth.

Mr. Puzder has been a guest on business news programs, including Your World w/Neil Cavuto, The O’Reilly Factor, Mad Money, Fast Money, Power Lunch, Lou Dobbs Tonight, and Squawk on the Street. He recently co-wrote the book Job Creation: How It Really Works and Why Government Doesn’t Understand It.

In 2011, Mr. Puzder was an economic adviser and a spokesman for the Romney Campaign for President. He also served as a delegate to the 2012 Republican National Convention and as the chairman of the Platform Committee’s Sub-Committee on the Economy, Job Creation and the Debt.
Arsalan Iftikhar is an international human rights lawyer, global media commentator, and author of the book *Islamic Pacifism: Global Muslims in the Post-Osama Era*. He is also a weekly commentator for National Public Radio (NPR) and a regular contributing writer for CNN.com and *Esquire* magazine (Middle East edition) on domestic and international issues. In May 2011, Mr. Iftikhar was named one of the top 12 Muslim Twitter accounts in the world by *The Huffington Post*. He has his own satirical blog called “The Muslim Guy” and also serves as senior editor for *The Islamic Monthly* magazine.


Additionally, Mr. Iftikhar was cast as a ‘featured extra’ in the Warner Brothers spy movie thriller *Body of Lies* (October 2008) starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Russell Crowe. He was also a contributing author to *Keeping Out the Other* (Columbia University Press) and *Taking Back Islam* (Rodale Press). In 2011, he was invited to join The British Council’s ‘Our Shared Future’ Opinion Leaders Network—a transatlantic network of opinion leaders and scholars whose work and ideas contribute to the public conversation on relations between Muslims and non-Muslims around the world. In 2006, the French Ambassador to the United States named Mr. Iftikhar to the *Personnalites d’Avenir* (Personalities of the Future) World Leader Program in Paris sponsored by the French Foreign Ministry.

Mr. Iftikhar graduated from Washington University in 1999 and received his JD from Washington University School of Law in 2003. A native of Chicago, he specializes in international human rights law and is licensed to practice law in Washington, D.C.
Bob Millstone is the president and founder of The Millstone Company, a real estate and private equity investment company. Mr. Millstone is also a managing member of Millstone Capital Advisors, LLC, which manages a private equity fund that primarily invests in small to mid-size companies in the Midwest.

He was previously the president, CEO, and general counsel at Millstone Bangert, Inc., a premier airport, heavy, and highway construction company. He also worked as senior trial attorney for the Tax Division of the United States Department of Justice and as an associate at Coburn, Croft & Putzell (now Thompson Coburn). He received his AB in economics, JD, and Executive MBA from Washington University.

Mr. Millstone has been active in a number of business, professional, and community organizations. His current activities include being a director of the Barnes-Jewish Hospital Foundation, member of Good Government for Missouri, member of the Hawthorn Foundation, chair of the Board for the Jewish Federation of St. Louis, president and director of the Millstone Foundation, member of the Governance and Education Leadership Committees of the Regional Business Council in St. Louis, member of the National Councils for the law school and Skandalaris Center for Entrepreneurial Studies at Washington University, and director of Royal Banks for Missouri.

Among other honors, Mr. Millstone and his family received the St. Louis Chapter of the American Jewish Committee Netzach Award (2004). He was awarded by the City of St. Charles, Missouri, the Discovery!370 Visionary Award (November 2006).
Judge Siwak was appointed as a Circuit Court Judge for the 21st Judicial Circuit of Missouri by Governor Matt Blunt in 2008. She currently serves as the Administrative (Presiding) Judge of the St. Louis County Family Court and is responsible for overseeing the administration of all facets of the Family Court of St. Louis County. She served as an Associate Circuit Court Judge from 2002 to 2008 after her appointment by Governor Bob Holden. Judge Siwak served as a Family Court Commissioner from 1999 to 2002. Before her judicial appointment, she was a partner at Rosenblum, Goldenhersh, Silverstein & Zafft PC, specializing in commercial, civil, and domestic litigation.

Judge Siwak received her undergraduate degree in 1985 and law degree in 1988 from Washington University. She is a member of the Missouri Bar; the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis; St. Louis County Bar Association, of which she previously served as president; the Missouri Association of Probate & Associate Circuit Judges, previously serving as president; the National Association of Women Judges; the Lawyer’s Association of St. Louis; and the Women Lawyers’ Association. She currently chairs the Domestic and Family Violence Council of St. Louis County and co-chairs the Domestic Violence Committee of the National Association of Women Judges.

In 2012, Judge Siwak received the Missouri Lawyers Media Women’s Justice Award for outstanding public service. She currently serves as a troop leader for the Girl Scouts, an advisor for Pi Beta Phi Fraternity, sits on numerous Court Committees, is a faculty member of the Missouri State Judicial College and Orientation, and is a Fellows Candidate in the national Advanced Science and Technology Adjudication Resource Judicial Program.
2012: Lawrence Brody, JD ’67
Debbie S. Champion, JD ’88*
Thomas R. Green, JD ’58
Alan C. Kohn, AB ’53, LLB ’55
Sandra M. Moore, AB ’76, JD ’79
Judy S. Okenfuss, BSBA ’84, JD ’91*
Sheldon H. Roodman, JD ’66

2011: Clifford M. Buchholz, JD ’70
Hon. Michael D. Burton, JD ’85*
Andrea J. Grant, AB ’71, JD ’74
Kevin E. Packman, JD ’98*
Hon. Kenneth J. Rothman, AB ’57, JD ’58
Hon. Tatjana V. Schwendinger, JD ’72

2010: Monica J. Allen, AB ’80, MA ’85, JD ’92*
Dale L. Cammon, JD ’75
Frank N. Gundlach, JD ’63
Jerry M. Hunter, JD ’77
Robert L. Newmark, JD ’94*
Sheldon M. Novick, JD ’77

2009: Irl Baris, JD ’48
John Behnke, JD ’83
Nordahl Brue, JD ’70
Laura Dooley, JD ’86*
Cassandra Flipper, JD ’66
Alicia McDonnell, JD ’95*

2008: Michael M. Berger, JD ’67
William H. Freivogel, JD ’01*
Martin E. Galt III, JD ’67, LLM ’73
Connie McFarland-Butler, AB ’91, JD ’96*
James L. Palenchar, JD ’75
Philip B. Polster, JD ’48
Irwin P. Raji, JD ’95*

2007: H. Christopher Boehning, JD ’94*
Michael T. Hannafan, JD ’70
Frederick O. Hanser, JD ’66
Hon. Andrew J. Higgins, JD ’48
Hon. P. Scott Neville, JD ’73
Hon. Kathy A. Surratt-States, JD ’91*

2006: Dave L. Cornfeld, AB ’42, JD ’43
Hon. Orion L. Douglass, JD ’71
Hon. Raymond W. Gruender, BSBA ’84, MBA ’87, JD ’87*
Norman S. London, AB ’52, JD ’54
Charles A. Newman, JD ’73
Susan Nell Rowe, MSW ’83, JD ’83*

2005: Alan B. Bornstein, JD ’81*
Linda M. Martinez, JD ’82*
Steven N. Rappaport, JD ’74
Hon. Barry S. Schermer, JD ’72
John C. Shapleigh, JD ’76
Raymond P. Wexler, AB ’64, JD ’67

2004: John R. Barsanti, Jr., AB ’49, JD ’52
Kathleen M. Boozang, JD ’84*
Daniel K. Glazier, MSW ’80, JD ’81*
Harry J. Joe, JD ’75
Joseph D. Lehrer, AB ’70, JD ’73
Arthur S. Margulis, AB ’57, JD ’58
Virginia M.W. Talley, AB ’42, JD ’42

2003: Pamela H. Bucy, JD ’78*
John W. Kozyak, JD ’75
R. Mark McCareins, JD ’81*
Sanford S. Neuman, BSBA ’56, JD ’59
Joan M. Newman, JD ’72, LLM ’73
Maury B. Poscover, JD ’69

2001: Floyd E. Crowder, AB ’55, JD ’57
Hon. Audrey G. Fleissig, JD ’80*
Hon. Moses W. Harrison, II JD ’58
Sandra M. Moore, AB ’76, JD ’79*
Hon. Harold L. Satz, AB ’49, JD ’58
Gene M. Zafft, JD ’52

2000: Hon. Alan J. Dixon, LLB ’49
Robert O. Hetlage, AB ’52, JD ’54
Margaret Howard, JD ’75, MSW ’75
Reuben M. Morriss, III JD ’64
Hon. Catherine D. Perry, JD ’80*
Hon. Rodney W. Sippel, JD ’81*

1999: Hollye Stolz Atwood, AB ’68, JD ’73
Jules B. Gerard, AB ’57, JD ’58
Hon. David C. Mason, JD ’83*
Phillip D. Shelton, JD ’72
Hon. Richard B. Teitelman, JD ’73

1998: David W. Detjen, AB ’70, JD ’73
Thomas C. Hullverson, AB ’59, LLB ’59
Leo M. Romero, JD ’68
Stanley M. Rosenblum, AB ’43, JD ’47

1997: Jane Alger Crider, JD ’38
Brian C. Cunningham, BSBE ’65, JD ’70
Jerome Kalishman, BSBA ’50, JD ’50
Thomas E. Lowther, JD ’62

1996: Melvin F. Brown, JD ’61
Joan Dillon, JD ’66
Charles Alan Seigel, JD ’59
Hon. Joseph J. Simeone, JD ’46

1995: Walter Freedman, LLB ’37
Thomas R. Green, LLB ’58
Robert L. Proost, JD ’62
Edward L. Welch, JD ’60

1994: Hon. Jean C. Hamilton, JD ’71
Ned O. Lemkemeier, JD ’62
Eric P. Newman, JD ’35
Louis B. Susman, JD ’62

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