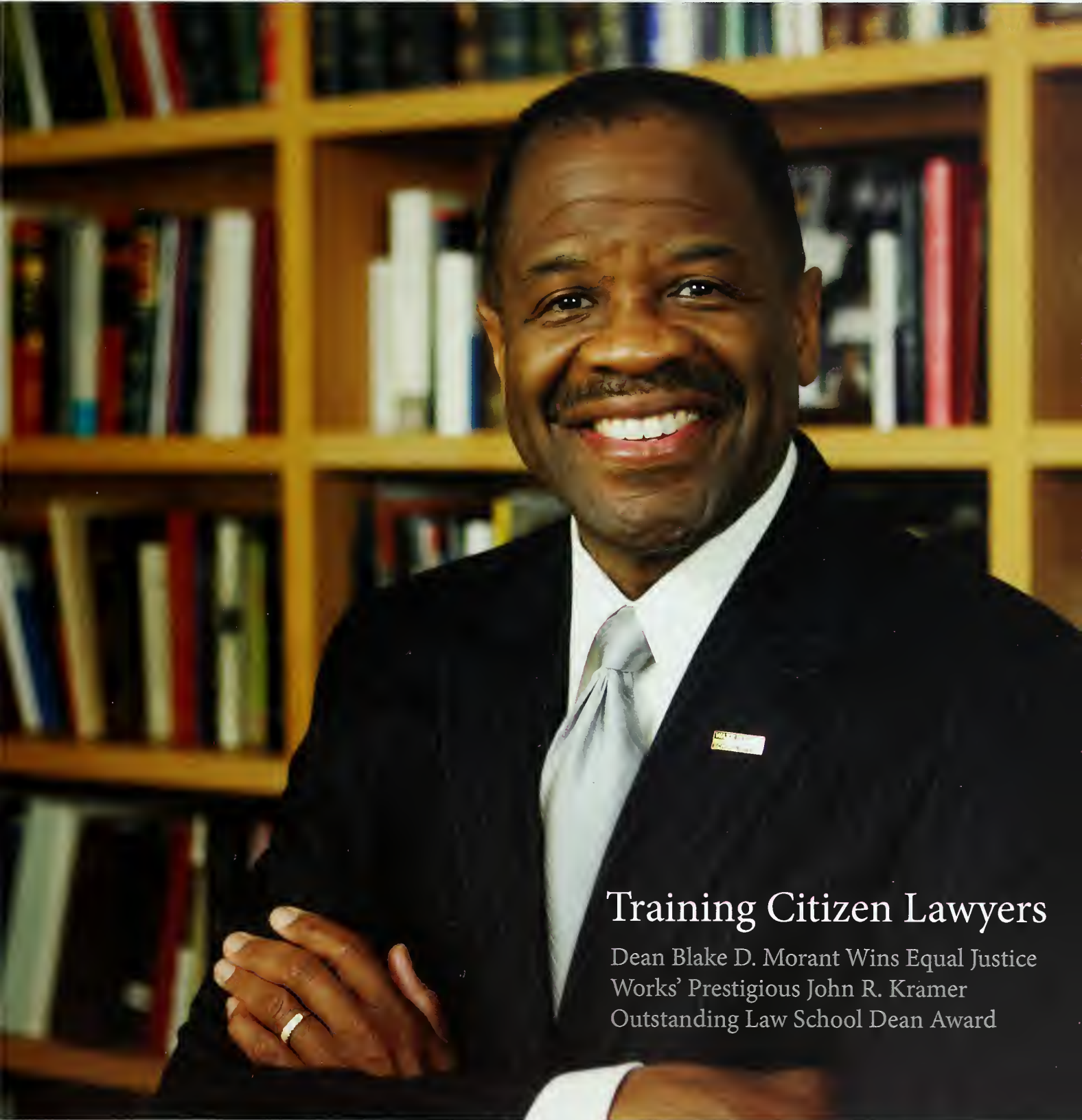


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FROM THE DEAN



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Happy New Year. This issue of the *Jurist* features the Wake Forest University School of Law's public service and pro bono efforts. Both have been energized through our new Pro Bono Project and Public Interest Initiative, spearheaded by Professor Beth Hopkins, our dynamic new director of outreach. Our influential clinics, which have increased to six in number, further our goals to serve the community. As a result of these programs, our students experience firsthand the intersection of doctrine with the "real world" and appreciate the fulfillment attained through volunteerism.

I must first offer my gratitude to Equal Justice Works (EJW) for the prestigious John R. Kramer Outstanding Law School Dean Award. EJW has

garnered national recognition for efforts that foster and facilitate public interest work. My receipt of the Kramer Award reflects the unique and enviable spirit of Wake Forest. The diligence and commitment of the faculty, staff, and students have resulted in a remarkable plethora of activities that address the needs of those most needy and bring recognition to our law school. I am grateful for the efforts of every Wake Forest constituency, whose collective energies contributed mightily to the Kramer Award.

Perhaps most demonstrative of Wake Forest's commitment to public interest and pedagogy are our clinics. The Elder Law, Litigation, Appellate Advocacy and new Children's Advocacy Clinics continue to add great luster to Wake Forest through its excellent work for the underrepresented and challenged. This issue of the *Jurist* will highlight the remarkable work of one of our more recent clinics, the Community Law and Business Clinic (CLBC). The CLBC focuses on enriching communities, demonstrated most recently by assistance given to families who face foreclosure. Included in the CLBC's many community-enhancing innovations is the Low Bono Program, which guides new graduates who will represent low-wealth clients.

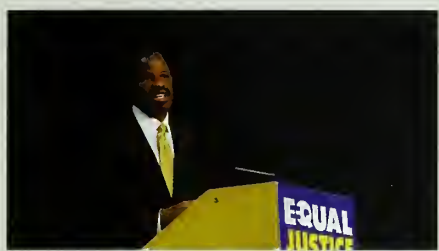
The Innocence and Justice Clinic (IJC), which in its nascent history has been remarkably successful, continues to benefit from the law school's Sept. 14 panel discussion featuring New York Times best-selling author, John Grisham. This program, which was part of President Hatch's "Voices of Our

Time" speaker series, has enlivened public discourse regarding wrongful convictions. Having received impressive coverage in such media outlets as the New York Times, the Washington Post, and CBS News, the IJC's historic event with Mr. Grisham has thrust the Wake Forest School of Law into the national spotlight.

Providing additional focus on public interest and its role of law in society is our new Journal of Law and Policy (JLP). The JLP, which explores the law's interrelation with social and public policy, has two forthcoming volumes with dynamic commentary by national and international scholars and practitioners.

Our focused commitment to public service, expansion of our clinical programs, the work of our clinics, and the scholarly focus of issues related to law and policy are components of our new "Applied Legal Theory – Law in Action" (ALTLA) program. ALTLA, which is a comprehensive effort to demonstrate the inexorable intersection of legal doctrine with actual problems and circumstances, has become an integral and transformative element of our curriculum. A most noteworthy innovation of ALTLA is our Washington Program, which commenced as a pilot program in January with select third-year students participating in an externship based in the Washington, D.C. area. Look for additional details about the Washington Program in the next issue of the *Jurist*.

— Dean Blake D. Morant



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TRAINING CITIZEN LAWYERS

Dean Blake D. Morant Wins Equal Justice Works' Prestigious John R. Kramer Outstanding Law School Dean Award

When Wake Forest University School of Law Dean Blake D. Morant found out that he had been selected for the prestigious Equal Justice Works' John R. Kramer Outstanding Law School Dean Award, he was at a loss for words.

For those who have the pleasure of knowing the dean personally, you know just how rare an occasion this was. In fact, he even made note of it in his remarks at the awards dinner, which was held on Oct. 21, 2010, at the Ronald Reagan International Trade Building in Washington, D.C. Among those recognized by Equal Justice Works for their contributions as leaders in public interest law at its annual awards dinner were Teri Plummer McClure, senior vice president for United Parcel Service, and Jessica Stein, a student at the University of Connecticut Law School. David Gregory, host of NBC's "Meet the Press," served as the emcee for the evening.

"When notified of my selection for this award, I was rendered speechless – a condition my family would never believe given that my 'gift for gab' has been known to reach legendary proportions," he said. "But at a loss was I, and I continue to be very humbled and challenged by this extraordinary recognition."

The students nominated the dean for the award, which honors a law school dean who has successfully demonstrated leadership in building an institution that nurtures and fortifies a spirit of public service during his tenure at an Equal Justice Works participating member law school.

"The Student Executive Board of the Pro Bono Project chose to

nominate Dean Morant for this award in part because of his significant role in supporting the establishment of the Pro Bono Project and Public Interest Initiative last year combined with his many accomplishments in other areas across the law school and the profession," said board member Craig Principe ('12).

"Receipt of this award recognizes not only Dean Morant's achievements, but also the accomplishments of all the students, faculty, administrators and staff who do so much to contribute to the law school's public service initiatives. This award belongs to the entire law school community."

With the blessing and support of Wake Forest University President Nathan O. Hatch and law school associate deans Ann Gibbs, Suzanne Reynolds and Ronald Wright, a nomination package was prepared by Principe, the Pro Bono Project's public relations coordinator. The package, which chronicled the many achievements of Dean Morant's administration, included letters of support from President Hatch and Deans Gibbs and Reynolds.

Some of Dean Morant's key accomplishments highlighted in the nomination package included:

- establishing a vision for the law school that incorporates a strong commitment to pro bono service, public interest careers and community outreach;
- creating field work opportunities for students through the establishment of Community Law and Business Clinic, the Innocence and Justice Clinic and the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Externship program;

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- Blake D. Morant

- promoting community outreach and public service careers through the establishment of the Pro Bono Project, the Public Interest Initiative, and the Public Interest Retreat and the hiring of a Director of Outreach;
- and promoting scholarship in the area of public interest law through the establishment of the Journal of Law and Policy.

The past five recipients of the Outstanding Law School Dean Award are among some of the fields’ best known and most respected law school deans: Larry Kramer of Stanford Law School in 2009, now U.S. Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan of Harvard Law School in 2008, Karen Rothenberg of the University of Maryland School of Law in 2007, Katharine Bartlett of Duke University School of Law in 2006, and Gene R. Nichol of University of North Carolina School of Law in 2005.

The mission of Equal Justice Works is to create a just society by mobilizing the next generation of lawyers committed to equal justice. The Washington, D.C.-based organization provides leadership to ensure a sustainable pipeline of talented and trained lawyers involved in public service.

“Equal Justice Works, thanks to its excellent efforts, adds much needed momentum to the legal academy’s renewed emphasis on volunteerism,” Morant said in his remarks. “Together, this great organization and those of us in the academy will usher in a new market order – one that produces outstanding jurists who enrich the communities in which they practice.”

Excerpts from the Dean’s Remarks:

“Tonight’s focus on Equal Justice Works is exceedingly timely. For those of you who may not know, legal education continues to undergo transformative change. Some refer to it as a 21st century renaissance, one that recognizes that the academy’s historic success in training lawyers in the science of law must be

augmented with a significant focus on the skills and motivation required to be good citizens. This renewed vision has its roots in professionalism, which embodies the principles, discipline and time-honored obligation of lawyers to be excellent at their craft and generous to their communities. Thus, the training of ‘citizen lawyers’ has become for me and many others a focal mission. For centuries, lawyers have given of themselves to the clients who retain their services and to what I call ‘societal clients’ – individuals who may not afford or have access to legal services, but require those services for essential needs. Representation of the needy is not only a humanitarian goal, but also an essential norm in an inclusive and enriched society. This brand of professionalism has unfortunately been overshadowed by notorious examples of self-fulfillment. It gratifies me that the transformative changes occurring in legal education will broaden the specter of individual achievement to include the obligation to give back to society.

In 2003, I had the honor of delivering the Thomas More commemorative lecture at St. Dunstan’s Church in Canterbury, England. You

2 The number of new public service organizations -- the Pro Bono Project and the Public Interest Initiative – the law school added during the 2009-10 academic year

10 Number of students who volunteered in Miami over Spring Break helping Haitians who had been displaced by the January 2010 earthquake

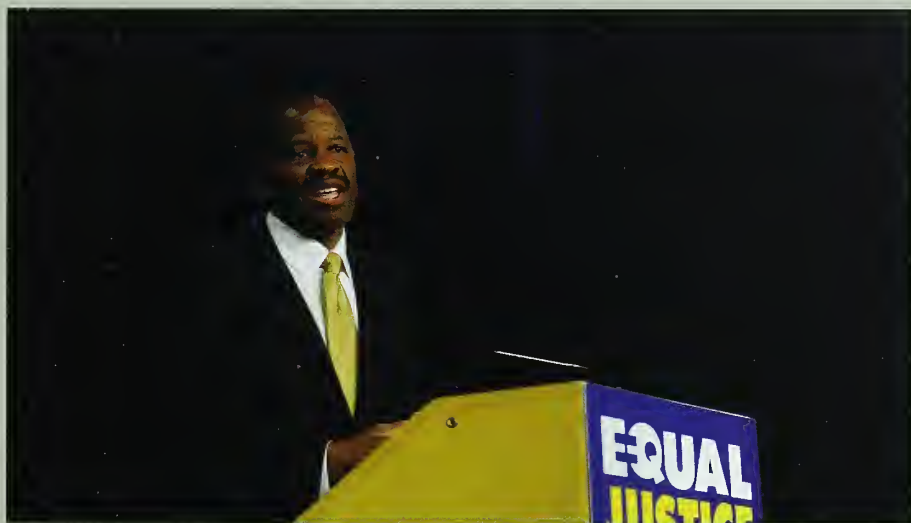
40 Number of students in the class of 2012 that completed a pro bono project -- winning the class the Dean’s first Pro Bono Competition

TOP TO BOTTOM

Dean Blake D. Morant gives his remarks at the 2010 Equal Justice Works Awards Dinner at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C.

Dean Blake D. Morant, host of NBC's "Meet the Press" David Gregory, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of UPS Teri Plummer McClure and Equal Justice Works CEO David Stern.

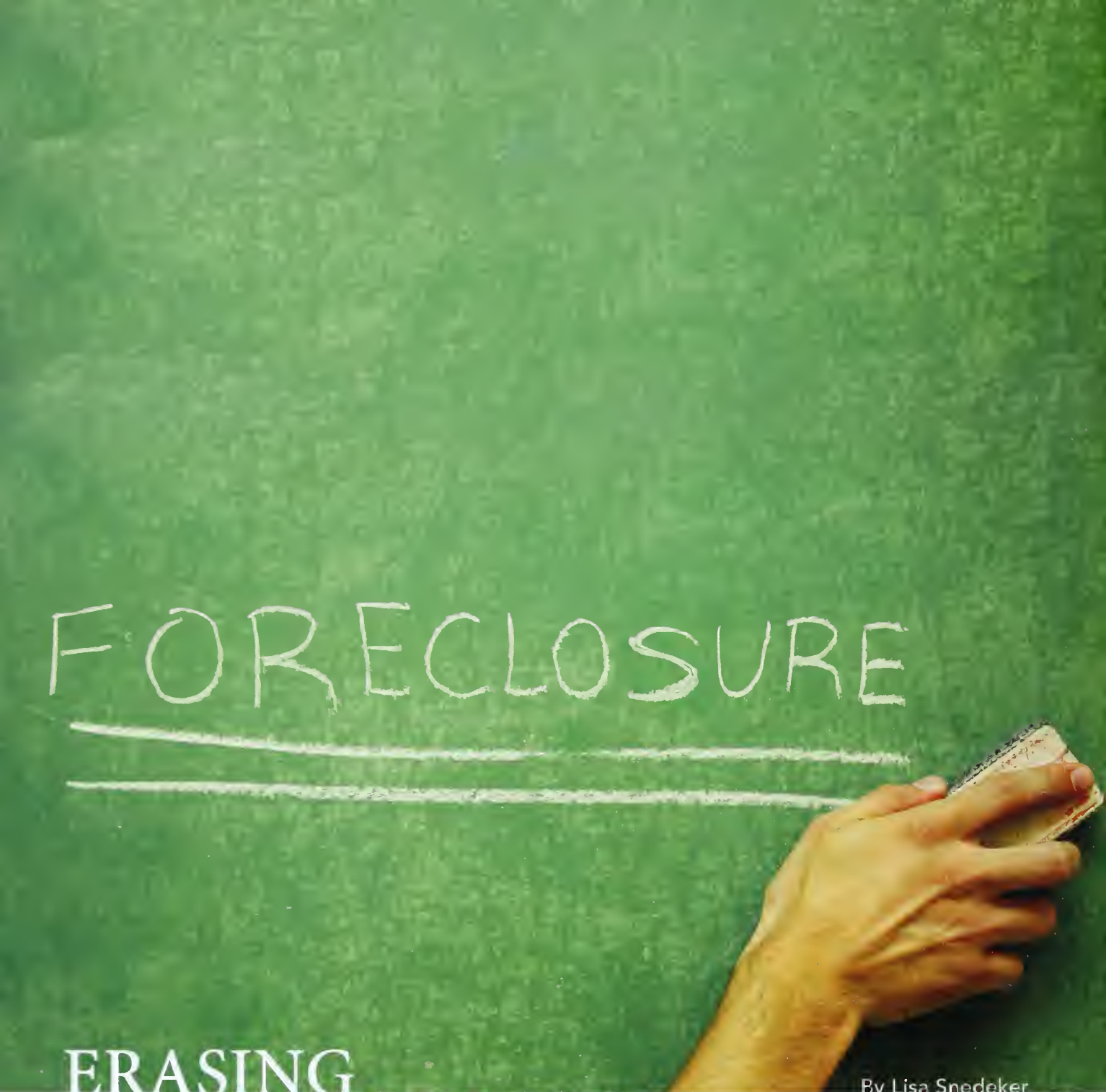
may recall that the legendary More paid the ultimate price for his adherence to the morals of his profession. His remains are interred in St. Dunstan's, where his legacy is celebrated each year on the anniversary of his death. My research for that presentation not only revealed the greatness of this 16th century citizen lawyer, but also impressed on me the continuing relevance of his historic narrative. In a scene from 'A Man for All Seasons,' a movie based on his life, More, on the eve of his death, spoke eloquently on a lawyer's obligation to uphold society: . . . 'in a state where charity, modesty, justice and thought aren't always profitable, perhaps we must stand fast a little, even at the risk of being heroes.' Equal Justice Works instills in our profession More's poignant charge. Working with this remarkable organization, we will uplift our profession and, in the process, become society's heroes." ♦



Number of families who received help from law students with their income taxes through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program **50**

Number of hours of pro bono work by students during the Spring 2010 semester **1,000**

Number of students who reported performing pro bono work during the Spring 2010 semester **25%**

A photograph of a green chalkboard. The word 'FORECLOSURE' is written in white chalk. A hand is visible on the right side, holding a piece of chalk and erasing the word. Two horizontal lines are drawn below the word.

FORECLOSURE

ERASING
FORECLOSURE

By Lisa Snedeker

Community Law and Business Clinic
helps Triad families facing foreclosure
stay in their homes

Tonya Williams was home for the holidays, thanks in no small part to the efforts of Wake Forest University School of Law's Community Law and Business Clinic, Professor Steve Virgil and Legal Aid of North Carolina (LAN.C.). Williams was among the more than 70,000 families in North Carolina facing foreclosure on their homes by the end of 2010.

According to the North Carolina Justice Center, home foreclosures are on a record-setting pace in the state and the Triad. Mecklenburg County has the most foreclosures so far, while Wake, Guilford, Forsyth and Union counties follow. The CLBC, however, is trying to stem that tide. Working with referrals from Legal Aid, each student in the clinic last fall got at least one foreclosure case. Armed with training from Legal Aid and Professor Virgil, who is the CLBC director and a practicing attorney, the students went to work on their cases.

"Some of the cases were really urgent because some were already in default," Virgil said.

North Carolina has one of the fastest foreclosure processes in the nation, meaning that a family can be displaced as quickly as 60 to 90 days after foreclosure proceedings begin.

Williams was faced with losing her Winston-Salem home, which she inherited. She had taken out a home equity loan to fix up the house but was unable to make the payments after losing work as a self-employed housekeeper and home health-care giver when the economic downturn hit.

Professor Virgil gave Ashleigh Wilson ('11) Williams' case. Under Virgil's supervision, Wilson was able

to get Williams' monthly payment cut nearly in half from \$506 to \$269.

"This will allow me to stay in my house," Williams said. "I don't know what I would have done without Ashleigh's help. I am so relieved. I sleep better now."

When Williams was running out of hope of staying in her home, she called Legal Aid, where she was referred to the CLBC.

"I was behind on my home equity payment and the lender was going to foreclose," Williams explained. "Ashleigh was wonderful. She made it personal. We met every week and she was always so positive. I couldn't have done this without Ashleigh and the Community Law and Business Clinic."

Williams was fortunate that her lender was local, which made it easier to get a loan modification.

"It was difficult to determine her income to see if a loan modification was even feasible because she was self-employed but her clients kept great records so we were able to create a profit/loss statement to show her gross income," Wilson explained. "We had to submit letters from her employers and I had to draft a letter to her lender regarding why her income had dropped and propose new terms including a

lower interest rate, which they agreed to drop. Her interest rate went from nearly 12 percent to 2 percent. If we hadn't put something in place she would have been out by Dec. 16."

Wilson said the experience was personally rewarding for her as well because "it was the chance to see the fruits of my labor actually help someone. I really enjoyed it. It also helped me realize how powerful you are as a lawyer. It made me feel like I was holding the golden ticket.

"The first two years of law school is 'in the classroom learning' and a lot of legal theory, but through my work with the CLBC, I got to see everything fall into place. It gave me confidence to know when I step out after graduation, I have some core competencies. I can draft contracts and form business entities."

Virgil points out that helping families out of a home foreclosure is just one of the efforts the CLBC is working on to help move the area toward economic recovery. The CLBC works primarily with business start ups and organizations engaged in community economic development.

"These businesses by people who have an entrepreneurial spirit are creating jobs where people live," he said. "Some of them are food-related and for

some communities that is where the best hope for job creation exists, especially in rural communities where it's hard to bring in a big plant. It's easier to create a business yourself that is farm-based or agriculturally-based and to create a decent job that will support a family. We try to focus our work on those small-scale entrepreneurs but we also do a lot of work with nonprofits such as food banks and pantries, the need for which has increased as a result of the economic downturn. If we can help the pantry we are helping the families who are served by that pantry. The clinic serves as a full-service law firm for both of those models."

Wilson is volunteering as part of the AmeriCorps program during the spring semester at the CLBC where she will act as the liaison between the clinic and Legal Aid on the foreclosure cases.

"We will do whatever we can to keep families in their home," Virgil said, adding that his clinic has taken some 60 foreclosure cases from Legal Aid. "We have already had a number of successes where the lender has agreed to a longer term or a lower payment."

The CLBC has worked on about 20 foreclosure cases up to this point. Most families facing foreclosure need someone to help them navigate the system and the clinic has been successful

in obtaining some loan modifications, explained Virgil, who has worked pro bono on foreclosure cases throughout his career.

"The goal is to keep people in their houses," Virgil said. "It's really key to

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- Professor Steve Virgil

keep a house occupied and the family with housing. It's such a tremendous benefit not only to the family but also to the broader community."

When a house is foreclosed on, the neighboring houses are worth less, which means an immediate negative housing value. And when a family loses housing they lose more than an asset and their home equity. Long-term home ownership means education for children and college participation and success rates. The home becomes not only a resource it becomes an indicator of long-term gains. Keeping a family in a home benefits the family, the children and the neighborhood."

Hazel Mack is the Triad's regional director for Legal Aid as well as the head of the statewide Legal Aid of N.C. (LAN.C.) Mortgage Foreclosure Defense Project. Mack said she turned to the CLBC for help when the foreclosure

cases started pouring in.

"We are just inundated with so many of these cases," she said. "We need all the help we can get. Foreclosures are popping up like weeds and the amount of documentation is overwhelming. We already had a relationship with Steve, who had come to our private attorney training on these foreclosure cases and taken some of his own. It just made sense to get the students involved because they learn so much and that's what it's all about."

Mack said the average homeowner cannot get through the loan modification paperwork on their own. "We need bodies and the students are perfect because they are educated and they are trained and they can do it," she added.

Virgil and Mack met last month about the next team of students beginning in the clinic in January and the cases they can take on.

"If we had the supervision, every student at the law school could have a case, that's how prevalent this problem is. Even attorneys who do other areas of work in our office have to take on these cases, that's how bad it is. But how do you turn them away? The difference between having a home and not having a home is devastating." ♦



FORECLOSURE MORATORIUM

By Tanya Marsh

A Government-Mandated Foreclosure Moratorium Is a Popular (and Bad) Idea

A new poll released by the Washington Post shows that just over half of Americans, and two-thirds of Democrats, believe that the government should impose a temporary moratorium on foreclosures. On the eve of an important election, the White House is definitely caught in a bad spot.

Someone needs to say it -- a government-mandated foreclosure moratorium is a bad idea. It's a great populist message, but it creates new problems without solving the real underlying issues. What we should be focused on is achieving a balance between protecting individual consumers in the short term and protecting all of us in the long term, by defending the integrity of the law and the stability of the market.

Some lenders committed outright fraud. Many lenders engaged in indefensibly sloppy recordkeeping. Some lenders have made serious mistakes, like changing the locks on homeowners who weren't in default. None of those sins should be forgiven. To the extent those actions violate the law, the guilty lenders should be held accountable.

But here's a key point -- every loan wasn't fraudulent. Every lender wasn't a crook. Many of the foreclosures currently pending are perfectly legal. A temporary moratorium would not only unfairly hinder lenders who played by the rules, but would damage buyers planning to close on a house in

foreclosure, and could result in homes remaining vacant longer.

More chillingly, a government-mandated foreclosure moratorium, if such an action could be taken legally, would suspend the operation of contract law for political purposes. Such drastic action sends a terrible message to potential investors in the American housing market. If we want the economy to work again, we need capital to flow freely. Undermining the integrity of American contract and mortgage law, even temporarily, will drive up the cost of capital by increasing the perception of risk to investors. That's just a bad idea.

The real question that we should be asking is - in this economy, why are lenders pursuing so many foreclosures? We know that there aren't buyers for all of those homes. In many cases, it just makes good economic sense to keep a defaulting homeowner in the house until a buyer can be located. An occupied home is less likely to suffer damage, and cause problems for the neighborhood, than a vacant one. What's going on? Why are lenders acting contrary to their own economic self-interest?

One problem is that "lenders" aren't calling the shots. The real owners of significant numbers of home loans are pension funds, insurance companies, mutual funds, and the government. The entities that we call the "lenders" -- Bank of America, GMAC -- are in many cases just the servicers on the loans.

They earn a fee based on the services that they provide to the institutional lenders and investors. In plain English -- it appears that the servicers (at least in the short term) make more money if they foreclose than if they don't. Their contractual economic incentives aren't aligned with what's best for the true owners of the debt, the homeowners, or the general public.

So rather than calling for a foreclosure moratorium, which is an overly-broad solution that creates a cascade of other problems, the government should address these mismatched incentives to servicers and how they can be realigned. We need to protect homeowners. We also need to protect the housing market, neighborhoods, potential homebuyers, and yes, even innocent lenders. Let the courts do their work sorting out the pending foreclosures. Let the attorneys general investigate lender violations of law. Let the government focus on the systemic incentives that cause lenders to pursue foreclosures that don't make sense for anybody but the servicers. ♦

Editor's Note: The following op/ed piece was written by law Professor Tanya Marsh and published on HuffingtonPost.com on Oct. 27, 2010.

NATIONAL NETWORK

By Eric Frazier

Second- and third-year law students and their alumni mentors give high marks to the mentoring program Wake Forest University School of Law launched in August 2008.

Their comments indicate that the program is achieving its goals of helping new students adjust to law school, navigate academic options, and build networks to enhance career development, all while fostering long-term relationships with the law school.

"I have been thrilled by the mentoring program," says Sam Slater ('11), who hails from Tryon and plans to join a Raleigh law firm. "It's been great to have a practicing lawyer always a phone call or e-mail away, willing to answer a question."

For their part, alumni volunteers say the benefits flow in both directions.

"The process is gratifying and invigorating," says David Maraghy ('77), chief executive officer of Sports Management International in Richmond, Va. Since joining the program in 2009, he has mentored four students. "While you may be helping that mentee, you will gain a great deal from the experience as well."

Providing alumni mentors for all first-year law students was the brainchild of Dean Blake D. Morant, who called for the program's creation after his appointment in mid-2007. Kim Fields, director of career services, oversees the program.

He wanted to make them feel welcome and get oriented into the practice of law, and alumni are the best

resource we have," she says. "It brings back the alumni into the law school, and they feel like they're giving back in some way, and it also makes a very warm environment for the first-year students."

To fulfill Morant's vision, Fields conducted research on what other law schools were doing and talked to bar associations. She found that few law schools attempt such a comprehensive mentoring effort, but since Wake Forest law school launched the program, other schools have inquired about it. She continues to assess the results and fine-tune its implementation.

For example, this year she built in more time to survey students about their geographic and other preferences before making the pairing assignments, moving their first contact with mentors from August to October but still well before exams. Student participation has been

high. "Ninety-nine point nine percent are interested," Fields says.

Katie Morton ('12) is a native of Columbia, S.C. She plans to remain in North Carolina to practice and was unaware of the program before she arrived. "It came as a very welcome surprise," she says.

She has not settled on an area of specialization but is leaning toward employment law and most appreciates how her mentor helps with the "big picture" issues, like preparing for the job search. "My mentor always tells me to 'enjoy the journey,' which I try to remember in order to avoid stressing about the small, short-term issues that are inherent in any law student's legal career."

Larry Sitton ('64), who gave her that advice, also mentors Slater. Sitton, a commercial litigator with Smith Moore Leatherwood's Greensboro and Charlotte offices, has served on the Law School's alumni Board of Visitors and regularly attends Inn of Court meetings, which he encourages his mentees to join. Morton and Slater say they get a lot out of the monthly meetings, including regular in-person visits with Sitton.

"Ten minutes with Larry at one of those meetings and there are 10 different people who seek him out and tell him how thankful they are for something he did to help them in the past," Slater notes. "Witnessing that was very influential for me. Larry has helped lots of people, probably in a similar way that he has helped me through law school, and people don't forget that."

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Slater credits Sitton with sparking his interest in litigation, as well as his decision to stay in North Carolina. While face-to-face meetings are ideal, those opportunities are more difficult for out-of-state students paired with mentors farther away. "I encourage the mentees to make that effort," Maraghy says. "It will benefit them greatly in the long run."

One of his mentees, Marc Rigsby ('12), from Fairfax, Va., is interested in contract law and traveled to Richmond to have lunch with Maraghy. Most mentors and students stay in touch with regular e-mails and phone calls. "The amount of communication is really driven by the student," Maraghy notes.

Launching the mentoring program in late 2008 as the economy plunged into recession was a coincidence, but the timing has proved fortunate. The economic downturn has "dramatically impacted the practice of law," Sitton says, drying up summer clerking opportunities, where students can see the "real world" of law practice and firms can take the measure of prospective hires.

"It was the recruiting pipeline," Sitton notes. "Everybody has tightened up. Some people have cut their summer programs way back, and some have done away with them."

He thinks mentors can help steer students toward opportunities, and he encourages them to seek whatever legal

experience they can, even to volunteer, if they can afford to. Maraghy concurs. His advice to mentees: "Try to gain any experience you can, including unpaid internships, if need be, in the area of your interest. Put yourself in a position to be discovered."

At least one of his mentees, Rigsby, has taken that advice to heart. "I have become acutely aware of the often circuitous route a law student follows between graduation and ultimately finding that 'perfect job,'" he says. "As a result, I have become increasingly open-minded and less risk-averse."

The legal profession is constantly changing apart from responses to economic cycles. Sitton humorously recalls how when he began practicing in 1967, lawyers still dictated briefs to secretaries, who typed them on manual typewriters and made copies using carbon paper. Having just completed two years in the military, he found his academic training had not fully prepared him for a major court restructuring and new rules of civil procedure that North Carolina implemented. As the 16th lawyer to join what was considered at the time a large firm, he was fortunate to find mentors at work.

"It was unheard of to have mentors in law school," Sitton says. "I didn't have anybody to ask what it was like to practice law."

Slater notes that in addition to Sitton, his "official mentor," he has

had several other people he considers mentors during his three years. That atmosphere suggests why the alumni mentoring program is a natural fit for Wake Forest.

"Hopefully, it sets apart Wake Forest law school as a place that cares about its students and tries to give them unique experiences," Sitton says.

Those words echo the message Dean Morant recently delivered to a group of alumni: "This has been a huge tool for us both in terms of attracting students and furthering and inculcating in them this sense of collegiality and professionalism that goes far beyond the classroom, furthering what's unique about Wake Forest."

Fields says her biggest challenge has been pairing each student with a mentor in the state where that student intends to practice. New alumni mentors are always welcome, she says.

Mentors do not have to be practicing attorneys. Charles Trefzger ('84), based in Hickory, N.C., has various business interests in the senior housing industry and expertise in health law. He serves on the Law Board of Visitors, and he has been mentoring students since the program began.

For alumni who might be considering becoming mentors, he has this advice: "Try it," he suggests. "It does not take a great deal of time and is very enjoyable to interact with the next generation of attorneys." ♦

PHOTO GALLERY INNOCENCE & JUSTICE

Get your client a fair trial. That was just one of the messages that New York Times best-selling author and lawyer John Grisham wanted law students to take away from Sept. 14, 2010's Voices of Our Time panel discussion about "Innocence and Justice." The discussion included wrongful convictions, a broken justice system and the N.C. Innocence Inquiry Commission, in front of an audience of about 2,000 in Wait Chapel. Also participating in the panel were law school Dean Blake D. Morant; Professor Carol Turowski, co-director of the school's Innocence and Justice Clinic; and Jessica Hollenbach ('11) and Mimi Kendrick ('11).





NEWS BRIEFS

Alumni perform in 'To Kill a Mockingbird' on Twin City Stage Mark Boynton ('97), and Donald Pocock ('00), played attorneys on opposite sides of the courtroom in the Twin City Stage fall production of "To Kill a Mockingbird," written by Harper Lee and adapted by Christopher Sergel. Boynton, of Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP, played Finch, who defends Tom Robinson, a black man accused of raping a white woman in the 1930s' South. Pocock played Mr. Gilmer, the lawyer prosecuting Robinson. Pocock is a partner of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough in Winston-Salem.



Elder Law Clinic hosts program to help fight financial fraud As the first wave of Baby Boomers reach 65, the Elder Law Clinic sponsored a community workshop that focused on preventing the defrauding of the elderly, with six panelists ranging from medical doctors to police detectives on Nov. 11, 2010, at the Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. "This growing population will often be targets of financial exploitation," said Kate Mewhinney, Elder Law Clinic director. "That is why it is particularly important to raise awareness for these issues and arm people with the know-

how to handle predatory behavior." Charlotte Kim ('11) organized the event and moderated the panel presentation. Speakers included Dr. Hal Atkinson, a geriatrician from the Sticht Center; Cathy Wilson, a social worker from WFUBMC Psychiatry; Debbie Hall, director of Senior Financial Care, part of Consumer Credit Counseling; John Maron of the N.C. Secretary of State's office from Raleigh (to discuss investment fraud); and Detective Scott Sluder from the Winston-Salem Police Department. Participating organizations included Adult Protective Services of the Forsyth County Department of Social Services, AARP, Better Business Bureau, North Carolina Department of Justice, Senior Services, and Alzheimer's Association.

U.S. Fourth Circuit rules in favor of Appellate Advocacy Clinic The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit has reversed a lower court ruling and held in favor of the Appellate Advocacy Clinic in the case of *United States v. Danny Thomas*, in a published opinion decided on Dec. 29, 2010. John Byron ('11) argued on behalf of Thomas at the Fourth Circuit courthouse in Richmond on Sept. 24. Former Clinic member Caroline Payseur ('10) drafted the Brief of Appellant last spring, and current Clinic members helped Byron prepare for oral argument. The issue in *Thomas* was whether the Supreme Court had to state explicitly that its statutory interpretation in *United States v. Watson* applied retroactively to cases on collateral review (that is, to defendants seeking habeas corpus), or

whether the interpretation automatically applied retroactively without an explicit statement by the Court. In other words, when the Supreme Court construes a criminal statute in a way that is favorable to criminal defendants, can defendants recently convicted also benefit from the favorable ruling even if the Court did not explicitly state the decision applies retroactively? The statute in question, 18 U.S.C. 924(c), makes it illegal to "use" a firearm in furtherance of a drug crime. In *Watson*, the Court held that a person does not "use" a firearm in a drug transaction if he merely receives the firearm in exchange for drugs. Applying Supreme Court precedent and agreeing with the few other circuits to reach similar issues, the Fourth Circuit held that new substantive rules, including rules such as *Watson* that narrow the scope of a criminal statute, apply retroactively on collateral review without an explicit statement by the Supreme Court. Before Thomas, the Fourth Circuit had only "assume[d], without deciding, that a circuit court can declare a new rule retroactive on collateral review," in *United States v. Sanders*, 247 F.3d 139, 146 n.4 (4th Cir. 2001). The Fourth Circuit also rejected the government's alternative arguments against Thomas, remanding the case to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina for further consideration of Thomas' petition for habeas corpus. After reviewing the Fourth Circuit's opinion, Byron said, "I was honored to have the opportunity to argue on behalf of Mr. Thomas. The published opinion sets a clear precedent for the Fourth Circuit and represents



Conversation With... speaker advises students to not do work they hate. Ann Scales' career has come full circle. She began her career with a Wall Street law firm defending corporations in product liability lawsuits, became known for work on pivotal feminist and civil rights cases, and is now developing a product liability law that will protect victims. The daughter of former Wake Forest University President Ralph Scales, she grew up on a college campus and has spent the past 30 years teaching law. She is currently a law professor at the University of Denver Sturm College of

Law. In a wide-ranging "Conversation with ..." session on Oct. 5, 2010, in the Worrell Professional Center punctuated by applause and laughter, Professor Shannon Gilreath invited Scales to share stories from her career and her groundbreaking work in feminist jurisprudence. Scales' advice to law students was emphatic: "Don't do work you hate! When I found myself feeling sorry for Ford, I had the wherewithal to quit. I learned a lot, but if you find yourself in a job you hate, or at some deep level you know it's corrupt, don't do it anymore."

the strength of Wake Forest's Appellate Advocacy Clinic."

Wake Forest Intellectual Property Law Journal changes mission, name. The editors of the Wake Forest Intellectual Property Law Journal are changing its mission and its name. The next issue will feature the Journal's new name, "The Wake Forest Journal of Business and Intellectual Property Law. "The name change was

originally proposed by Faculty Advisor Professor Simone Rose as a way to ramp up submissions and readership," Symposium Editor Emily Cantrell said. The Journal's student leadership also wanted to change the Journal's tone and direction and fill a gap in the available literature. "The Wake Forest Journal of Business and Intellectual Property Law will be the first of its kind, by publishing articles that discuss the many points of intersection between

business and intellectual property law," Cantrell explained. "Currently, there are no student-produced intellectual property and business-focused journals. The vast majority of the existing IP-based journals focus on technology and the engineering/patent based side of intellectual property." After receiving faculty approval for the changes, the Journal's staff has already begun to seek more practical articles that focus on the business implications of intellectual

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property creation, protection, and regulation, according to Editor Dirk Lasater. "The Journal's student leadership and Board of Advisors believes this new focus will not only increase publication levels but will also provide a more meaningful, practical contribution to the practicing legal community," he said. On March 25, the Journal will host, in partnership with the Wake Forest Schools of Business' annual Elevator Competition, its first law and business-oriented symposium, entitled: "Creative Capital: Intellectual Property Creation and Venture Capital," which will address many points of intersection between intellectual property and business law. The keynote speaker will be Bob Young, CEO and founder of Lulu.com and co-founder of Red Hat.

Wake Forest Law Review launches new Forum website The Wake Forest Law Review is launching a companion website where scholars write short response articles to pieces published in the print-edition of the Law Review. Scholars can read the print-edition articles online and then respond on the new Forum website. The responses will then be linked back to the article. "We are launching the Forum website this spring," said Robbie Samuel ('11), Executive Forum Editor of the Law Review. Wake Forest Law Review editors decided to launch the website as a way to make shorter and more accessible articles by prominent law scholars more easily available, Samuel explained. A number of the top 50 law reviews have launched similar websites. "Wake Forest will be part of the

first wave of this type of forum," Samuel said. "Law review articles have gotten so long, some authors are publishing 70-page articles. If we have a short review, scholars can write a short response to a longer article." Samuel added that the new Forum will also increase the Wake Forest Law Review's exposure as well as help the publication increase its involvement in academic dialogue with prominent scholars.

Visiting professor gives law students firsthand view of European law Wake Forest law students had a unique opportunity during the fall 2010 semester to learn about European law from a resident expert. Iyiola Solanke, a professor at Leeds University Law School in the United Kingdom, taught a concentrated course through the third week of September on the law of the European Union. Solanke's scholarship involves anti-discrimination law as well as EU law, and she is an editor for the Race and Ethnicity section of the American Political Science Association. Her work is empirical and interdisciplinary, and her articles have appeared in the Columbia Journal of European Law and the Modern Law Review. She is author of a book entitled, "The Evolution of Anti-Racial Discrimination Law," and has also written on judicial independence in the European Union. Her present writing project is a textbook on EU Law. She is a member of the University Association for European Legal Studies and the Socio-Legal Studies Association. "Professor Solanke brings a wealth of experience to Wake Forest," said

Suzanne Reynolds, associate academic dean. "She has analyzed Europe's growing pains as it embraces the EU, and she has thought critically about how different countries practice and redress discrimination."

Law school participates in debate over controversial Arizona immigration law Wake Forest University hosted a panel, "Arizona Senate Bill 1070: One State's Attempt to Curb Illegal Immigration," on Sept. 21, 2010, which was co-sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the School of Law. Panelists included Debra Conrad, vice chair of the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners; Dr. Nolo Martinez, assistant director for Research and Outreach and interim director for the Center for New North Carolinians-Cross Cultural Challenges; Carlos Flores-Vizcarra, Mexican Consul for the Carolinas; Sheriff William Schatzman; and Margaret Taylor, professor of law. "The panel addressed the impact of the new controversial immigration law upon illegal and legal immigrants and whether the law encourages racial profiling," said Beth Hopkins, director of outreach for the law school. "We hope that after hearing the position of the panelists, citizens will be informed fully of the legal challenges of the new Arizona immigration statute." The forum focused on the controversial Arizona immigration law AB1070, which allows state law enforcement officials to ask individuals for proof of their citizenship. The law is one of the strictest anti-illegal immigration acts in years, sparking considerable media attention



and controversy. Critics have called for boycotts of Arizona and protests have broken out in more than 70 U.S. cities, while polling has found that the law carries majority support in both Arizona and the United States as a whole. Other sponsors of the program include the law school's Public Interest Initiative and Pro Bono Program, Wake Forest College Democrats and College Republicans, the Latin American and Latino Studies Program as well as the Organization of Latin American Students.

Southern Poverty Law Center founder Morris Dees, gave the keynote address at the second annual Public Interest Retreat on Feb. 4. "We were so excited that Mr. Dees was able to speak at this year's Public Interest Retreat," said organizer Peter Ledford ('11). As part of the retreat, students had the chance to meet in small groups with other public interest attorneys, including Gene Fishel ('02), senior assistant attorney general and chief of the computer crime section in the Virginia Attorney General's Office; Lizmar Bosques, assistant Forsyth County District Attorney; Patrick Baker ('93), Durham city attorney; Susan Cheng ('07), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration; and Anita Earls, executive director, Southern Coalition for Social Justice.

Journal of Law and Policy hosts inaugural symposium The Wake Forest Journal of Law and Policy hosted its inaugural symposium, "Patriarchal

Law school welcomes the class of 2013 The fall 2010 incoming class was made up of 165 JD students who hail from as far away as California and as near as Winston-Salem. "This class is outstanding," said Ann Gibbs, Associate Dean, Administrative and Student Services. The new class is represented by students from 85 colleges and universities from 30 states and one foreign country. The class is 42 percent women and 70 percent of the students are from out of state. Twenty percent of the class is made up of diversity students. "They are an interesting and talented group," explains Admissions Director Melanie Nutt. "The great class of 2013 includes a Fulbright Scholar, Peace Corps volunteers and every major from music to engineering. We have published authors, men and women who have served in the military both here and abroad, Teach for America scholars, and professional musicians and artists, among others."

Religion, Sexuality and Gender," on Sept. 17, 2010. Patriarchal religion has been the chief guarantor of straight male power historically. Fundamentalist religions continue to claim authority over the principal social and legal issues of today. The symposium explored the ways in which patriarchy continues to exert control over women and sexual minorities through artificial gender and sexuality norms enforced as moral truth. It included a critical evaluation of so-called "new natural law" theory, the relationship between patriarchal religious myth and the proliferation of pornography and woman-hating in Western popular

culture, the development of gender and sexuality norms and the treatment of non-conformists in the Islamic legal tradition.

Toni di Santi ('75) sworn in as N.C. State Bar president Toni di Santi ('75) was sworn in as president of the North Carolina State Bar on Oct. 28, 2010, in Raleigh. The president's term is one year. The 63-year-old was born and raised in Henderson County, where he graduated from high school in 1965. He was then drafted into the Army and fought in Vietnam, where he was injured and lost the use of his right arm. He was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart

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during his service from 1966 to 1969. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill before earning his J.D. from Wake Forest University. A resident of Blowing Rock, he practices law at the law firm of di Santi, Watson, Capua and Wilson. The N.C. State Bar is the agency responsible for regulating the practice of law in North Carolina.

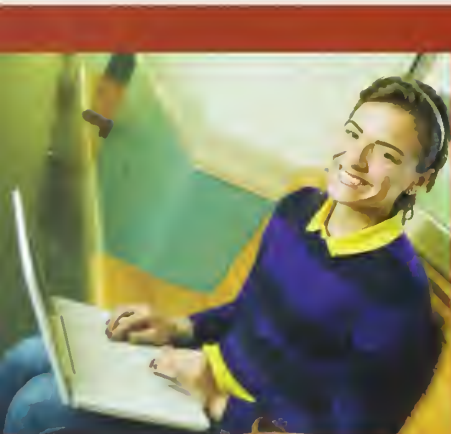
Law Review hosts Civil Rights Act Symposium The Wake Forest Law Review hosted "Twenty Years After the 1991 Civil Rights Act: What Does the Future Hold?" on Nov. 5, 2010. Twenty years after passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1991, we are once again at a crossroads of the future of civil rights. The number of employment discrimination cases is declining, and the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Ricci v. DeStefano*, has called into question the continued viability of disparate

impact claims. The symposium, under the direction of faculty adviser Wendy Parker, focused on the 1991 Act's ability – or perhaps its inability – to vindicate worker's rights in employment discrimination cases and examine new approaches, both legal and non-legal, to redress employment discrimination. The symposium addressed both the practical – where do plaintiffs do best – and the theoretical – do we need a Civil Rights Act of 2011? Topics addressed included the "The Future of Affirmative Action" and "The Role of Courts in Change." The Honorable Earl F. Jones, co-founder of the International Civil Rights Center and Museum in Greensboro, gave the lunch address. Panel presenters included Katharine T. Bartlett, Duke University School of Law; Roberto Corrada, University of Denver Sturm College of Law; Pat K. Chew, University of Pittsburgh School of Law; Justin Driver, University of Texas School of Law; Melissa Hart, University of Colorado School of Law; Michael Selmi, George Washington University Law School; and Kimberly West-Faulcon, Loyola Law School Los Angeles.

Megan Curran ('11) argues in front of N.C. Court of Appeals Megan Curran ('11) had the chance to argue in front of a three-judge panel on Oct. 26, 2010, when the law school played host to the North Carolina Court of Appeals. The judges were Chief Judge John C. Martin ('67), Judge Linda Stephens and Judge Donna Stroud. The Court considered two appeals, including one handled by the law school's Appellate Advocacy Clinic. The first case, *State v.*

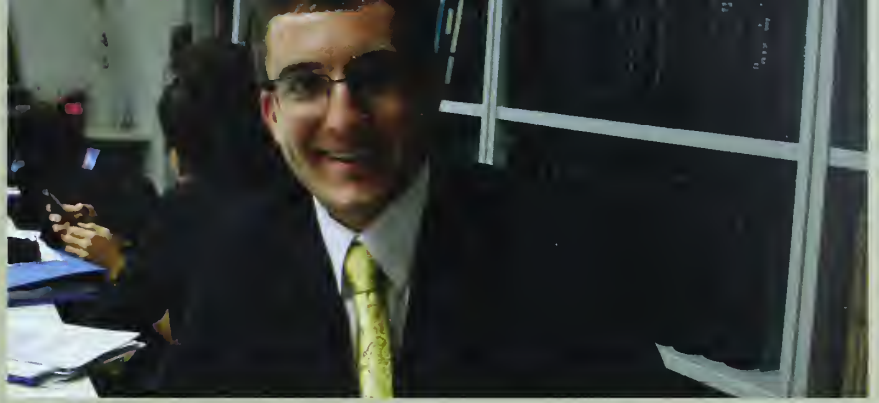
Hunt, was a criminal case. The second case, *Haas v. Jugis*, is the Appellate Clinic's case. Curran argued that a church in Clay County should be able to build a parking lot on land in a subdivision that has restrictive covenants. "I'm not going to lie and say I wasn't nervous," she said afterward. "But I felt I was prepared." Katy Aultman ('10) and Tim Wyatt ('10) prepared the church's appellate brief last spring. It was exciting to be able to argue in front of the court, Curran said. "You can put all the skills you've been learning the past couple of years to good use," she said.

WFUBMC Pathology residents and fellows collaborate with law students in Advanced Trial Practice and Litigation Clinic Dr. Donald R. Jason is a forensic pathologist who teaches anatomic pathology at WFU Baptist Medical Center and directs the Forensic Pathology Fellowship Program. Many of his students become medical examiners, which mean they will almost inevitably be called to testify at trial. Dr. Jason, who also has a law degree from St. John's University, wanted to forge a relationship with the law school so his students could practice giving expert testimony. He contacted Professor Carol Anderson, director of Trial Practice and the Litigation Clinic, and a natural collaboration was born. The law school's Litigation Clinic and Advanced Trial Practice students work with several of Dr. Jason's medical students who testify in mock depositions and trials that require expert medical testimony. Dr. Charles Rawlings ('02), a former neurosurgeon, also serves as both expert



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witness and instructor. During the Fall 2009 semester, Dr. Jason supplied eight of his residents and fellows as deponents and expert witnesses in a medical malpractice case for the Advanced Trial Practice class, which was team-taught by Professor Anderson and new adjunct Professors Tom Comerford ('74) and Cliff Britt ('86). "These doctors spent hours being deposed by our students," Anderson said. "They also served as expert witnesses in our mock trials. Our students were absolutely ecstatic about the opportunity to examine real physicians, and the physicians themselves learned a lot about how to be effective expert witnesses. I think all of us reaped huge benefits from these exercises." Dr. Jason now uses this valuable cross-disciplinary training as a drawing card for prospective residents and fellows by promising them the opportunity to hone their expert examination skills in partnership with the law school. "We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Dr. Jason and his students for generously sharing their time, talents, and knowledge with Wake Forest law students," Anderson added. "We look forward to many years of mutually beneficial collaborative skills training."

Assistant Dean Susan Montaquila serves as NCBA delegate in Turkey. Assistant Dean Susan Montaquila spent a portion of her summer in Turkey as a delegate to the North Carolina Bar Association's Attorney Exchange program. As the head of the law school's International Graduate Programs, Montaquila's trip was educational and provided an opportunity to share

Workers' compensation and employers' liability law research leads student to Vienna, Austria. Daniel Murdock ('12) recently had the chance to represent Wake Forest University School of Law in Vienna, Austria. A JD/MBA, Murdock worked on a book chapter on American workers' compensation and employers' liability law with Professor Michael Green in May 2010. The chapter is for a book on different nations' workers' compensation and employers' liability law coordinated by the European Centre of Tort and Insurance Law and the Institute for European Tort Law. Over the summer and early fall Professor Green and Murdock researched and drafted the American report, and on Nov. 5, 2010, Murdock attended a working meeting in Vienna. "I, along with the national reporters from France, Italy, the Netherlands, Romania and Austria, discussed general issues in workers' compensation and employers' liability and each of us made 10-15 minute presentations on our national reports," Murdock explained. The European national reporters were professors and graduate law students whose research interests are focused on comparative law. "The all-day meeting gave valuable insights into what other national compensation systems look like and what issues in each report should be emphasized," Murdock said. "The opportunity to work on a book chapter on workers' compensation and travel to Vienna has been a great learning experience. Hearing about different national workers' compensation and employers' liability systems from reporters from those countries was enlightening and fun. I am grateful to Professor Green and Wake Forest for the opportunity to have had such an amazing experience."

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information on Wake Forest's Master of Laws and Scientiae Juridicae Doctor degrees. While in Turkey, Montaquila and 14 other North Carolina lawyers and judges visited many of the country's centers of law and legal education. She met with professors from both the University of Istanbul and the University of Bahçeşehir. "Members of the Turkish government and courts at the highest levels all hosted the delegation as honored guests," Montaquila explained. "An added plus to the experience was getting to share the adventure with interesting and accomplished North Carolina Bar practitioners and judges. While touring, the group visited the Grand National Assembly — Turkey's Parliament — and the Bar Associations of both Istanbul and Ankara.



Assistant Dean Susan Montaquila (center) meets with Dick Heidgerd ('72) and Richard Gabriel ('75).

National Jurist, preLaw magazines name Wake Forest among nation's best law schools for public interest. The National Jurist and preLaw magazines have named Wake Forest among the nation's best law schools for public interest.

"Sometimes people look at public interest or pro bono work as an extracurricular activity," said Dean Blake D. Morant in the article. "We saw this as

a very important part of the education of the student. Giving back is about being a true lawyer."

The magazines gave Wake Forest a "B" letter grade among the 96 schools that made the "Best Public Interest Law Schools" list. Law schools make the rankings if they meet three main criteria: have one or more public interest clinics; have one or more faculty committees/administrators that oversee public interest; and have a loan repayment assistance program. By definition, a school that does not have all three would receive a grade below B-.

They then weighted the schools using three main categories: cost of legal education, placement and curriculum. All of the categories reflect the same areas that Equal Justice Works recommends students consider when investigating law schools.

Three professors named Fellows of American Bar Foundation Wake Forest University School of Law Professors Joel Newman, Omari Simmons and Tanya Marsh have been named Fellows of the American Bar Foundation. Membership in The Fellows is a great honor limited to one-third of 1 percent of the lawyers in America. Newman, who is well known nationally and internationally as a tax scholar and lawyer, was inducted on Sept. 10, 2010. He is the author of *Federal Income Taxation: Cases, Problems and Materials*, now in its 4th edition, with the 5th edition coming out next year. He has written and lectured extensively on tax and professional responsibility topics. Simmons was inducted in August.

Simmons' research interests include corporate governance and education policy. Prior to joining the Wake Forest Law School faculty in 2006, Professor Simmons worked as corporate counsel for two multinational corporations and as an associate at the law firm of Wilmer Hale in Washington, D.C. Marsh was inducted in the summer of 2010, when she also joined the Wake Forest faculty following a 10-year career practicing real estate and corporate law. She teaches real estate transactions and property. The American Bar Foundation was founded in 1952 by the ABA. It is an honorary organization of lawyers, judges, law faculty, and legal scholars who have been elected by their peers to become Fellows because of their outstanding achievements in the legal profession. The ABF is the nation's leading research institute for the empirical study of law. Its research faculty includes winners of the Nobel Prize in Economics, the Stockholm Prize in Criminology, and the John Bates Clark Medal in Economics, and the author of *SuperFreakonomics*.

SUSIE SEWELL

Jacksonville, North Carolina
Alumna, School of Law

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JONATHAN CARDI

Publications

- New co-author on Remedies: Cases, Practical Problems and Exercises (West 2d ed. 2010)
- Agreed to join George Christie, Joe Sanders, and Ellen Pryor on the fifth edition of Cases and Materials on the Law of Torts (West 2004)

DON CASTLEMAN

Publications

- "Durable Power of Attorney, Health-Care Power of Attorney and Advance Directives," 1 ABA Section of Taxation News Quarterly, Fall 2010

TRACEY BANKS COAN

Publications

- "Bioethics and the Law: Using Moot Court as a Tool to Teach Effective Argumentation Skills" (forthcoming 2011 Routledge Press, Annals of Bioethics Series) (with Christine Coughlin and Barbara Lentz)

JENNIFER COLLINS

Media

- Featured in "On the Case With Paula Zahn" on Investigation Discovery, October 2010

CHRISTINE NERO COUGHLIN ('90)

Presentations

- "Legal Pedagogy in the Classroom," How Legal Rhetoric Shapes the Law: Pedagogy, Theory, Practice, American University School of Law,

Oct. 15, 2010 (panel participant)

- "Medical Malpractice Reform," Wake Forest University School of Medicine, November 2010

Publications

- "The Carnegie Report and Legal Writing: Does the Report Go Far Enough?" (forthcoming Journal of the Institute of Legal Writing 2011) (with Lisa McElroy and Deborah Gordon)
- "Pluripotent Stem Cells: The Search for the Perfect Source" (forthcoming Minnesota Journal of Law, Science & Technology 2011) (with Nancy M.P. King and Dr. Anthony Atala)
- "When Doctors Become 'Patients': Advocating a Patient Centered Approach for Health-Care Workers in the Context of Mandatory Influenza Vaccinations and informed Consent" (forthcoming Wake Forest University Law Review 2010) (symposium piece)(with Nancy M.P. King and Dr. Kathi Kemper)
- "Bioethics and the Law: Using Moot Court as a Tool to Teach Effective Argumentation Skills" (forthcoming 2011 Routledge Press, Annals of Bioethics Series) (with Tracey Coan and Barbara Lentz)

MICHAEL CURTIS

Presentations

- "Citizens United and Davis v. FEC, Lochner on Steroids and Democracy on Life Support," University of

Illinois School of Law colloquium, September 2010. The current draft of the paper has been on six different top 10 lists for papers downloaded on SSRN.

Publications

- Completed the 3d Edition of the casebook, Constitutional Law in Context, with Wilson Parker and their co-authors

TIMOTHY DAVIS

Presentations

- Chaired meeting of the Contracts Drafting Committee of the National Conference of Bar Examiners, April 29-30, 2010

Publications

- "Eradicating Student-Athlete Sexual Assault of Women: Section 1983 and Personal Liability Following Fitzgerald v. Barnstable," 2009 Michigan State L. Rev. 630 (with Keith E. Smith)
- Reaction to "An Economic Look at the Sustainability of FBS Athletic Departments," 3 Journal of Intercollegiate Sport 22 (2010)
- Book Review of Sports and Criminal Behaviors, 3 Journal of Intercollegiate Sport 204 (2010)

SHANNON GILREATH

Presentations

- Successful Litigation Strategies for Advocating for LGBT Youth (Panel discussion at 2010 Lavender Law Conference (annual meeting of the LGBT Section of the ABA)
- Professor Gilreath participated in a debate with Professors Nelson Tebbe and Deborah Widiss, sponsored by

Joel Newman, Omari Simmons and Tanya Marsh were named American Bar Foundation Fellows.



Jennifer Collins



Chris Coughlin



Michael Curtis



Timothy Davis



Shannon Gilreath

the University of Pennsylvania Law Review. Professor Gilreath's portion of the debate was published as "Arguing Against Arguing for Same-Sex Marriage" in the Law Review's PENNumbra forum. The professors' exchange has been nominated for the 2011 Law and Society Association's Article Prize.

Service

- Provided expert testimony to the Manhattan, Kan., city commission, culminating in the passage of a human rights ordinance protecting LGBT citizens from discrimination. The ordinance is the first in the state of Kansas to protect against sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination.
- Served as an expert advisor on the Pentagon's Working Group on "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"

LAURA GRAHAM

Presentations

- Panelist, "How Reader-Based Commenting Helps Students Internalize Writing Advice," Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Wake Forest University, Dec. 3, 2010

Appointments

- Assistant Editor for the Journal of the Legal Writing Institute

Media

- Bi-monthly column in the N.C. Lawyer, "Writing that Works"

MICHAEL GREEN

Presentations

- Delivered a paper on Full-Throated Proportional Liability in American

Jennifer Collins was featured in "On the Case With Paula Zahn" on Investigation Discovery

Law at a symposium at Charles University in Prague

- Spoke in CLE Webinars on the Third Restatement of Torts for the Iowa Defense Counsel Association and ALI/ABA
- Spoke at the annual meeting of the Defense Research Institute in San Diego on the Restatement Third of Torts
- Spoke at annual meetings of Louisiana Judicial Institute and Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel in New Orleans on the Third Restatement of Torts

Publications

- Book entitled "Toxic and Environmental Torts" (with R. Craig, A. Klein & J. Sanders) (West 2011)

Appointments

- Executive Committee, WFU Faculty Senate and Chair, Senate's Fringe Benefits Committee

Media

- Interviewed on National Public Radio about BP's report on the causes of the Gulf oil spill
- Quoted in New York Times on liability implications of the Gulf oil spill
- Quoted in U.S. Law Week about the implications of Nebraska Supreme Court case on duty in tort law

MARK HALL

Presentations

- "Legal Issues in Health-Care

Reform," University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, October 2010

- "Constitutional Implications of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act," Northern Kentucky University College of Law, October 2010
- "Constitutional Challenges to Health-Care Reform," Forsyth Memorial Hospital, Winston-Salem N.C., October 2010
- "Conflicts of Interest in Medical Research," Carilion Clinic, Roanoke Va., September 2010
- "Free Markets, Regulation and the Constitution," Hillsdale College Center for Constitutional Studies, Washington, D.C., September 2010

Publications

- Legal Methods, in J. Sugarman & D. Sulmasy, eds., Methods in Medical Ethics (2d ed. 2010), with Nancy King
- Per Capita Payments in Clinical Trials: Reasonable Costs versus Bounty Hunting, 85 Acad. Med. 1554-56 (2010), first author with J. Friedman et al
- Lessons from Credit Bureaus for Improving the Market for Electronic Medical Records, 44(3) J. Consumer Aff.: 546-556 (2010), second author with Craig Richardson & Zagros Madjd-Dadjadi
- Biobanking, Consent, and Commercialization in International

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PROFESSOR

CHRIS NERO COUGHLIN ('90)

By Lisa Snedeker

"The first time Chris Nero Coughlin stepped into the classroom as a professor she felt like she was home.

"I had an opportunity to teach as an adjunct and while I really loved practicing law, the moment I got in the classroom I thought this is what I was meant to do," she said. "I just really enjoyed it."

It's apparent.

Coughlin is the recipient of the Joseph Branch Award for Excellence in Teaching and a two-time recipient of the Laura P. Graham Award for Excellence in Teaching Legal Research and Writing. As the director of the law school's Legal Analysis, Writing and Research Program for the past decade, Coughlin is always looking for innovative ways to help students--and not just law students--better understand the law.

"I love education and I've been lucky to have had many great role models throughout my education, particularly here at Wake Forest," she said. "I know

how energizing it is for students to have a teacher who is excited about teaching and trying to do something new. I believe as a teacher my job isn't only to teach but to provide a learning environment that motivates students to learn."

This spring, Coughlin is teaching a new course, "Legal Methods for Medical Professionals," that allows fourth-year medical school students to do a one month "rotation" in the law school. The purpose of this course is twofold: (1) to provide fourth year medical students with an in-depth overview of legal education and the legal system, with a particular focus on health-related issues that will affect their medical residency and future practice, and (2) to bring medical students, law students, and master of arts in bioethics students together for education, dialogue and debate of various legal, bioethics and biotechnology-related issues, with a focus on understanding the roles the different professions play in the advancement of medicine, science, ethics, law and policy.

Consistent with the dual course purposes, the course has two components. In the morning component of the course, the medical students will be introduced to the legal system and will examine, in depth, a variety of health law issues. In addition, the students will receive interactive instruction in legal analysis and research. The students will also learn principles of business drafting and contract interpretation that may be relevant to their future medical practices, along with instruction in the legal

education's first-year doctrinal courses, specifically, torts, contracts, property, criminal law, and constitutional law, all with an eye toward health-care related issues within these doctrinal areas.

The second component of the course is a joint class with law students and bioethics students. The joint afternoon portion of the course will be highly interactive with the students applying various legal and ethical principles in realistic legal/medical, biotechnical and research-related scenarios. This component of the course uses simulation and role-playing as the professors and law and medical students act out the part of doctors, lawyers, congressional representatives, agency representatives, ethics committee members, etc., for many of the scenarios studied.

"My hope with this course," Coughlin said, "is that all the students will develop a deeper understanding of the interests and the demands on other members of other professions when dealing with medical, biotechnical and bioethics issues." Coughlin further explained, "the anticipated outcome is to provide medical students with the relevant legal tools necessary to enhance their medical practices and to view the law not as an obstacle to patient care or research, but rather as a guide to providing the best possible patient care or research.

"I've wanted to do this for years because I wanted medical students to have a better understanding of the law. I thought what can we do to help physicians understand the law and to promote dialogue between the

"My job isn't only to teach but to provide a learning environment that motivates students to learn."

- Professor Chris Coughlin



professions?”

Coughlin said her newest course may sound different from her legal writing and analysis classes, but they are actually similar. “In both classes we’re trying to teach legal analysis,” she said. “Any student needs to understand the fundamentals of legal analysis in order to write or effectively study any legal doctrine including health law.”

With appointments in the Master of Arts in Bioethics program in the Wake Forest University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and in the Translational Science Institute for the Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Coughlin’s teaching and scholarship are concentrated in the areas of legal analysis and writing, bioethics and health-care law.

Much of her recent research involves inter-disciplinary approaches to legal education, stem cells, and mandatory vaccinations and informed consent.

“I have recently written two articles looking at the professions of medicine and engineering and how best teaching practices in other professions can be applied to legal education,” Coughlin said. “Legal educators are currently debating the effectiveness of the traditional law school model. While I believe the traditional model has been effective in producing good lawyers, we can and should look to best practices from other professions to reach all of our students

and to bridge the gap between law school and the practice of law.”

Coughlin co-wrote an article, “Pluripotent Stem Cells: The Search for the Perfect Source,” with WFU School of Medicine Professor and Co-Director of the Center for Bioethics, Health & Society, Nancy M.P. King, and the Director of the WFU Institute for Regenerative Medicine and W.H. Boyce Professor and Chair, Department of Urology, Dr. Anthony Atala. The work will be published this year in the *Minnesota Journal of Law, Science & Technology*, one of the nation’s leading science and technology journals.

“I’ve been very interested in the policies and politics behind our stem cell research and how the law has become involved and I think this is a very good example of where law and public policy have not kept up with science,” she explained.

“While we sit and debate old questions, new technologies develop and with those, new questions and ethical concerns that need to be addressed.”

The abstract to the paper concludes: “Ethical issues can never disappear from scientific and medical research, and public discourse must continue as science advances. Only by acknowledging, critically examining, and discussing the concerns that may arise from pluripotent stem cell research can we hope to minimize its ethical and social risks.

Ultimately, science and society must face the ethical issues openly, in order to move forward while searching for ever more perfect sources.”

Coughlin co-wrote another piece published in the *Wake Forest Law Review* (2010) with King and Dr. Kathi Kemper, the WFU Caryl J. Guth Chair for Complementary and Integrative Medicine and Director of the Center for Integrative Medicine titled, “When Doctors Become ‘Patients’: Advocating a Patient Centered Approach for Health-Care Workers in the Context of Mandatory Influenza Vaccinations and informed Consent.” “To protect themselves and their patients, the common thinking goes, health-care workers need to have flu vaccines,” Coughlin said. “As a result, as some health-care institutions have mandated workers receive these vaccinations as a condition of employment, regardless of personal preference or religious objection, and in the process sign a consent form.” We conclude in the article, “that the practice of requiring employees to sign a consent form as a condition of continued employment when they receive the influenza vaccination conflicts with the ethical and legal doctrine of informed consent.” ♦

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FACULTY NOTES

PROFILE MARK HALL

By Lisa Snedeker

If you haven't seen Mark Hall's name in print or online, heard his voice on the radio or seen his face on television in the past year, you probably haven't been paying close attention to the health care reform debate.

Hall has been featured in myriad national print media outlets, including the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times and the Washington Post. He's been interviewed on National Public Radio and spotted on the NBC Nightly News talking about the constitutionality of government mandated health insurance, which Hall believes is not only constitutional but necessary in the same way Americans are required to have car insurance.

"The most fundamental change is to guarantee that people can get insurance regardless of their health conditions," Hall told Fox 8.

It's safe to say he will remain in the media spotlight as a number of states and the Republicans continue to try to repeal last year's health-care reform legislation. Hall regularly consults with

government officials, foundations and think-tanks about health-care public policy issues.

Hall says the states that have filed lawsuits trying to block the legislation don't have a leg to stand on because it does little to impact states' rights. "The law gives states complete flexibility to not set up a high-risk pool, to not set up the exchange, to not even take Medicaid money if they don't want. States that don't want to participate don't have to." But individuals have a colorable claim under the argument that the federal government lacks power to compel or regulate people who choose not to purchase. Hall believes the issue will ultimately be decided by the Supreme Court sometime in the 2012-13 term.

As one of the nation's leading scholars in the areas of health-care law and policy and medical and bioethics, Hall is a professor of law and public health at Wake Forest University, specializing in health-care law and policy with a focus on economic, regulatory and organizational issues. As the Fred

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- Professor Mark Hall

D. & Elizabeth L. Turnage Professor of Law, his primary appointments are in the Schools of Law and Medicine, but he also teaches in the university's Schools of Business MBA program.

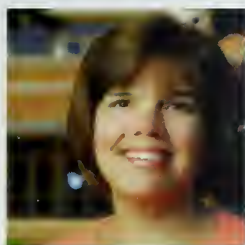
And most recently he has been appointed to the membership of one of the federal advisory boards that is implementing a part of the new health-care reform law.

"The fear is this the law is going to jump in between me and my doctor, and it does the opposite. It will only help you keep the doctor you have."

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish the Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan (CO-OP) program and provides for an Advisory Board to the program.

According to the statute, the purpose of the CO-OP program is to foster the creation of a nonprofit health insurance to offer qualified health plans in the individual and small group markets. The advisory board helps to determine which applicants will receive \$6 billion of loans and grants to establish consumer-oriented nonprofit health insurers, Hall said.





Laura Graham



Michael Green



Mark Hall



Kate Irwin-Smiler



John Korzen

Hall's appointment began in January and continues for three years.

"I was appointed because of my experience studying the regulation of health insurance markets," he said. "The CO-OP idea aims to find better ways to organize and run health insurers, and doing that requires knowing how they currently operate and what prevents them from innovating."

In spring 2010, Hall organized a conference on "Patient-Centered Health Law and Ethics, which featured himself as well as Lois Shepherd, director of the University of Virginia's Center for Biomedical Ethics and Humanities, and involved participants from law and other academic fields including sociology, medicine, philosophy and religion. The inaugural conference of the Center for Bioethics, Health and Society was made possible by a generous gift from David Zacks ('67), co-chair of the law school's Board of Visitors and a partner at Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton in Atlanta.

Hall also was the founding director of the WFU Center for Bioethics and he co-directs its Masters of Arts in Bioethics programs. He was named a fellow of the prestigious Hastings Center, a premier research institute in bioethics, in October 2010. ♦

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Genetics Research: The Type 1 Diabetes Genetics Consortium (T1DGC), 7 Clinical Trials S33-S45 (2010), with Nancy M.P. King, Letitia H. Perdue, et al

- Quality Regulation in the Information Age: Challenges for Medical Professionalism, in Medical Professionalism in the New Information Age (2010), second author with Kristin Madison
- Government-Sponsored Reinsurance, 19 Ann. Health L. 465-78 (2010)

Appointments

- Fellow of the Hastings Center (Bioethics)
- Advisory Board to Department Health & Human Services on Consumer-Owned Health Insurance Co-Ops, 2011-2013

KATE IRWIN-SMILER

Presentations

- "Starting off on the Right Track: Avoiding Mistakes that New (and Not-so-new) Instructors Make," July 12, 2010. AALL annual conference, Denver, Colo.
- "Access Policies for FDLP Collections in Law Libraries," Reaching our Peak: Resolving Issues for Law Libraries in the Federal Depository Library Program, July 13, 2010. AALL annual conference, Denver, Colo.

JOHN KORZEN

Presentations

- Moderator, "Grading Papers and Handling Student Conferences," Legal Writing Institute One-Day

Workshop, Wake Forest University, Dec. 3, 2010

Publications

- "Criminal Appeals to the Fourth Circuit" (forthcoming inaugural newsletter of the Middle District of North Carolina Chapter of the Federal Bar Association)

JOHN KNOX

Presentations

- Morrison and the Unpredictable Presumption against Extraterritoriality, Conference on Extraterritoriality of U.S. Law, Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, Calif., Nov. 12, 2010

Publications

- A Presumption Against Extraterritoriality, 104 American Journal of International Law 351 (2010)

BARBARA LENTZ

Publications

- "Bioethics and the Law: Using Moot Court as a Tool to Teach Effective Argumentation Skills" (forthcoming 2011 Routledge Press, Annals of Bioethics Series) (with Tracey Coan)

Presentations

- "Developing Students' Skills & Research Tools to Satisfy Draft ABA Standards," Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Wake Forest University, Dec. 3, 2010 (with Jason Sowards)

TANYA MARSH

Presentations

- "Seminar on Basics of Real Estate Insurance," International Council

FACULTY NOTES

PROFILE SID SHAPIRO

By Lisa Snedeker

“I was one of the rare students who liked law school.”

- Professor Sidney Shapiro

As a law student, Sidney Shapiro dropped his administrative law course because it was so boring. “It was my least favorite class,” he says with a laugh.

Shapiro, however, loved law school and in fact, realized he wanted to teach in a law school one day. Fast forward and Shapiro, who teaches administrative law among other courses at Wake Forest Law school, is one of the nation’s leading experts in administrative procedure and regulatory policy.

As the associate dean for Research and Development and the University Distinguished Chair in Law, Shapiro is often quoted in national media outlets including USA Today and the New York Times on regulatory failures, including the largest oil spill in American history, the recent Toyota recall, Hurricane Katrina and coal mine explosions.

“The misunderstanding is that somehow the government has oodles of people working on this stuff and the capacity to regulate the hell out of the American economy,” Shapiro says. “They don’t.”

While calls for smaller government and more freedom for industry are common, the massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, for example, raises the question whether consumer safety is being jeopardized by a lack of effective regulation.

“When I actually started doing the work, I found it to be a fascinating and challenging area, and it only gets more so,” said Shapiro, who is also vice president of the Center for Progressive Regulation, a nonprofit research and educational organization of university-affiliated academics. Prior to teaching, Shapiro was a trial attorney with the Federal Trade Commission and Deputy Legal Counsel of the Secretary’s Review Panel at the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

“In the 1960s and 1970s, when Congress passed most of the health, safety and environmental laws that we have today, it had high aspirations for what it could accomplish. Beginning in the 1980s, progress toward those goals started to slow down and lately it

has almost come to a halt. This has real consequences for Americans.”

“As we learned from the failure to regulate Wall Street, regulatory failure can sink the economy and cause endless grief for people for years. What we fail to realize is that, while government can limit liberty, it can also enhance it. If a person dies of lung cancer due to toxic chemicals in the workplace, or if a poor family doesn’t have the opportunity to send their kids to college, their liberty is not enhanced. While we have to be careful that government doesn’t over extend, we also have to look for areas where government can expand liberty and opportunity.”

Shapiro blames the numerous recent regulatory failures in part on federal budget cuts. Taking inflation into account, some agencies now receive only half as much funding as they used to, leaving them dangerously short of personnel. The result, he said, is a series of unprecedented regulatory failures.

“Every time we look at one of these disasters, we tend to blame the regulatory agencies. But if we look behind the scenes, it’s a much more complicated picture and a rather frightening one. It’s likely we’re going to continue to have a string of these calamities unless we do something to act on these various causes,” said Shapiro, who along with Rena Steinzor, is the author of the new book, *The People’s Agents and the Battle to Protect the American Public: Special Interests, Government, and the*

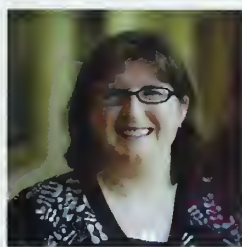




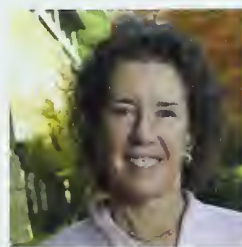
John Knox



Barbara Lentz



Tanya Marsh



Kate Mewhinney



Blake Morant

Threats to National Health, Safety and the Environment, published by the University of Chicago Press in 2010. Steinzor is a professor at the University of Maryland School of Law and a former New York Times reporter.

Shapiro started thinking about teaching law school while he was still in school at the University of Pennsylvania. "I was one of the rare students who liked law school," he said. "It was appealing to me. I liked the intellectual atmosphere, the arguments and the challenge of reforming the law."

That interest eventually led to his involvement in forming the Center for Progressive Regulation nine years ago. "I am both pleased and amazed by its growth, which probably proves our intuition was correct and there was a need for a voice from this viewpoint. Our idea about CPR was there was lots of good academic writing that never found its way into policy debates particularly in Washington, D.C."

He has written seven books, contributed chapters to seven additional books, authored or coauthored more than 50 articles. Shapiro has been a consultant to government agencies and has been called to testify before Congress on regulatory subjects. ♦

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of Shopping Centers 2010 Shopping Center Law Conference, Hollywood, Fla., Nov. 4, 2010

Publications

- "Sometimes Blackacre is a Widget: Rethinking Commercial Real Estate Contract Remedies," 88 Neb. Law Rev. 635 (2010)
- "The Stagnation of Indiana Real Property Law" (with April Sparks Pyatt), 43 Ind. L. Rev. 967 (2010)
- "Negotiating and Drafting Lease Insurance Clauses: 10 Questions for Practitioners," (with Jo-Ann Marzullo), Retail Law Strategist, Volume 10, Issue 2 (2010)

Appointments

- Re-appointed as Vice-Chair, Property, Casualty, and Other Non-Title Insurance Committee, American Bar Association Real Property Trust & Estate Law Section
- Fellow, American Bar Foundation (Summer 2010)
- Rising Star, Indiana Super Lawyers (2011)

Media

- "A Government-Mandated Foreclosure Moratorium is a Popular (and Bad) Idea," The Huffington Post, Oct. 27, 2010
- Research featured in "The Scary New American Cemetery," Wake Forest News Center, Oct. 27, 2010

KATE MEWHINNEY

Presentations

- "Medical-Legal Partnerships Serving the Elderly," National Aging and Law Conference (sponsors include ABA, AARP, NAELA), Alexandria, Va.; Dec. 11, 2010

Publications

- "The Human Touch: The Clinical Teaching of Elder Law," (forthcoming, Stetson L. Rev., spring 2011)

Media

- N.C. Lawyers Weekly, regarding mandatory arbitration of nursing home negligence and wrongful death actions. ("Discovery Waives Mandatory Arbitration, Court Holds," (Nov. 11, 2010, pg. 1)
- N.C. Lawyers Weekly, "Doctors, lawyers find common ground helping elderly." (Dec. 6, 2010, pg. 1)

Honors

- Nominated to the federal CLASS Independence Advisory Council, on behalf of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. The council will advise on matters of general policy in the administration of the country's first national voluntary long-term care insurance program, a part of the Affordable Care Act.

Other

- Joined the National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership, with Wake Forest University School of Medicine's Department of Internal Medicine, Section on Geriatrics
- Sponsored program on fraud and older adults, with medical partners and law enforcement, Nov. 11, 2010, Winston-Salem, N.C.
- Supervision of clinical students during fall semester, handling 60 cases. See <http://elder-clinic.law.wfu.edu/> for the program newsletter and state and national elder law resources.

FACULTY NOTES



Joel Newman



Alan Palmiter



Suzanne Reynolds

SUSAN R. MONTAQUILA

Presentations

- North Carolina Bar Association International Law and Practice Council Panel on Practicing International Law in North Carolina; Elon University School of Law, Nov. 12, 2010

Appointments

- International Law and Practice Council, North Carolina Bar Association, 2010-2011

Invitations/Honors

- Open Society Institute – Palestinian Rule of Law Program, selected to:
 - serve on semifinalist review panel in New York, N.Y., Dec. 6 – 8, 2010
 - serve on finalist scholar interview team in Jerusalem and West Bank, Jan. 31 – Feb. 3, 2011

BLAKE D. MORANT

Presentations

- “Changes in U.S. Legal Education and International Developments,” University of Leeds, United Kingdom, Nov. 24, 2010
- “Thomas More’s Dilemma of Conscientious,” Texas Tech University School of Law in Lubbock, Texas, Oct. 15, 2010

JOEL NEWMAN

Honors

- Named American Bar Foundation Fellow, September 2010

ALAN PALMITER

Presentations

- Comments, “Meeting Capital Needs of Small Business,” Conference on Corporate Governance, Weinberg

Center, University of Delaware (November 2010)

Publications

- Securities Regulation: Examples & Explanations (5th ed. Aspen Publishing – forthcoming 2011)
- Duty of Obedience: The Forgotten Duty, 55 N.Y.L.S. L. Rev. 491 (2010) (symposium issue)
- ISS Recommendations and Mutual Fund Voting on Proxy Proposals (with James Cotter and Randall Thomas), 52 Corp. Practice Commentator ____ (2010) (article reprinted, among best corporate law articles of year)

Service

- At-large Member, Advisory Committee, Wake Forest Center for Energy, Environment and Sustainability

MARK RABIL

Presentations

- Update on N.C. Racial Justice Act, North Carolina Advocates for Justice Capital Defense Seminar, January 2010
- Panelist, “Lynching Then, Lynching Now,” discussing issues of race, the death penalty and the North Carolina Racial Justice Act, along with N.C. State House Reps. Larry Womble and Earline Parmon (sponsors of the Act) and exoneree Darryl Hunt (whose case helped passage of the Act), at Wake Forest School of Law, April 2010
- NAACP symposium on Jury Service in Capital Cases, Statesville, N.C., along with District Attorney Sarah Kirkman, Senior Resident Superior

Court Judge Chris Collier and representatives of Clerk of Court, August 2010

- Helped organize and prepare panelists for discussion with John Grisham, Wake Forest University’s “Voices of Our Time: Innocence and Justice,” panel discussion focused on wrongful convictions with questions to author John Grisham by Wake Forest Law School Dean Blake Morant, and two students and the co-director from the Wake Forest Law School’s Innocence and Justice Clinic, Wait Chapel, Wake Forest University, September 2010

Other

- Participated in two, week-long silent meditation retreats, one at Insight Meditation Society, Barre, Mass. (February 2010 – “Metta Retreat for Scientists and Educators”) and another at Spirit Rock Meditation Center, California (July 2010 – “Mindfulness, Wise Speech and Compassionate Communication”), and attended “The Mindful Lawyer: Practices & Prospects for Law School, Bench and Bar” (October 2010 – U.C. Berkeley School of Law)

SUZANNE REYNOLDS (’77)

Presentations

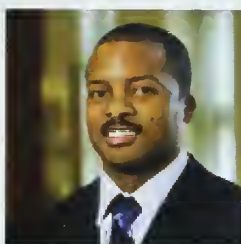
- Spoke to the Northern Illinois University School of Law faculty on a work in progress, “Custody Guardians Ad Litem for Children in Homes with Intimate Partner Violence.” Spoke to law students, undergraduates, undergraduate faculty, and community guests of Northern Illinois University on



Sidney Shapiro



Kami Chavis Simmons



Omari Simmons



Ahmed Taha



Carol Turowski

“Deciding the Custody Issue for Children in Homes with Intimate Partner Violence.”

Appointments

- Appointed by North Carolina Gov. Beverly Perdue as a commissioner of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws

SIDNEY SHAPIRO

Publications

- The Necessity of Procedural Reform, in *Beyond Environmental Law: Policy Proposals for a Better Environmental Future* 37 (Alyson C. Lounoy & David M. Driesen eds. 2010) (Cambridge Press)
- From Ship to Shore: Reforming the National Contingency Plan to Improve Protections for Oil Spill Cleanup Workers, *Center for Progressive Reform*, September, 2010 (coauthored with Rebecca Bratspies, Alyson Flournoy, Thomas McGarity, Rena Steinzor, & Matthew Shudtz)
- Plausibility Pleading: Barring the Courthouse Doors to Deserving Plaintiffs, *Center for Progressive Reform*, May, 2010, (co-authored with William Funk, Tom McGarity, & James Goodwin)

Presentations

- Section of Administrative Law & Regulatory Practice, American Bar Association, Fall Meeting, “Depoliticizing Judicial Review,” Nov. 5, 2010
- Carodoza Law School Symposium, “Paul Verkuil and Pragmatic Adjustment in Government,” Oct. 18, 2010, New York, N.Y.

Kate Mewhinney was nominated to the federal CLASS Independence Advisory Council.

Testimony

- Hearing on Protecting the Public Interest: Understanding the Threat of Agency Capture Before the Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts of the Senate Judiciary Committee, U.S. Senate, Aug. 3, 2010

Media

- BNA Occupational Safety & Health Reporter, “House Republican Plan to Pare Back Regulation Could Target Job Safety,” Quoted in story (Nov. 11, 2010)
- BNA Occupational Safety & Health Reporter, “OSHA’s Noise Proposal Prompts Questions Over Lack of Rulemaking, Feasibility Issue,” Quoted in story (Oct. 28, 2010)
- BNA Occupational Safety & Health Reporter, “OSHA Gets High Marks in Efforts to Protect Oil Spill Workers Despite Unclear Jurisdiction,” Quoted in Story (Sept. 23, 2010)
- National Public Radio, *To The Point*, “How Safe Are America’s Natural-Gas Pipelines?,” Radio interview (Sept. 15, 2010)
- Radio, *The Leslie Marshall Show*, “BP, Katrina and Regulatory Failures,” Radio interview (Sept. 3, 2010)
- Huffington Post, “Boehner’s Attack on Regulation Runs Afoul of Lessons From BP and Katrina,” op-ed (Aug. 30, 2010)

- The Hill, “Regulation expert blasts Boehner on questioning cost of rulemaking,” op-ed quoted (Aug. 20, 2010)
- Politico, “Danger on the Hill,” Quoted in story, July 13, 2010)

KAMI CHAVIS SIMMONS

Presentations

- “Perspectives on the Shepard-Byrd Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009,” panelist, Wake Forest University, Oct. 29, 2010
- “Cooperative Federalism and Police Reform: Using Congressional Spending Power to Promote Police Accountability,” SE Regional Junior Faculty Working Papers Conference, University of Florida, Dec. 3-4, 2010
- “The Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act: Cooperative Federalism and a Functional Model of Federal-State Collaboration in the Prosecution of Hate Crimes,” MidAtlantic Criminal Law Research Collective, Georgetown University Law School, Washington, D.C., Dec. 21, 2010

OMARI SIMMONS

Presentations

- Presenter, “The Implications of Social Capital on Higher Education Access,” Thursday’s at Starling Hall Speaker Series, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C., Oct. 7, 2010

FACULTY NOTES



Robert Walsh



George Walker



Ron Wright

- Panelist, "Race and Public Education," Third Annual National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Seton Hall Law School, Newark, N.J., Sept. 11, 2010

Publications

- "Innkeepers: A Unifying Theory of In-house Counsel Value-Creation," 41 Seton Hall L. Rev. _ (forthcoming 2011) (with James D. Dinnage)

Appointments

- American Bar Foundation Fellow, August 2010
- ALI Members Consultative Group Principles of Law of Nonprofit Organizations

AHMED TAHA

Media

- "How Selective Advertising by Mutual Funds Misleads Investors," Forbes.com, Dec. 8, 2010

CAROL A. TUROWSKI

Presentations

- Organizer and panelist, "Wake Forest University's Voices of our Time: Innocence and Justice," panel discussion focused on wrongful convictions featuring New York Times bestselling author John Grisham, Wake Forest Law School Dean Blake Morant, Mimi Kendrick ('10) and Jessica Hollenbach ('10), students of the Wake Forest Law School's Innocence and Justice Clinic, Sept. 14, 2010

- Moderator, statewide press conference announcing filing by Innocence and Justice Clinic of amicus curiae brief on behalf of death row inmate raising actual innocence claim and challenging inmate's sentence based on racial bias pursuant to North Carolina Racial Justice Act, fall 2010
- Panelist, "What is Justice?," Leadership Winston-Salem: Criminal Justice Section of Government, Criminal Justice & Public Safety Day, Dec. 8, 2010

Media

- Huffington Post, Race Factor in Death Penalty, Op-Ed., Aug. 9, 2010
- Sentencing Law and Policy Blog, Editorial commenting on Huffington Post Op-Ed., Aug. 9, 2010

Honors

- Who's Who in Law Higher Education
- Who's Who Among Collegiate Faculty

ROBERT WALSH

Presentations

- Presentations to American Inns of Court Trustees in Washington, D.C., as chairperson of the first American Inns of Court Capital Campaign and as chair of its Committee on Law School-Based Local Inns.

Honors

- Elected to Arts Honors Program Leadership Council at Providence

College, his undergraduate alma mater. Participated in the initial meeting of this alumni board on Oct. 15, 2010

- Recognized by Providence College as a "Distinguished Alumnus" and featured on the Providence College website.
- Member of North Carolina Bar Association's Committee on Professionalism and Law School Liaison Committee.

GEORGE WALKER

Presentations

- Panelist, Guantanamo: The Law, the Dilemma, and the Options, Oct. 14, 2010, North Carolina Center for Creative Retirement, University of North Carolina (Asheville)

Honors

- Elected Master of the Bench, Joseph Branch Inn, American Inns of Court
- Attended American Branch International Law Association Executive Committee meeting, Oct. 22, 2010, New York, N.Y.

RONALD F. WRIGHT

Presentations

- Criminal Litigators and the Information Age, presentation at conference on Adaptation and Resiliency in Legal Systems; University of North Carolina School of Law; October 2010 in Chapel Hill, N.C.
- Popular Control of Criminal Justice Actors, presentation to the faculty at Emory University School of Law; September 2010 in Atlanta, Ga.
- When Does Grandma Scotus

Michael Green was interviewed by the New York Times and on National Public Radio (NPR) regarding the Gulf oil spill.

Converse Nicely With Others in Criminal Procedure? Presentation at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools; August 2010, in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Publications

- The Worldwide Accountability Deficit for Criminal Prosecutors, 67 Wash. & Lee L. Rev. __ (forthcoming 2011) (symposium issue)
- 2010 Supplement for Criminal Procedures – Cases, Statutes, and Executive Materials (Aspen Publishers 2007) (with Marc Miller)
- Public Defender Elections and Popular Control of Criminal Justice, 75 Mo. L. Rev. 803 (2010) (symposium issue)
- New Perspectives on Brady and Other Disclosure Obligations: Report of the Working Groups on Best Practices, 31 Cardozo L. Rev. 1961, 1995-2010 (2010) (author of part IV, Systems and Culture)



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Endowed Scholarship Created in Honor of Melanie Nutt More than 150 alumni and friends demonstrated how much retiring law school Admissions Director Melanie Nutt has meant to them at a special presentation. More than \$130,000 has been raised to endow a scholarship in her honor that will support a law student with financial need. Nutt was presented with her scholarship on Oct. 22, 2010 during the Law Board of Visitors fall banquet. **JUDGE DENISE HARTSFIELD ('91)** and Katie King ('12), shared how their experience with Nutt was the reason they decided to attend Wake Forest School of Law.

Nutt plans to retire following the spring semester.

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Mrs. Lacy Collier understands the Needs of Private Institutions Mrs. Lacy Collier made a gift in honor of her late husband, **LACY COLLIER ('39)** who died in 1981. This leadership gift will greatly support The Wake Forest Fund for the School of Law and the James R. Nance Law Scholarship. Mrs. Collier and her husband met while he was in law school in Wake Forest, N.C., and she was working with the Raleigh State Board of Health. They married in 1941 and moved to Fayetteville, N.C., where Mr. Collier practiced law with James R. Nance. Mrs. Collier understands the need to support private institutions and

was happy to be able to support Wake Forest in this way.

Law Alumni Create New Funds The Wake Forest School of Law recognizes the following alumni for recently creating new law scholarships. We extend our gratitude for the generosity and leadership of these dedicated individuals.

THOMAS L. SAGER ('76)

Tom and Nancy Sager established the Thomas L. Sager law scholarship, which will benefit a Wake Forest law student in financial need. This fund was also supported by many corporations in honor of Tom.

FRED. D TURNAGE ('48)

The Fred D. Turnage Law Scholarship was established by Fred and Betty Turnage and will support a Wake Forest law student in financial need.

Law Board of Visitors Hold Fall Meeting in October The members of the Law Board of Visitors met in October for the first of three meetings for the year. The fall meeting opened with Associate Dean Suzanne Reynolds ('77) leading a panel discussion to discuss what it means to be in the legal profession. Panelists **CLIFF BRITT ('86)**, **KURT LINDQUIST ('83)**, and **JOSLIN DAVIS ('77)** discussed the mentors in their lives that taught them how to be professionals and how that behavior should permeate everything they do.

This theme of professionalism continued through lunch as six law students – one from each of the clinical programs – spoke about their experience and how it has affected them as a law

student. Jamie Turnage ('11), from the Litigation Clinic, spoke about her time in the Forsyth County District Attorney's office and the number of cases she was able to try while she was there. Julia Di Vito ('11), from the Elder Law Clinic, spoke about her time meeting with clients and the fulfillment she felt helping people who might not be able to afford an attorney. Jon Byron ('11), a student in the Appellate Advocacy Law Clinic shared how the clinic gives him a real world look at the appeals process while he handled four federal appeals and one of state court appeal. Whit Pierce ('11) worked in the Community Law and Business Clinic and provided services to a local inventor and helped incorporate a nonprofit daycare center. Ira Knight ('11) worked in the Innocence and Justice Clinic to investigate claims of innocence by those people who are already incarcerated. Lastly, Tara Tannehill ('11) worked in the newly established Child Advocacy Clinic as a guardian ad litem.

The board members also learned more about the upcoming capital campaign and the role the law school will take. Following the meeting, board members participated in a networking reception to help students begin to develop skills in this area.

38th Annual Partners' Gala Says Thank You More than 140 alumni, faculty and friends attended the Partners' Holiday Gala in Bridger Field House on Dec. 3, 2010. Donors and volunteers were recognized at this annual law school event which was sponsored by Comerford & Britt. RayLen Vineyards'

owners **JOYCE** ('75) and Joe Neely furnished the wine for the gala. Our very own law school Dean Blake D. Morant, shared with the audience all that has been accomplished due to their support over the last year.

Classes of 1980 and 1985 celebrate Homecoming 2010 The class of 1980 celebrated their 30th law school reunion during university homecoming on Oct. 8-9, 2010. Led by Ann Goodman and Karen Peeler, more than 50 alumni came back to campus to celebrate this wonderful occasion. The class agreed to make a 2010-2011 class gift in honor of the classmates they have lost over the 30 years: Elizabeth Albert, Philip Bottoms, Evander Britt, III, John Bryce, and James McKinnon. If you would like to make a class gift, visit www.wfu.edu/giving.

The class of 1985 celebrated their 25th law school reunion at the University tailgate before the Wake Forest v. Navy football game. Members of that class enjoyed catching up with professors Charlie Rose, Ralph Peeples, George Walker, and Dean Emeritus Leon Corbett.



New Slate of Officers Take the Helm at October Meeting John D. Madden ('83) and David M. Zacks ('67) became co-chairs of the Law Board of Visitors on July 1, 2010. Chair-elect is Tom Comerford ('74). These three alumni serve on the Executive Committee along with immediate past chairs Judy Lambeth ('77) and Pete Evenson ('77).

New board committee chairs also began their term. Kurt Lindquist ('83) will serve as the Chair of the Career Services Committee. Bettie Sousa ('81) will serve as the Chair of the Program of Legal Education Committee, Jim Pendergrass ('86) will serve as the Chair of the Clinics Committee, Lee Davis ('77) will serve as the Chair of the Development Committee, Jones Byrd Sr. ('71) will serve as Chair of the Marketing and Communications Committee, and Bill K. Davis ('66) will serve as the Chair of the Dean's Advisory Committee.



John D. Madden ('83)



David M. Zacks ('67)



Tom Comerford ('74)

ALUMNI NEWS

TOP TO BOTTOM

Melanie Nutt receiving scholarship plaque from Dean Morant during the fall Law Board of Visitors banquet at Forsyth Country Club.



PJ Morant, Sam Piñero ('08), Erin Piñero ('08), and Dean Morant, at 38th Annual Partners' Gala.



Bill Brent, Vickie Curtis and Becky Thompson catch up at the Law School Class of 1980 30th Reunion Celebration held at Forsyth Country Club on Oct. 8, 2010.

Members of the law class of 1980 gather in front of the Forsyth Country Club during their 30th Reunion on Oct. 8, 2010.

Members of the class of 1980 reminisce during their 30th reunion.

Class Reunion Co-Chairs, Ann Goodman and Karen Peeler pose with Dean Blake Morant during their 30th Class Reunion at Forsyth Country Club.





TOP TO BOTTOM

Jim Pendergrass ('86) shares words of wisdom during Networking Reception.

Cliff Britt ('86) speaks to a law student during Networking Reception.



Nashville Wake Forest University alumni gathered at the home of University Trustee, Matt King and his wife, Llew Ann in Nashville on Nov. 16, 2010 to learn more about law school priorities from Dean Morant.

Dean Morant, Coleman Cowan ('95), and Jon McLamb, Assistant Dean of Law Development, during the New York City visit in October.

Kathleen Maloney ('04), Dean Morant, and Carolyn Landis ('06) at the New York City, alumni reception.

NYC Law School Alumni gather during the alumni reception on Oct. 12, 2010, hosted by Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton, LLP.



CLASS NOTES

PROFILE

NICK AHRENS ('10)

By Eric Frazier

In today's job market, many graduates are settling for unpaid positions just to get a foot in the door, but for Nick Ahrens ('10), volunteering at the White House is his passion.

Ahrens, who confirms a lifelong interest in public service, recalls hearing then-Sen. Barack Obama's 2004 Democratic National Convention speech.

"I deeply identified with his personal story and believed in his vision for the country," he says.

When Obama entered the presidential race, Ahrens was eager to be a part of the campaign. He got his chance to help by serving as an intern on Obama's New Hampshire primary campaign during the summer of 2007. At the time, Wake Forest University School of Law had already accepted him for admission.

It was a difficult decision," Ahrens admits, "but at the end of the summer, I decided that attending law school would best prepare me for the future."

After graduating, he contacted some

campaign colleagues who had joined the administration, and they helped him navigate the personnel process.

Although he met Obama twice on the campaign trail, since going to work at the White House, Ahrens has not encountered the president in person. He has developed extraordinary respect for the people with whom he works and describes a working environment that is less glamorous and more equable than outsiders might expect.

"Working in the White House is nothing like the TV show, 'The West Wing,'" he observes. "The White House is comprised of many highly intelligent and diligent people who work out of the limelight in order to help the President advance his agenda. The amazing people I work with work in the hope of helping America to be a better place."

Ahrens serves as a research associate with the vetting team that reviews the backgrounds and qualifications of all presidential appointees. He works most closely with the attorneys on the team and finds their commitment inspiring.

"I decided that attending law school would best prepare me for the future."

- Nick Ahrens ('10)

"They are brilliant attorneys, many of whom have put lucrative careers in top firms and all their other professional pursuits on hold in order to serve their country and work for President Obama," he notes.

Ahrens attributes his own devotion to public service to his family's "humble origins" and pursuit of the American Dream. He was born in Germany, but raised in Mishawaka, Ind., where he moved with his German father and American mother when he was 2 years old. On his mother's side, his forebears are Cajuns from Lafayette, La. His maternal grandfather was one of 12 children whose first language was Cajun French. His grandfather served in Europe during World War II and returned to attend college, raise six children, operate an appliance store until retirement and become an apple farmer until his mid- 80s.

Ahrens, 26, graduated from the University of Maryland in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in Government and Politics. Ahrens' plans beyond the White House are still unclear, but he is certain that he wants to pursue a career that allows him to blend his legal background with his interest in public policy.

"Public service enables me to do both, while ensuring that I have the opportunity to help Americans like my grandfather pursue their own version of the American Dream," he says. ♦

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Allan Head



Ed Parker



Jerry Martin



Tim Gilbert



Bettie Sousa

1962

BRUCE B. BRIGGS has semi-retired after 48 years of private practice in Asheville and Mars Hill, N.C. His public service to the State of North Carolina has included: N.C. state senator; assistant U.S. attorney of the N.C. Western district; resident and special superior court judge; district court judge; chairman of the N.C. Parole Commission and N.C. Industrial Commission; board member with the N.C. Department of Transportation; and district administrator for Congressman Charles H. Taylor. He continues a limited civil practice in Mars Hill where he lives and serves on the board of directors of the Blue Ridge Savings Bank of North and South Carolina.

1968

JAMES "JIMMY" YEATTS II has served 41 years as an attorney and retired as the assistant district attorney for District 17-B, serving Surry and Stokes counties. He lives in Mount Airy, N.C.

1969

ALLAN HEAD, the executive director of the N.C. Bar Association, received the 2010 Bolton Award for Outstanding Bar Leadership, the National Association of Bar Executives' highest honor. Law School Dean Blake Morant attended the event.

1971

G. EDGAR PARKER is with Crumpler Freedman Parker & Witt in Winston-Salem specializing in family law, divorce and alienation of affection. He has been named one of The Best Lawyers in America and a N.C. Super Lawyer.

1972

JERRY CASH MARTIN has cycled solo for 25,000 miles: four times across the United States, twice from North Carolina to Alaska, covering 49 states. He is a retired superior court judge and has written two novels.

1973

JACK PINNIX is with Allen & Pinnix PA in Raleigh, N.C. He was named one of the 2011 Best Lawyers and the Raleigh Best Lawyers Immigration Lawyer of the Year.

1977

JACK NICHOLS is with Allen & Pinnix PA in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named one of the 2011 Best Lawyers in administrative law.

1978

MICHAEL C. MILLER has been named the ninth president of Pfeiffer University, a United Methodist-related institution in North Carolina. He is an attorney and former president and CEO of CommunityOne Bank based in Asheboro, N.C. He and his wife, Donna, have three adult children: Michael, Lisa and Jake.

1979

MICHAEL COLLIFLOWER is associate general counsel in the Senior Supplemental Insurance Division of Genworth Financial in Nashville, Tenn.

J. ANTHONY "ANDY" PENRY is a partner with Penry Riemann PLLC in Raleigh, N.C. He was elected to the board of trustees of the Lawyers' Committee for

Civil Rights Under Law.

1980

DANIEL O'TOOLE is chief judge of the Department of the Navy, and **MICHAEL QUINN** ('85) is assistant judge advocate for civil law. The U.S. Navy JAG Corps states that "this shows great credit on the caliber of legal professionals" deployed from Wake Forest and it is "unusual to have two of our top ranking officers out of a leadership team of six from the same law school."

1981

TIM GILBERT has joined the corporate, real estate and finance department of Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Charlotte, N.C.

BETTIE KELLEY SOUSA is a partner with Smith Debnam Narron Drake Saintsing & Myers LLP in Raleigh, N.C. She has been named president of the American Board of Certification.

1982

GARY K. JOYNER is a partner with Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He was appointed chair of the 2010-2011 executive committee at the annual meeting of the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce.

PATRICIA McHUGH LAMBERT is with Hodes Pessin & Katz PA in Towson, Md. She received one of The Daily Record's 2010 Leadership in Law Awards for her dedication to the community and her occupation.

CLASS NOTES

PROFILE

PAUL LANCASTER ADAMS ('93)

By Audrey Fanin

Paul Lancaster Adams ('93) says one of the interesting things about being at Microsoft Corp. is working with such remarkably smart and talented people.

He adds it's amazing to find himself on a conference call with colleagues in countries all over the world. As a litigator who has focused primarily on labor and employment law and championing diversity in the profession throughout his career, Adams is also happy to be at a company with an enormous employee and customer base, which is as diverse as the world itself.

"It were going to be successful as a company, we need to understand them, we need to be able to connect with them, we need to be able to communicate with them and persuade them. And we can't do that unless we are as diverse as the people we serve, and our environment is an inclusive one."

Adams joined Microsoft in 2008 as Associate General Counsel. He credits his success along his career path to advice from his mentors and a willingness to take risks when unexpected opportunities present themselves. Adams visited Wake Forest one fall as part of the law school's Professionalism series.

"I think if you look at my career, I



have never been afraid to take chances and try new things," he says. "After all, what better person is there to gamble on than yourself?"

In his current position at Microsoft, Adams directs the corporation's labor and employment litigation. He is also in charge of other significant litigation and class action matters, corporate internal investigations, worldwide, and diversity outreach initiatives. For Adams, diversity issues and labor and employment law are wrapped up within a civil rights practice.

"Although I've always considered myself a litigator, my civil rights practice actually started when I served as an Assistant City Solicitor for the city of Philadelphia," he says.

Adams began working in the federal trial unit in the city's Law Department in 1996, where he defended the city, the mayor's office, the police department and prisons as well as their personnel.

Before Microsoft, he became a partner with the Philadelphia office of Montgomery, McCracken, Walker and Rhoads. As an associate in 1999 with

his first law firm, Rawle & Henderson in Philadelphia, he says he inherited a number of matters, several of which turned into high-profile cases. In one such case, he defended a world-renowned entertainment group and famous wrestlers who were charged in a \$20 million lawsuit over a dangerous fire stunt that went awry and severely burned a fan. Adams discovered that in his enthusiasm, the fan had crossed the safety zone and literally got into the line of fire. A jury exonerated his clients of any wrongdoing.

Adams credits his career success to the enthusiasm of former Professor Butch Covington.

"You knew he truly loved the law when he taught, and he was able to be engaging even while moving through less interesting subtopics. I learned to love the law through his example, and if you love the law, desiring to develop your craft comes naturally." ♦

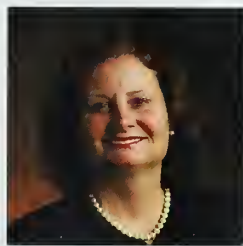
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— Paul Lancaster Adams ('93)



Gary Joyner



Patricia Lambert



David Daggett



Thomas Grella



John Babcock

1983

PHILIP E. BERGER has been re-elected to the N.C. Senate. He has been the Republican leader since 2005.

1984

BRIAN A. GALLAGHER has been named senior vice president of government affairs for the American Pharmacists Association.

1985

DAVID D. DAGGETT is senior partner with Daggett Shuler in Winston-Salem. He has been named one of Business Leader magazine's 2010 Movers & Shakers.

THOMAS GRELLA is with McGuire Wood & Bissette PA in Asheville, N.C. He has been appointed vice chair of the Technology and Communications Committee of the American Bar Association's House of Delegates.

1986

JOHN W. BABCOCK is a partner with Wall Esleeck Babcock LLP in Winston-Salem. He has been named one of The Best Lawyers in America.

TERESA LAZZARONI is a member of the tort litigation team and has been named a partner of Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young LLP in Atlanta.

JAMES ERIC MEADOWS is a partner with FSB FisherBroyles in Atlanta. He has been named the 2011 Atlanta Best Lawyers Information Technology Lawyer of the Year.

1989

J. REID MCGRAW JR. is with Mullen Holland & Cooper PA in Gastonia, N.C. He was named a N.C. Super Lawyer in workers' compensation for the fifth consecutive year. He was also named one of the Top 100 attorneys in North Carolina.

BOBBI ACORD NOLAND is a partner and member of the commercial finance practice group with Parker Hudson Rainer & Dobbs LLP in Atlanta. She has been named one of Chambers USA's Best Lawyers and Super Lawyers.

EDWIN WILLIAMSON is in his fourth year with Eastman Chemical Co. as director of legal affairs, Asia Pacific, based in Shanghai.

1992

DIANA PALECEK is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Charlotte, N.C. She graduated magna cum laude from Erskine College with a BA in English in 1989. She was inducted into Erskine College's Academic Hall of Fame as the "best of the best" in academic achievement, support and service.

1993

BRUCE M. JACOBS is with Spilman Thomas & Battle PLLC in Charleston, W.Va. Law & Politics named him a Super Lawyer for business litigation, bankruptcy and creditor/debtor rights and banking law.

1994

ERIC W. ISKRA is with Spilman Thomas & Battle PLLC in Charleston, W.Va. He

has been named a Super Lawyer by Law & Politics.

GRIFFIS C. SHULER is a partner and manager with Daggett Shuler in Winston-Salem. He has been appointed chair of the N.C. Bar Association's Medico-Legal Liaison Committee.

1995

W. KIRK SANDERS formed a new firm, Sanders Law Firm PLLC in Winston-Salem, focusing on litigation, personal injury and business.

1996

KEITH C. PILKEY is a federal administrative law judge with the Social Security Administration.

JEFFREY SANBORN has been appointed corporate counsel in the Office of General Counsel for Portfolio Recovery Associates in Norfolk, Va.

1999

DANA MARIE MANGO has joined Murtha Cullina LLP in Hartford, Conn. She is counsel in the litigation department.

2000

MARK SPENCE HARTMAN is a founding member of Davis Hartman Wright PLLC in New Bern, N.C. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in real estate law, a member of the Young Guns and a Law and Politics' Super Lawyer Rising Star in banking law.

CORENA NORRIS-McCLUNEY has been named counsel with Kilpatrick

CLASS NOTES

PROFILE

YEMI ADEGBONMIRE ('05)

By Eric Frazier

Most people can only dream about the experiences that Yemi Adegbonmire ('05) routinely enjoys as an entertainment industry lawyer.

She has worked on television contracts regarding William Shatner, cheered on her friend, singer-songwriter-actress Mya, from the studio audience during "Dancing with the Stars" and appeared in Keyshia Cole's music video "You Complete Me."

"I was just at the premiere for *Faster* last night, so that's what I get to do in my free time," she says matter-of-factly during a phone call from her West Hollywood home.

What is surprising is that she has spare time. When she is not putting together deals for famous performers, she is helping inventors protect and license new technologies. In addition to her intellectual property law practice, Adegbonmire just returned from Thailand, where she lectured on "net neutrality" issues, and Mount St. Mary's

College in Los Angeles has asked her to design and teach a course on law and the arts.

Adegbonmire grew up in Baltimore. She was born at The Johns Hopkins Hospital, where her mother, a Baltimore native, works as a pre-admission counselor. Her name, pronounced Ah-day-bo-marry, comes from the Yoruba language of her Nigerian father.

She attended The Bryn Mawr School, a private, all-girl day school, and after graduating in 1996, chose Wake Forest University partly because the campus reminded her of Bryn Mawr. Her decision was sealed when she discovered that renowned poet Maya Angelou was on the faculty. Eighteen months before, Adegbonmire crossed paths with Angelou at a teen summit in Washington, D.C. As the poet spoke some inspiring words to her group, Angelou locked eyes with her. "I wish I could remember exactly what she said," Adegbonmire laments. "...My insides

"I get to see the best of ingenuity."

- Yemi Adegbonmire ('05)

were shaking, I remember."

As a double major, she earned degrees in English and Sociology when she graduated in 2000. She returned to Wake Forest in 2002.

Adegbonmire was involved in many activities in law school, including Inn of Court, Trial Bar and serving as managing editor of the Intellectual Property Law Journal. She even started a lecture series and brought Angelou in.

With her mother's encouragement, she moved to California eight days after graduation and began preparing for what many consider the most difficult bar exam in the nation. She passed on her first attempt and worked for a couple of different entertainment law firms before joining the ABC Television Network in 2007. She spent two years at ABC, working on such programs as "The Bachelor," "Dirty, Sexy Money," "Eli Stone" and "Desperate Housewives." A typical network show has dozens of performance and licensing contracts that keep legal staffs busy, she notes.

In the fall of 2009, Adegbonmire left ABC to begin a solo practice. She represents a variety of creative clients, from writers and entertainers to Red Monkey brand custom leather apparel and a high-tech company that is developing a new consumer electronic device. What excites her most about her role? "I get to see the best of ingenuity," she says. ♦

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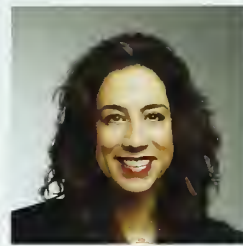
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Corena Norris-McCluney

Townsend & Stockton LLP in Winston-Salem. She is a member of the labor and employment team. She received Triad Business Journal's 2009 Women in Business Award.

KOMEI TAKATSU (LLM) is executive director of the government affairs and risk advisory group of Nomura Holdings in Tokyo.

2001

GREGORY D. HABEEB is a partner with Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore LLP in Roanoke, Va. He has been named a Virginia Super Lawyer Rising Star.

JUDSON N. HOLLIFIELD is chairman and CEO of Rinehart Racing, a global motor sports company specializing in performance exhaust applications for NASCAR and Harley Davidson.

STACEY BAILEY PHARR is a member of Pharr Law PLLC in Winston-Salem. She practices general civil litigation handling matters in construction law and real estate litigation.

MASARU TAKEYASU (LLM) is a member of the corporate strategy group of Kao Corporation in Tokyo.

XINYI "SUNNY" WU (LLM) is a compliance officer with MAN House Beijing.

2002

LAURA BUDD has expanded her law firm in Matthews, N.C., by two attorneys and opened a mediation company, Mediation Solutions Inc.

ZHEN "KATIE" FENG (LLM) is an attorney with Hogan Lovells Intellectual Property Service Co. in Shanghai.

2003

DAN BLYNN is a senior associate in the advertising law group of Kelley Drye & Warren LLP in Washington, D.C., and is an adjunct professor at George Washington University Law School. He has been appointed to serve as the first young lawyer representative for the American Bar Association's Private Advertising Litigation Committee.

TOMOKO NAKAJIMA (LLM) is a partner with Cermak Nakajima LLP in Alexandria, Va.

HYUK RYU (LLM) is a senior prosecutor managing the trial department of the Busan District Public Prosecutor's Office in South Korea.

2004

GRAHAM P. CARNER is a partner with The Gilliam Firm PLLC in Clinton, Miss., focusing on personal injury litigation, criminal defense and estate/family matters. He has been appointed to represent death-sentenced clients in habeas corpus proceedings.

BING CHEN (LLM) is an attorney with Jinmao Partners Law Firm in Shanghai.

JOHN R. GARDNER practices in the bankruptcy/insolvency and commercial disputes group of K&L Gates LLP in Raleigh, N.C.

2005

ERIKA A. OLSON has been a lawyer in Charlotte, N.C., for five years. She was named the Mecklenburg County Bar Young Lawyers Division Young Lawyer of the Year.

CHRISTIAN WYSS (LLM) is a member of the corporate, mergers and acquisition practice group of Vischer Ltd. in Basel, Switzerland. He published an article, "Negotiating Third Party Manufacturing Agreements," in Contract Pharma and made a presentation at the Global Pharmaceutical Contract Manufacturing Conference.

2006

MARIYA ORLYK (LLM) is a senior attorney with CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainze in the Ukraine. He led a team of Ukrainian lawyers representing Berislav Construction Materials as the company was being acquired by ArelorMittal.

KATSUO YAMAURA (LLM) published a book on international transactions for novices in Japan.

2007

ANASTASIA BASTIAN (LLM) is an associate in the financial and corporate services group of Graham Thompson & Co. in Nassau, The Bahamas.

CHEN FAN "FORREST" FU (LLM, JD '10) is a staff attorney with Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP in Winston-Salem.

VICTOR MANZANO (LLM) is regional counsel for marketing and labor affairs

CLASS NOTES

PROFILE JON MCLAMB

By Lisa Snedeker

Jon McLamb's connection to Wake Forest University goes way back. It also has some interesting twists and turns.

For example, the new assistant dean of development for the Wake Forest University School of Law worked with ISP Sports in Atlanta as an associate general manager representing Georgia Tech. One of the law school's alumni, Ben Sutton ('83), is the chairman and chief executive officer of ISP Sports, which is based in Winston Salem.

The ISP position led McLamb to raising funds for the George Tech Athletic Association, where he was the assistant director for the Alexander-Harpe Fund. Following Georgia Tech, McLamb held numerous roles in athletic administration and coaching at Agnes Scott College.

In 2005, McLamb moved to Georgia State University as the associate athletic director responsible for development and marketing. During his first year, he set the record for most funds raised in the history of Georgia State Athletics while implementing a Founding Life

Member giving level. He then played a pivotal role in assisting Georgia State in establishing their first-ever football team in school history while working with three-time NFL head coach and Georgia State football consultant Dan Reeves to secure funding from alumni and area business leaders. McLamb later became the director of regional development for the university responsible for soliciting major gift prospects with a specific focus on university alumni and friends in the Carolinas and Virginia.

"My wife and I wanted to get back to this area where I am originally from and Georgia State generously created a regional role for me," he explained. "I essentially went from the athletic side to the university development side. It provided me with good experience and valuable insight into what we are doing at Wake Forest with our development efforts and regional development directors in the key cities of Charlotte, Raleigh, Atlanta, New York and Washington, D.C."

McLamb moved back to his family's

"I always admired Wake Forest from afar, so when this opportunity presented itself it appealed to me."

- Jon McLamb

farm outside Lexington in the spring of 2008. He and his wife, Kerri, wanted to be closer to family. They welcomed their first child, Lawson, in December. A 1992 graduate of East Carolina University and a Davidson County native, McLamb grew up in the shadow of Wake Forest University.

"I always admired Wake Forest from afar, so when this opportunity presented itself it appealed to me," he said. "And the more I looked into it and met with the dean and others I felt like I had for the first time a real close-up of the inner workings of Wake Forest and the fabric of its underlying mission and Pro Humanitate. I was extremely impressed. I saw the achievement and success of the law school and the potential for even further growth."

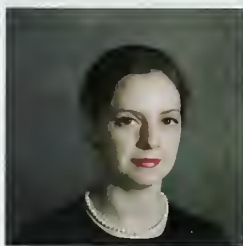
Among McLamb's goals for his new role is to further engage our alumni, faculty, the parents of students and friends of the school by sharing Dean Blake Morant's vision and aligning individual interests with this vision.

"My ultimate goal is for us to reach a level of philanthropy for the law school that provides Dean Morant, our faculty and our students the resources needed to become one of the premiere law schools in the world," he said. ♦





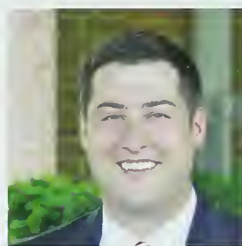
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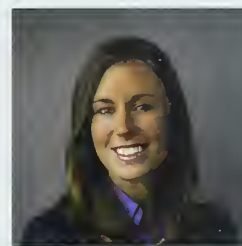
Stacey Pharr



Neal Robbins



Jonathan Kreider



Meredith Mack

in Latin America for Nokia Mexico.

NEAL ROBBINS founded Robbins Law in Winston-Salem in 2009. He and **JONATHAN KREIDER** ('08) have merged their practices into Robbins Kreider PLLC.

2008

YOUSSEF ALBLIHID (LLM) is manager of the legal advice and opinions department with the Saudi Arabian Capital Market Authority.

HANI AQIL (LLM) is a legal assistant with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency in Gaza.

JONATHAN KREIDER has joined his practice with a firm founded by **NEAL ROBBINS** ('07) in Winston-Salem. The firm is known as Robbins Kreider PLLC.

MEREDITH A. MACK is an associate in the toxic tort department of Rawle & Henderson LLP in Philadelphia.

RAWI NIRUNDORM (LLM) is an attorney in the legal department of Thanachart Bank Public Co. in Thailand.

SHUYA WANG (LLM) is a junior associate with Hogan Lovells International LLP in Shanghai.

MENGFEI YU (LLM) is an attorney with Moslemi and Associates in New York.

2009

AMY HOLBROOK HOPKINS completed a federal clerkship with the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia

and is an associate with Brown Law LLP in Raleigh, N.C.

MEREDITH WILLETT JONES completed a clerkship with the Honorable Jennifer B. Coffman of the eastern and western districts of Kentucky. She is with the litigation and trial practice group of Alston & Bird LLP in Atlanta.

WILL MILLER practices law with Terre Yde's firm in Kernersville, N.C. Technology has played an important role since he lost his sight in 2003. He can now "read" documents, business cards and correspondence by scanning the hard copies and then his laptop "reads" them to him.

MARTIN RINSCHIED (LLM) is an intern for a judge, as part of his legal residency, at the Frankfurt District Office in Germany.

NAMEI WANG (LLM) is with the China Construction Bank.

XIAOYONG YUE (LLM) is a counselor with Zhongyin Law Firm in Beijing.

2010

MOHAMMAD ALFAO'RI (LLM) is pursuing a judicial studies degree at the Judicial Institute of Jordan. He plans to serve as a trainee judge.

JIMMY BYARS is an associate in the employment and labor law group of Nexsen Pruet PLLC in Columbia, S.C.

ROBERT ESPOSITO had his article, "The ICJ and the Future of Transboundary

Harm Disputes: A Preliminary Analysis of the Case Concerning Aerial Herbicide Spraying (Ecuador v. Columbia)," published by the Pace International Law Review and online companion, digitalcommons@pace.

WEIJIA MA (LLM) is an intern with Legal Aid of North Carolina in Winston-Salem.

KATHERINE MACCORKLE MULLINS is an associate focusing on estate administration and planning with Dinsmore & Shohl LLP in Charleston, W.Va.

XIN "FLORENCE" ZHANG (LLM) is an intern at the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C.

MARRIAGES

SAMUEL J. KUZMA ('06) and Chey Clifford. 8/22/10 in Troutdale, Ore. They live in Bay City, Ore.

W. GARY LOWMAN JR. ('07) and **BROCK P. MCCORMACK** ('07). 6/19/10 in Washington, D.C. They live in Shanghai, China. Associate Dean of Academic Advising and Professor of Economics Perry L. Patterson officiated. The wedding party included **VALERIA COMETTO** ('07) and Laura Teeter.

CHARLES BRYAN MCCURRY JR. ('08) and **KATE ARNOLD** ('11). 8/7/10 in Charlottesville, Va. They live in Winston-Salem. The mother of the groom is Darcy Camp McCurry. The wedding party included Mark Arinci, Andrew Thomas Cash, Anne Arnold Glenn, David Locke

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Jimmy Byars



Katherine Mullins

Glenn III, Wake Forest senior William Camp McCurry, Philip Gregory Rogers, David Robert Sansing and Brandon Philip Smith.

KATIE ANN GRAMLING ('09) and Aaron Michael Burke. 7/24/10 in Jekyll Island, Ga. They live in New York City. The wedding party included **LINDSAY COLASURDO** ('09) and **STEPHANIE LEMOS** ('09).

BIRTH

JOHN F. McCUNE ('87) and Holly

McCune, Boerne, Texas: a daughter, Molly Elena. 9/20/10

W. KIRK SANDERS ('95) and Ashley Sanders, Winston-Salem: a daughter, Katherine Colbert. 6/13/10

RACHEL BORING MARCH ('96) and Michael March, Raleigh, N.C.: a son, Joseph Owen. 1/25/10. He joins his brother, John (5).

JESSICA PETERSON DEMPSEY ('99) and Tyler Dempsey, Atlanta: adopted a son,

Cooper Willis. Born 9/11/10 in Florida. He joins his brother, Trevor (3).

ERIC ENVALL ('99) and Erica Envall, Washington, D.C.: a son, Parker Harris. 7/23/10. He joins his brother, Spencer Thomas.

APRIL STEPHENSON CULVER ('00) and Chad Culver, Smithfield, N.C.: a daughter, Ava Suzanne. 11/4/09

LAURA BUDD ('02) and Chuck Budd, Matthews, N.C.: a son, Charles Jerald.

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3/3/10. He joins his brother, Caleb (6), and sister, Amelia (5).

NICOLE TRUE CEDARLEAF ('02) and Karl Cedarleaf, Webster, N.Y.: a son, Griffin John. 4/5/10. He joins his brother, Gunnar Michael (4), and sister, Ava Grace (2).

HEATHER TWIDDY RABER ('02) and Roger Raber, Arlington, Va.: a son, John William. 6/14/10

HEATHER SAWYERS LEWIS ('04) and Mandrake Kareem Lewis, Kannapolis, N.C.: a son, Malchiah Jamaar. 1/31/10. He joins his brother, Mandrake Jr. (2).

CHAD BROWN ('06) and Caroline Thomas Brown, Winston-Salem: a son, Henry Sheffield. 9/4/10

D.J. O'BRIEN III ('06) and Meg Schrader O'Brien, Greensboro, N.C.: a daughter, Eloise Margaret. 8/20/10. She joins her brother, Edgar (1 1/2).

BRETT A. SHUMATE ('06) and Merritt Shumate, Arlington, Va.: a son, Finley Charles. 11/28/09

YOUSSEF ALBLIHID (LLM '08) and Ghadah Alzaidi, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia: a son, Aldulelah. 5/6/10

RICH MCPHERSON ('10) and Janet McPherson, Charlotte, N.C.: a son, Thomas Richmond IV. 7/22/10

DEATHS

HENRY C. DOBY JR. ('50), July 17, 2010, Albemarle, N.C. He served in the U.S.

Army during World War II as a radio operator. He practiced law for more than 50 years and served as a city attorney for the City of Albemarle for 47 years before retiring in January 2010.

CLAUDE MEREDITH HAMRICK ('50), Nov. 29, 2010, Winston-Salem, N.C. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He received several medals including the Asiatic Pacific with a Bronze Star and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with a Bronze Star. After law school he re-entered the Army as a first lieutenant in the JAG Corps, serving at the Pentagon and in Europe until 1952 and then for a time in the U.S. Army Reserves. He practiced corporate law with Spry Hamrick & Doughton in Winston-Salem and served three terms in the 1960s in the N.C. House of Representatives. In 1977 he became vice president, general counsel and secretary with McLean Trucking Company. He returned to private practice in 1991 and retired in 1995. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Lena; two sons, Kent ('80) and Mont; and four grandchildren.

EDWARD J. DAVID ('58), Sept. 16, 2010, Fayetteville, N.C. He was a former law partner with Downing David Downing & Pechmann and a U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General veteran. He practiced law for more than 30 years and retired in 2007.

CAROL LAMAR TEETER ('59), July 21, 2010, Bermuda Run, N.C. He served in the U.S. Army. He founded the Legal Aid Society of Winston-Salem in 1962 and had a private practice from 1966 until

his death. He is survived by his wife, Kay; two children, Julie Haymore and **STUART** ('89); four grandsons; and two brothers.

BRUCE HAMILTON ROBINSON JR. ('69), Sept. 28, 2010, Wilmington, N.C. He practiced law for more than 40 years, including four years in the U.S. Army JAG Corps and 25 years in the Wilmington area.

KATHERINE D. WOODRUFF-BEGGS ('75), July 31, 2010, Houston, Texas. She practiced law in North Carolina and Texas for many years and was a litigation attorney for Zurich North America.

RANDALL WALKER LEE ('78), Sept. 28, 2010, Charlotte, N.C. He was vice president and senior underwriter with Stewart Title Guaranty Co.

GREGORY WILSON WILLIAMS ('78), Oct. 11, 2010, Lewes, Del. He practiced law in Delaware for 32 years, most recently in Rehoboth Beach. He was of counsel for Moore & Rutt in Georgetown.

BETTY BALL McCARTER McGEE ('89), July 23, 2010, Hendersonville, N.C. She completed her law degree at age 47 and was with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice in Winston-Salem. She is survived by two daughters, Laura Elizabeth McGee and Sharon Tyler McGee; a son, John McGee; and two grandchildren.

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PRO BONO SPOTLIGHT THE PRO BONO PROJECT

By Lisa Snedeker

Law students, faculty and staff are striving to embody the university motto, *Pro Dominante*, through the efforts of the Pro Bono Project and the Public Interest Initiative, which were started last year by student and faculty leaders with the support of the dean.

The Pro Bono Project, which was formed originally as the Pro Bono Committee in the spring of 2009, was established to not only catalog the ongoing pro bono and service efforts of students and faculty, but also to innovate and create new opportunities.

This includes providing an interface for students and project sponsors to help streamline the delivery of those services to placing students with lawyers on pro

bono cases, hosting pro bono service events, and planning week-long service trips throughout the year, according to Beth Hopkins, director of outreach, who helps facilitate both programs.

For example, the Pro Bono Project hosted David Smith ('84) for a discussion on the importance of pro bono work as part of the school's second annual National Pro Bono Week celebration that was held Oct. 24-30, 2010. And during Spring Break 2010, a group of 10 Wake Forest law students traveled to Miami to help Haitians living in the U.S. before the devastating earthquake struck their island nation register for Temporary Protected Status. Organized by Michael Lennox ('10), Professor Margret Taylor said, "it was Michael's initiative that got the ball rolling in Miami and elsewhere for law students across the country to join this effort. More than 80 individuals and their families were directly assisted by the TPS drives held in Miami and students helped process an additional 1,300 applications.

The 2011 spring break trip will provide legal services and community outreach in conjunction with Legal Aid of Pembroke, N.C. "We will have the opportunity to address credit, housing, and health-care law issues, while providing legal services to the Lumbee tribe and other residents of the Lumberton area," Kaitlyn Girard ('12). "As we're working with Legal Aid, there is also potential to work with a variety of other legal issues present in Pembroke."

Hopkins said the students are also working with the Lumbee Indians on research in an effort to help them

achieve federal recognition.

"No other school has ever volunteered to help the Legal Aid office in Pembroke but ours," Hopkins said. "Students drive three hours up and three hours back. A dinner with the Dean and the tribal leaders is in the works. We have some dedicated and committed students."

Work the Pro Bono Project is involved in includes:

- Establishing a new student Veterans Group which is seeking accreditation to handle veterans' disability claims.
- Working with Legal Aid of Forsyth and Iredell counties on foreclosure proceedings and Medicaid issues, among others.
- Assisting the local United Way with workshops on rights of homeless who have police encounters.
- Helping a local homeless shelter develop a social media policy as well as employee job descriptions.
- Acting as Guardians ad Litem and assisting in child custody disputes.
- Presenting legal information clinics for parents of special needs children.
- Working with Legal Aid on VITA. At least 40 students have signed up to volunteer.

"We are about to engage in an animal rights project and the Outlaw group is making plans to do presentations to WFU students on the pitfalls of bullying gay students," Hopkins added.

The Public Interest Initiative was started with the goal of promoting public interest careers, by exposing students to career opportunities, public interest leaders, grant and

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- Jackie Willingham ('11)



Dean Blake D. Morant talks with Craig Principe ('12) of the Pro Bono Project at a reception celebrating the dean's Equal Justice Works' award.

fellowship opportunities, mentoring, skill development, and volunteer opportunities. The initiative hosted its second annual retreat on Feb. 4 with Morris Dees, co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center, as its keynote speaker.

"We are so excited that Mr. Dees agreed to speak at this year's Public Interest Retreat," said organizer Peter Ledford ('11).

As part of the retreat, students met in small groups with other public interest attorneys, including Gene Fishel ('02), senior assistant attorney general and chief of the computer crime section in the Virginia Attorney General's Office; Lizmar Bosques, assistant Forsyth County District Attorney; Patrick Baker ('93), Durham city attorney; Susan Cheng ('07), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration; and Anita Earls, executive director, Southern Coalition for Social Justice.

Both groups also co-sponsored a forum in the fall, "Arizona Senate Bill 1070: One State's Attempt to Curb Illegal Immigration," that focused on the controversial Arizona immigration law AB1070, which is one of the strictest anti-illegal immigration acts in years, sparking considerable media attention and controversy.

The law school has always prided itself on educating not just skilled attorneys but "citizen lawyers" who are capable of filling crucial advisory roles within their communities, according

to Dean Blake D. Morant.

"The results and the goals of Pro Bono Project and Public Interest Initiative are the achievement of equal justice under law by promoting and assisting with the delivery of free or low-cost legal services," says Jackie Willingham ('11), director of the Pro Bono Project. "As our organizations grow, we plan to be innovative and original in our efforts to deliver pro bono services and promote the public interest."

Both organizations have big plans, said Craig Principe ('12), Pro Bono Project public relations coordinator.

"Wake Forest law has a strong tradition of promoting the university's motto, Pro Humanitate, and we hope that through our Pro Bono and Public Interest programs we can continue and strengthen this tradition," he said.

Public interest non-profits and attorneys in private practice doing pro bono work can recruit law students to help with client intake and interviewing, community legal education, courtroom representation, fact investigation, legal research and writing, government paperwork, or special projects.

"Law students can work in your office on a weekly basis throughout the semester or can help you with a specific case or project," Principe added. "And lawyers doing pro bono work can get law student help." ♦

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