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The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy hosted Professor David Forte on February 19, 2007. Professor Forte spoke to around 35 students and faculty about the Ten Commandments and the Establishment Clause of the United States Constitution. As part of his remarks, Professor Forte argued that the Establishment Clause was never meant to bar government support of religion, as almost every state in the union had some sort of state recognized religion. Instead, the Establishment Clause was intended to reserve to the states the power to establish a state religion if it so chose. In addition, the founders intended that government would support, not interfere with religion, as religion sought to better society. It was Professor Forte's opinion that if a Ten Commandment display was posted by a local government body for the purpose of making society mindful of its history and traditions there was nothing wrong with the display being present on government property. (Posted March 13, 2007)



Jeff Goodman, manager of the legal division of [Spencer Reed Group](#), spoke to members of the legal fraternity Phi Delta Alpha and other Washburn Law students on February 22, 2007. Goodman's presentation to 40-60 first, second and third year students covered issues they will face after graduation. His speech included such topics as how to interview, first year expectations, non-lawyer positions and salary ranges. Lindsey Patmon, Phi Alpha Delta justice, helped organize the event and said "Mr. Goodman's presentation to the law students was very informative. I don't think many of us were aware that such a legal placement service existed, let alone that the costs of his services are covered by the employers and not imputed to those searching for employment." Goodman has been working in the placement business for eight years. (Posted March 5, 2007)



Kyle Steadman addressed the [Washburn Business Law Society](#) on Thursday, January 25, 2007 about medical malpractice and litigation. Mr. Steadman graduated in 1995 from Washburn Law School and is from [Foulston Siefkin](#) in Topeka, Kansas, where he defends medical malpractice and complex litigation cases. His speech included litigation tips such as understanding the case better than your opponent, learning pattern instructions, practicing writing to tell a story, and not being afraid to fail. (Posted February 9, 2007)

Former Washburn University School of Law Dean John E. Howe died Feb. 4, 2007, in Lincoln, Nebraska, at the age of 88. See the [full story](#). (Posted February 6, 2007)

Washburn University School of Law presents a tax law colloquium on February 9, 2007, in Topeka, Kansas. See the [full story](#). (Posted February 6, 2007)

The Washburn University Board of Regents on January 26, 2007 confirmed the appointment of Thomas J. Romig, Major General, US Army, retired, as dean of Washburn University School of Law, effective July 1. See the [full story](#). (Posted January 25, 2007)