



## Press Release

### Washburn University receives \$1 million gift from Sunderland Foundation

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**Topeka, Kansas** - The Washburn University Alumni Association and Foundation and the Washburn University School of Law are excited to announce a \$1 million gift from the Sunderland Foundation to the campaign for a new law school building.

"The Sunderland Foundation is committed to investing in spaces for non-profits to fulfill their missions including higher education institutions," said Kent Sunderland, chairman, Sunderland Foundation, which is based in Overland Park, Kansas. "We are once again proud to partner with Washburn University on the School of Law and help develop a world-class building for Washburn's future law students."

Marshall Meek, president, Washburn University Alumni Association and Foundation, thanked the Sunderland Foundation for being a longtime partner with the University and providing funding for spaces across campus over the last decade. This is the Sunderland Foundation's second \$1 million gift to Washburn since 2018, with their first one benefiting the Washburn University Indoor Athletics Facility.

"We are so grateful for the Sunderland Foundation's continued generosity toward Washburn as it has been vital to the success of the campus," Meek said. "Their dedication to creating spaces for students to receive an exceptional education will have a lasting impact not only on Washburn but on this entire region."

Carla Pratt, dean, Washburn University School of Law, added her thanks to the Sunderland Foundation for their gift that will help the law school educate future generations of lawyers.

"Construction of this new facility will afford Washburn Law a building that represents the cutting-edge, forward-thinking legal education that we deliver to our students. We are incredibly grateful to the Sunderland Foundation for helping us make this building a reality," she said.

Washburn University is on track to finalize the fundraising this year and break ground in spring 2021.

"Thanks to the Sunderland Foundation, we are one step closer to making this new law building a reality, and we are thankful for their leadership in helping build the infrastructure of the Washburn campus to what it is today," said Jerry Farley, president, Washburn University.