

# Elder Law News Spring 2010

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## LL.M. Degree Awarded

Congratulations to **Steven R. Anderson** who completed the requirements for his LL.M. in Elder Law in December 2009. Steve earned his J.D. from KU Law in 1981 and was in private practice for several years prior to joining the trust department at Commerce Bank. Steve's LL.M. thesis, "Resources to Age in Place," examines options for seniors to avoid nursing homes or other institutional housing. Steve shared his reflections on returning to law school after 20-plus years in the Kansas Bar Journal, February 2008, Law Students' Corner.

Steve is the third individual to earn an LL.M. in Elder Law at the University of Kansas School of Law since the program began in 2005. Prior recipients are Lauren Sturm Marinaro (2007) and Elizabeth Tedrow (2008). KU was the first law school in the United States to offer an LL.M. (Master of Law and Letters) in Elder Law.

## Elder Law Certificate and Externship

Enrollment for Fall 2010 is just a few weeks away. The Elder Law Certificate is an excellent way to plan your courses and concentrate on a fascinating area of law. Elder Law is one of eight certificate programs offered at KU Law. You can find the certificate requirements on the [website](#). Students who earn the certificate typically participate in the Elder Law Externship (clinic.) The clinic is open to second- and third-year students who work with supervising attorneys at Kansas Legal Services offices. The clinic is directed by **Marilyn Harp**, KU Law graduate and executive director of Kansas Legal Services. You can find the clinic application for 2010-2011 on the [website](#). **Applications are due Friday March 12, 2010.**

## Thanks

Thanks to **Joan Bowen**, L'90, who spoke to the Elder Law Seminar on February 4, 2010. Joan is of counsel with Conlee Schmidt & Emerson LLP in Wichita. She spoke on the topic of guardianships and conservatorships. Alumni support of the Elder Law program is very much appreciated!

The Elder Law News is your source for information about the Elder Law Program at KU Law. Please send your questions and suggestions to Professor Sandy McKenzie, Elder Law Program director, [scm@ku.edu](mailto:scm@ku.edu).