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## **SUPREME** Experience

**STUDYING ABROAD**  
with Justice Ginsburg



## FROM the Dean

**I**N 2008, WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW had the privilege and honor to host Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and her husband, Georgetown law professor Marty Ginsburg, as visiting professors in Venice, which is one program in our study abroad initiatives. Professors Suzanne Reynolds and Joel Newman, who co-taught with the Ginsburgs, and the students studying in the program not only learned from great legal scholars, but also forged what they describe as lifelong friendships with the Ginsburgs. The feeling, it seemed, was mutual. In a letter received subsequent to her experience in our Venice program, Justice Ginsburg wrote: "All in all, the Wake Forest program was one of the best teaching experiences we have had. The combination of U.S. and Italian students enriched discussions, and Joel and Suzanne were such good company, both in class and during excursions that we will revisit in our dreams."

As you will read in this issue of the *Jurist*, our study abroad initiative, which also includes programs in London and Vienna, provide our students the opportunity to explore the international and comparative dimensions of the law. Each program has a distinguished legacy that has enriched the educative mission of the law school. This year marks the 29th anniversary of the London program.

Last summer I had the opportunity to visit all three programs and was impressed by the academic course offerings of our faculty as well as our students' interactions with foreign laws and cultures. In this global environment, the legal profession extends beyond the borders of the United States, and our programs in the study abroad initiative serve as essential tools that prepare our students for practice in the twenty-first century.

The effort to expand the law school's reputation beyond our own borders has not detracted from the essential goal to enrich our ties in North Carolina. Constituents of the law school continue to serve the state in every facet, including legal practice and public service. In the spirit of the University's motto, *Pro Humanitate*, the law school has expanded its mission to give back to local and global communities.

In November we opened the doors of the new Community Law and Business Clinic in downtown Winston-Salem. Professor Steven Virgil, the clinic's

director, and his students diligently serve the needs of Winston-Salem, Forsyth County, and other localities. Their transactional practice assists a variety of underserved clients, including nonprofit organizations that require agreements such as leases and vendor contracts.



The new Innocence and Justice Clinic, which was approved by the faculty in December, commenced full operations in January. The course component of the clinic offers students the unique opportunity to examine the legal, scientific, cultural and psychological causes of mistaken convictions.

A recent gift from the North Carolina Legal Aid Society will significantly augment our experiential learning efforts. Their donation of \$465,605 will create the Legal Aid Society Endowed Fund for Wake Forest University School of Law, which will support community outreach efforts that assist those who are economically disadvantaged.

Our new alumni mentoring program also furthers our experiential learning efforts. This innovative program affords opportunities for alumni to help students and new graduates navigate the complexities of law study and the profession in general. As mentors, references, or employers, alumni transform the professional lives of students and recent alumni during a critical time in their careers.

As you read about the programs in our study abroad initiative and other exciting news contained in this issue of the *Jurist*, you will witness firsthand the law school's dedication to a holistic education that prepares our students for the profession in the 21st century. This mission, which includes the enrichment of experiential learning as well as opportunities to understand the global dimension of the law, positions Wake Forest as a leader in legal education. ♪

—DEAN BLAKE MORANT



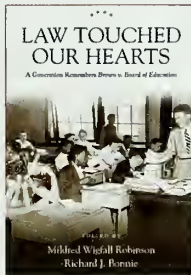
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# SUPREME *experience*

By Michael Graff

TAKING INVENTORY OF HER SURROUNDINGS ONE MORNING LAST SUMMER, ERIN HARTNETT WAS OVERWHELMED. THERE SHE SAT, IN A CAFÉ ALONG THE GRAND CANAL IN VENICE, SIPPING INCREDIBLE ITALIAN CAPPUCCINO, IN THE COMPANY OF TRAILBLAZING SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG.



*U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg poses with second-year law student Erin Hartnett*

**W**HAT ELSE COULD A LAW STUDENT WANT? “I just remember thinking, ‘If you could have coffee with anyone, at anytime, anywhere, this would be at the top of my list,’” said Hartnett, now in her second year of law school at Wake Forest University.

The summer was filled with such moments for Hartnett and her classmates, as Ginsburg and her husband, Georgetown law professor Marty Ginsburg, served as guest teachers as part of the law school’s study abroad program in Venice.

The way some students and faculty described their relationship with Ginsburg, they left Venice with a lifelong friend. And they seemed to make an impression on her, too.

She ate with students, had coffee with them, and went on weekend trips with Wake Forest professors Suzanne Reynolds and Joel Newman.

“All in all, the Wake Forest program was one of the best teaching experiences we have had,” Ginsburg wrote to Dean Blake Morant in a letter. “The combination of U.S. and Italian students enriched discussions, and Joel and Suzanne were such good company, both in class and during excursions that we will revisit in our dreams.”

Wake Forest’s law school study abroad has been creating that type of personal atmosphere, even without the celebrity guest teacher, for 30 years. Regardless of the location—London, Venice or Vienna—the program annually provides law students with

a unique foreign environment that fosters intimate learning and forges timeless relationships.

Take, for example, Joshua Aguilar. The second-year law student was on the Venice trip. When he first met Ginsburg, she shied away from a conversation. But by the end of her two-week stay, she knew him well. Some days, Aguilar would walk Ginsburg back to her hotel room from class.

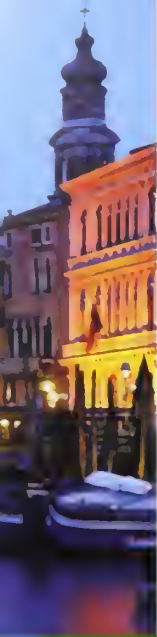
Aguilar still receives regular correspondence from Ginsburg, including a letter last fall in which Ginsburg told him to never lose the “*joie de vivre*,” French for joy of everything.

“Venice does have a certain magic to it, where your qualities shine through more,” Aguilar said. “It just happens over there. And when it does, it’s beautiful.”

From a practical standpoint, students return from study abroad trips with a broader knowledge of international law.

In Venice and Vienna, the local governments abide by civil law. In London, the government follows common law, same as the United States. All have their own quirks that make them unique—quirks that, most often, are difficult to understand unless you’re there.

Professor Richard Schneider, the director of the Vienna program and one of two Wake Forest law professors who have taught in all three locations, said first-hand experience of foreign governments would benefit any aspiring lawyer.



“They just come back with an incredibly vivid impression of the practice of law outside the United States,” Schneider said. “In this global environment, given the fact that all lawyers are going to be dealing with issues that go beyond the borders of the United States, that’s just invaluable. Employers look at that. They like to see law students have the ambition and the confidence to stretch themselves.

“I think the days are gone when lawyers can just set up shop in a small town and say they’re never going to be exposed to foreign laws or foreign ways of doing things.”

Wake Forest law has been offering summer study abroad since 1980, when it opened the London program.

an emphasis on global warming policy. “It was especially interesting to hear the European students’ perspectives with regard to environmental policy and in particular on strategies for achieving international cooperation in a post-Kyoto global warming agreement. Additionally, we were able to take several very interesting field trips (such as to a wind farm, a bio mass plant, and a steel factory) that I feel dramatically enhanced my learning experience.”

The London program remains open to just Wake Forest students.

But program director Wilson Parker, who has been going to London off and on since 1993, says Wake Forest has built such

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In the early-1990s, it expanded to include Venice. And in 2003, Vienna was added.

Though two courses are offered in each location each year, students choose just one. They earn three credit hours over a four-week span. Classes meet Monday through Thursday.

In Vienna and Venice, the program is opened to law students from the host countries. For instance, in Vienna, Wake Forest’s law students sit in classes with University of Vienna law students.

The interaction spawns interesting debates and revelations. Whereas Italian students might be floored when they learn U.S. churches receive tax breaks, American students might struggle to understand how an able-bodied 30-year-old man can still claim dependency to his parents.

Or, in Vienna, the mere mention of capital punishment could stir an hour-long debate between American students who might support it, and Austrian students who are adamantly opposed.

“It gives them a completely different perspective and look at their own system,” Schneider said.

That proved very true for second-year Wake Forest Law student Lyndsey Marchman, who went to Vienna last summer.

“I think my favorite part of the trip was being able have class with the European students,” she said. “It provided all of the American students with a very different perspective. I enjoyed listening to the viewpoints of individuals from another culture on a variety of social, political, and legal issues. Understanding some of the key differences in the perspectives of Europeans and Americans on these issues was, to me, an invaluable part of the experience.”

Marchman said she also really enjoyed the subject matter of her comparative environmental law class that provided

strong relationships there, students can hear a variety of different local perspectives. In fact, members of the British Parliament have begun to anticipate an annual visit from their friends from Winston-Salem.

Students in London tour Oxford and Cambridge, sitting through lectures in both places. They observe trials at the Old Bailey, the famous courthouse in downtown London built more than 300 years ago. And they visited the Inns of the Court, where English lawyers have been trained since the Middle Ages.

Moreover, Parker said, the students can learn the foundations of U.S. law.



*From left, Wake Forest Law Professor Suzanne Reynolds, Jane Newman, wife of Professor Joel Newman, Dean Blake Morant, his wife, P.J. Morant, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Georgetown University law professor Marty Ginsburg take a tour of Venice.*

“The fact that we have had a presence in London for almost 30 years, over those years, we’ve been able to meet an awful lot of people and network to the extent that we now have access to virtually any English institution that we feel would be beneficial to the students,” Parker said. “America adopted English law as its model. Students are able to go and gain appreciations of American law.”

Because of the surroundings, because the change in scenery should inspire creativity, because of the uniqueness of the experience, Parker gives his students very direct orders when they take his summer course in London.

“I tell my students, if they write the same paper they would

have written at Wake Forest, I will give them an F,” Parker said. “It’s incumbent upon them to take advantage of the fact that they’re in London.”

That directive has moved students to seek and acquire library privileges in the Reading Room at the British Museum where many famous historical figures including Mahatma Gandhi, Karl Marx and Oscar Wilde did research. There, Parker said, they have access to the original manuscripts and documents. Other students have gone and interviewed British officials for their papers.

“We’re able to see things that other people can’t see,” Parker said.

Last summer, former U.S. Ambassador to Denmark Jim Cain (JD ’84) invited the Wake group to Denmark for the weekend for



## LONDON

**HISTORY:** Started in 1981, the London program was the first study abroad opportunity offered to law students at Wake Forest.

**LODGING:** Most students choose to live in the Worrell House. The four-level house was built in 1875 and stands at 36 Steele’s Road in the Hampstead area of London near Regent’s Park. The house was a gift to Wake Forest from Eugene Worrell, a Virginia newspaper publisher and 1940 Wake Forest graduate.

**COURSES:** One of the courses is always on English legal history and institutions with the other being a comparative law course on a substantive subject.

**WHEN:** May 25, 2009, through June 18, 2009

**CONTACT:** London Program Director J. Wilson Parker can be reached at (336) 758-5708 or [parkerjw@wfu.edu](mailto:parkerjw@wfu.edu).



## VENICE

**HISTORY:** For nearly 20 years, Venice has welcomed Wake Forest law students each summer. Here, Wake Forest students interact with local law students. Graduates and students from the Universities of Venice, Ferrara, Padua, Florence and Bologna have taken parting the summer program.

**LODGING:** Students may stay at Casa Artom, a 190-year-old house facing the Grand Canal in the residential neighborhood called Dorsoduro. But, if the \$1,800 lodging cost for the four-week stay at Casa Artom is too much, students can stay in local hotels or flats.

**COURSES:** This year, the courses will be Comparative Nonprofit Organizations and Comparative Civil Rights.

**WHEN:** July 6, 2009, through July 30, 2009

**CONTACT:** Venice Program Director Joel Newman can be reached at (336) 758-5712 or [newmanjs@wfu.edu](mailto:newmanjs@wfu.edu).

## VIENNA

**HISTORY:** The newest addition to the summer abroad program (started in 2003), Vienna offers the students a chance to explore Austria’s largest city.

**LODGING:** The law program doesn’t use the university housing that other schools in the university use for study abroad. Instead, students arrange their own housing, either at hotels or in dorms such as Haus Döbling. The university offers guidance.

**COURSES:** This year, the courses in Vienna will be International and Comparative Environmental Law and Comparative Health Law.

**WHEN:** July 6, 2009, through July 30, 2009

**CONTACT:** Vienna Program Director Richard Schneider can be reached at (336) 758-4506 or [schneirc@wfu.edu](mailto:schneirc@wfu.edu).

*Note: Students can only take one three-credit course per location. However, students do have the option to participate in the London program and then one of two other programs, thus completing two courses and six hours in one summer.*





Former U.S. Ambassador to Denmark Jim Cain (JD '84) hosted last summer's group of London students and program director Wilson Parker in Denmark for the weekend.

a tour of the embassy. Cain then used his connections with the Danish Department of Justice to provide a daylong tour of the courts, Parker said.

"Ambassador Cain was gracious enough to invite us to come to Copenhagen and to a reception at his home," Parker said. "It was a highlight of our time in London."

spent two weeks with Ruth Bader Ginsburg in Winston-Salem," Reynolds said. "But it made us appreciate the impact of the law on people's lives more because we were in another country. She was such a student, too.

"To see her so passionately curious, and trying to learn something from the Italian students about life and their law, it just underscored the significance of legal work."

The Wake Forest students noticed it, too.

During class, and during the coffee breaks, students were struck by how Ginsburg looked through the legality of her cases to see the people being affected.

"It gave the law so much more humanity," Hartnett said.

Aguilar, a conservative, said he developed such a close relationship with Ginsburg, known more for more liberal beliefs, that they could jokingly argue politics.

"She's now someone I know as a friend," Aguilar said.

For Aguilar, it was his fourth trip to Venice. Suffice it to say, this trip stood out.

The first-timers found it even more life-changing.

"They just come back with an incredibly vivid impression of the practice of law outside the United States," Schneider said. "In this global environment, given the fact that all lawyers are going to be dealing with issues that go beyond the borders of the United States, that's just invaluable. Employers look at that."



Of course, in Venice last summer, students and professors had a living history lesson at their disposal.

Ginsburg's participation was, most likely, a one-time deal – one that was years in the making.

It began with alumni trips to the annual swearing in ceremony at the U.S. Supreme Court, which led to Ginsburg's 2005 visit to Wake Forest as part of the law school's "A Conversation With ..." series, which brings speakers to campus to tell their stories. There, Reynolds interviewed Ginsburg about her life and career.

It was an appropriate pairing. Reynolds became an admirer of Ginsburg in the 1970s, while she was in law school and Ginsburg was arguing gender rights cases for the American Civil Liberties Union in the Supreme Court.

During the conversation, Reynolds said Ginsburg made her "feel like the two of us were alone in Wait Chapel."

Reynolds had no idea how close the two would become.

Overseas, in such a close setting, Reynolds saw Ginsburg as few people have. During lunch, Reynolds would admire how Marty Ginsburg lovingly teased his wife. Some nights, they all went to the opera. Others, they simply went sight-seeing. One weekend, they stayed awake until 2 a.m., sipping wine and talking.

"She's just so interested in people, she doesn't want to go to bed until everybody else has gone to bed," Reynolds said.

It's a setting that would have been hard to imitate in the U.S.

"It still would've been a life-changing experience if we had

Hartnett waffled in deciding whether she'd go last year. But, after one sip of cappuccino, in that café along the canal with the Supreme Court Associate Justice, she knew she'd made the right decision.

When she returned, Hartnett joined other summer abroad veterans in speaking at a study abroad informational session for first-year law students. Their goal was to sell the experience.

"I think they counted 17 'awesomes' and 25 'amazings,'" Hartnett said. "We were out of adjectives. It definitely affected me. I would recommend it, whole-heartedly, to anyone." ☺



Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg accepts a gift from a group of students following a symposium in Venice.





## Law School Hosts Four Symposia

EXPERTS DISCUSS FREE SPEECH, REGENERATIVE MEDICINE, CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND CLIMATE CHANGE AND TORTS

THE WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW has been host to four symposia this academic year featuring nationally renowned experts who discussed topics ranging from free speech to global warming.

### FREE SPEECH

In October, the Wake Forest Law Review held its first-ever fall symposium, which focused on free speech issues. Hosted by the Wake Forest University School of Law, the Women's and Gender Studies program and the Provost's Office, "Equality-based Perspectives on the Free Speech Norm: 21st Century Considerations" resulted in an international and interdisciplinary discussion of how a commitment to free speech should intersect with a commitment to equality, diversity and multiculturalism under the U.S. Constitution.

"The acumen of our presenters coupled with the dynamism of the audience made our inaugural fall symposium an unmitigated success," said Shannon Gilreath, Wake Forest Fellow for the Interdisciplinary Study of Law, professor for interdisciplinary study at the law school and director of the event. "With attention and care, our presenters showed that language matters, that words matter — as more than mere abstractions. Our conference and published symposium issue will inevitably raise the profile of more critical approaches to First Amendment free speech theory and provide important alternatives to the absolutist perspective. It is a valuable contribution to an already-rich field of discourse."

The symposium featured keynote speaker Professor Kathleen Mahoney, who is a professor at the University of Calgary. She presented: "The Free Speech Debate: Whatever Happened to the Equal Rights Perspective?"

The symposium also included two panel discussions: "Democracy & the Limits of Speech" and "Teaching Hate?: Confronting Assaultive Speech in Schools & Education," featuring a lineup of U.S. and international scholars, who are well-known as inventive and imaginative thinkers in the areas of constitutional law and minority rights.

### REGENERATIVE MEDICINE

Dr. Anthony Atala, the head of the Wake Forest Institute of Regenerative Medicine, was the keynote speaker for the Wake Forest University School of Law Intellectual Property Law Journal's Feb. 6 symposium on regenerative medicine. Dr. Atala talked about the history behind regenerative medicine, his lab's accomplishments and what lies ahead in the field.

The symposium, "Regenerative Medicine — The Crossroads: Examining the Research from Every Angle," featured experts covering a variety of areas relating to regenerative medicine, including the ethical debate, patentability issues and their implications and the commercialization of the research.

"The whole area of regenerative medicine I think is one of the path breaking research areas of the 21st century and I'm so glad that IPLJ has taken this on in a symposium and bringing together the best that Wake Forest has to offer," said School of Law Dean Blake Morant during his introduction of Dr. Atala.

Other speakers included Nancy King, Wake Forest University Health Sciences, Division of Public Health Sciences; Lance Stell,

Davidson College; Wilson Parker, Wake Forest University School of Law; and Steve Nickles, Wake Forest University School of Law, Babcock Graduate School of Management, and Divinity School, who discussed the ethical issues in the field of regenerative medicine. Charles Calkins, Kilpatrick Stockton LLP; Tom Clarkson, Wake Forest University Babcock Graduate School of Management; John Funkhouser, nContact Surgical, Inc.; and Rick Blume, Excel Medical Ventures, discussed the patentability of research and discoveries in regenerative medicine. And Tim Bertram, Tengion; Alan Farney, M.D. Ph. D., Wake Forest Institute of Regenerative Medicine and Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center; Jason Conner, Life Sciences Law; and Ram Baliga, Wake Forest University Babcock Graduate School of Management, discussed utilization and commercialization of the research in regenerative medicine.



Dr. Anthony Atala

### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND CLIMATE CHANGE

The Wake Forest Law Review held its 22nd annual Business Law Symposium on "Corporate Governance and Climate Change" on March 20 in the Worrell Professional Center. The Symposium was coordinated with the expertise of resident faculty member Alan Palmiter.

The Business Symposium featured James Fanto of the Brooklyn Law School, who presented "Anticipating Crises: The Adequacy of Risk Management in Finance and Environmental Studies," and Herman F. Greene of Greene & Franklin PLLC, who discussed "Hot, Crowded, and Not-So-Flat: The Changing Climate for Corporations."

Other topics included: "Global Warming and the Management-Centered Corporation;" "Implications of Climate Change on Corporate Governance with Respect to Enterprise Risk Management;" and "The End of Corporate Law."

### TORT SYMPOSIUM

Wake Forest School of Law, University of Texas School of Law, and The American Law Institute co-hosted a symposium on April 2-3 concerning the Third Restatement of Torts. The American Law Institute's efforts to prepare updated principles for negligence and strict liability claims have been in process for more than a dozen years. Now, with only a Chapter that addresses the modern developments in land possessors' duties

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remaining to be approved at the ALI's annual meeting in May 2009, this monumental effort will be completed.

Virtually all of the leading torts scholars in the country, along with several prominent American jurists and lawyers, and international scholars gathered in Winston-Salem to discuss and critique this Third Restatement of Torts. Coverage included duty, negligence, proximate cause, duties to rescue, emotional harm, land possessor duties and causation. The causation session addressed a controversial section on proof of causation in toxic substances cases.

Officers of The American Law Institute, including Director Lance Liebman and President Roberta Ramo, were in attendance, as were the two reporters who have completed this project, William C. Powers, Jr., President of the University of Texas, and Michael Green of Wake Forest University School of Law.

"The Wake Forest meeting will be a major opportunity to honor the reporters but more importantly to discuss what has been accomplished and what must still be done to make tort law coherent and to encourage its adaptation to evolving social needs," Liebman said.



*Wake Forest holds Founders Day Convocation in Wait Chapel on Thursday, February 26, 2009. School of Law Dean Blake Morant presents the Joseph Branch Excellence in Teaching Award to Christine (Chris) Nero Coughlin, Director, Legal Research and Writing.*

### LAW PROFESSOR CHRIS COUGHLIN RECEIVES TEACHING AWARD

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW Professor Chris Coughlin is the recipient of the 2008 Joseph Branch Excellence in Teaching Award.

Coughlin received the Branch Award during the University's convocation exercises on Feb. 26 in Wait Chapel.

Coughlin has twice won the Graham Award for Legal Research and Writing Excellence in Teaching. She is the Director of the Legal Research and Writing Program at the Law School, and a co-director of the Wake Forest University Program in Bioethics, Health and Society. She also has an appointment at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine in the Translational Science Institute and is a frequent lecturer at the Medical School. Her teaching and scholarship are concentrated in the areas of legal writing, health care law and bioethics.

The primary criterion used to identify the recipient of this Branch Award consisted of a review of each faculty member's teaching evaluations for courses taught during the spring and fall semesters of 2008.

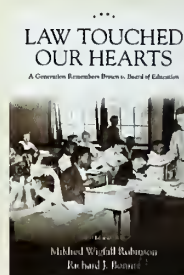
### Dean Blake Morant Has Essay Featured in New Book About School Integration

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW Dean Blake Morant is a contributor to a new book, "Law Touched Our Hearts: A Generation Remembers Brown v. Board of Education."

The book, published by Vanderbilt University Press and released in February, features essays from 40 law professors, black and white, who wrote personal accounts of their childhood experiences in school and in their communities in the early days of school integration following the Brown decision.

Morant writes about growing up in Hampton, Va., in the mid-1960s, which commenced the integration of public schools. "I described my mother's decision to send me to a predominantly white junior high school, the relationships that occurred during that pivotal time, the zoning that prompted integration of the high schools, and the indelible impact the entire period had on my life," said Morant, who became dean in July 2007.

"The theme of my essay is the positives that come from the blending of cultures and experiences, and how the government can stimulate exchanges among different cultures."



### BRIEFS

- > Former Maryland Gov. Robert Ehrlich Jr. will be the speaker for the Class of 2009's Hooding Ceremony on May 17.
- > Third-year law student Brooks Hanner argued in the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in Chicago on February 19. His argument marked the first time a Wake Forest University law student has argued to the Seventh Circuit.
- > The Honorable Denise Hartsfield spoke to the more than 80 students who attended Discover Law Day, formerly Minority Law Day, hosted by the Law School Admissions and Financial Aid Office on March 16.
- > The Black Law Student Association held

- its 24th Annual Scholarship Banquet on Feb. 27 at Bridger Field House. Justice Patricia Timmons-Goodson of the Supreme Court of North Carolina gave the keynote address.
- > Wake Forest University School of Law graduates had the top bar passage rate among North Carolina universities for first timers taking the N.C. bar exam in July 2008.
- > A team of Wake Forest University School of Law students won the Gabrielli National Family Law Moot Court Com-



*Justice Patricia Timmons-Goodson*

- petition at Albany Law School on February 26-29. Since the competition began in 1989, Wake has won it five times. Only two teams, Villanova and Brooklyn Law School, have won it four times each.
- > David Shores will retire as professor of law at the end of this academic year. He joined the faculty in 1972.
- > Office of Career Services Associate Director Faye Fulk will be retiring from the University on May 31 after 31 years of service to the law school.

## CHIEF U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE TEACHES CRIMINAL SENTENCING COURSE AT WFU SCHOOL OF LAW

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW students had a rare opportunity this semester to learn the ins and outs of criminal sentencing from a sitting judge.

In addition to serving as the Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, Judge Robert Conrad is teaching a course about criminal sentencing to nearly 20 third-year law students.



*Judge Robert Conrad*

"This is a great time to be teaching and taking a sentencing course," Conrad said.

"Sentencing law is going through a period of dramatic change. These students are studying it at just the right time."

The formal name of Conrad's course is "Criminal Procedure: Selected Topics." A distinctive feature of the course is that the students read actual case files in addition to the published casebook in the course. They also

travel to Charlotte, where Conrad's chambers are located, to observe sentencing hearings and to talk with defense attorneys, prosecutors and probation officers. In addition, Conrad will require each student to play the role of an advocate in a simulated sentencing hearing.

"It's an exciting course, part of our 'experiential learning' initiatives for the third-year law students," said Ron Wright, executive associate dean for academic affairs at the law school. "It also marks an important initiative in Charlotte, where we want to strengthen the opportunities and contacts available for our students."

A Clemson University graduate, Conrad earned his JD at the University of Virginia Law School in 1983. He served as an assistant U.S. attorney from 1989 to 2001 and as the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina from 2001 until 2004.

In his role as a U.S. attorney, Conrad prosecuted cases of terrorism financing and campaign finance. During the 1996 election, Attorney General Janet Reno named Conrad as head of her campaign finance task force to look into fundraising improprieties. Conrad recommended that an independent counsel investigate Vice President Al Gore at the time. While serving as the head of the Advisory Committee on Terrorism Financing during the Bush Administration, Conrad helped prosecute supporters of the North Carolina Hezbollah terrorist cell. He was confirmed as a U.S. district judge in April 2005 and became Chief Judge of the district in 2006.

## STUDENT PROFILE

### Law Student Meets President Bush After Earning Silver Medal

JAMIE DEAN is a fourth-year JD/MBA student at Wake Forest's Law School and Babcock Graduate School of Management.

But while his classmates were in the Worrell Professional Center listening to their professors' lectures last semester, Dean was in Washington, D.C., with more than 500 Olympic athletes and medal winners attending a reception and meeting President Bush.

"I was one of about a half-dozen Olympiads who got to shake President Bush's hand," Dean said with a wide grin. "I also got to meet Nastia Liukin (Olympic gold medalist gymnast). It doesn't get better than that."

Well maybe just a little better. Like realizing his own Olympic dreams and earning the silver medal in the legs, trunk and arms mixed four with coxswain rowing event at the 2008 Paralympic Games in Beijing.

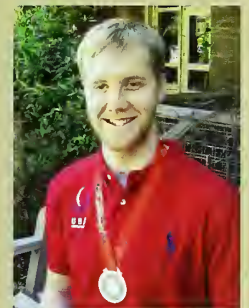
Dean's team, which was considered the underdog, finished with a time of 3:37.61. The win was made even sweeter by the fact that the U.S. team earned it on Sept. 11, Dean said. "I think we had excellent coaching and great determination," Dean explained.

This is the first year that adaptive rowing was part of the Paralympic Games. Dean, who is legally blind, began rowing at Wake Forest in 2001 and quickly began competing at an international level. He finished fifth in the legs-trunk-arms four with coxswain at the 2007 FISA World Championships and took fifth in the same event in 2006. Dean is a two-time member of the U.S. Rowing National Championship legs-trunk-arms four with coxswain team.

Dean has retinitis pigmentosa, an inherited and degenerative eye disease that allows him to perceive some light, but he cannot make out

objects. A native of Pickerington, Ohio, Dean received a bachelor's degree in economics from Wake Forest in 2005.

Dean, who is 26, had a busy summer. He married Lauren Brown Dean, a student at Wake Forest's divinity school, in June, the same month he found out he made the Paralympic team. In addition to working at the law firm Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, he spent an average of two hours most weekdays training on Salem Lake with his rowing partner or working out on a rowing machine in his apartment.



*Jamie Dean*

On the weekends he often traveled to Washington, D.C., Philadelphia and even Oklahoma City to train with his Paralympic teammates.

Lauren Dean and Dean's parents were in Beijing to cheer him on while he was with his team and following the competition, they traveled around China.

"I was impressed with China from top to bottom," Dean said. "I was amazed by the extent of the development. Shanghai is like a Western city. And I was treated like a rock star everywhere we went."

Dean says he wants to participate in the next Paralympics if possible and even the Winter Olympics.

"I'm not done rowing, I have big plans," he said. "In Paralympics, everyone has a story and other countries get that. In the U.S. we're the invisible athletes and I'd like to change that."

What's not hard to miss is Dean's new shiny silver medal, which is emblazoned in Braille, of which Dean says: "I don't leave home without it."

After graduation in May, Dean has been offered a position with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice in Winston-Salem where he will do business litigation.

## Wake Forest University School of Law Introduces Innocence and Justice Clinic

THE WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW'S new Innocence and Justice Clinic gives students the unique opportunity to examine the legal, scientific, cultural and psychological causes of wrongful convictions.

The interdisciplinary course began in the spring semester of 2009. Students apply their knowledge to actual cases by reviewing and investigating claims of innocence by inmates and, where appropriate, pursue legal avenues for exoneration and release from prison. Students meet two hours a week to examine and discuss the substantive law that addresses the causes and remedies associated with wrongful convictions. Students are placed in pairs and assigned actual cases to investigate situations in which inmates are claiming innocence.

The class reviews criminal files, interacts with police investigators, contacts prosecuting attorneys, gathers documentation, prepares legal documents and memos and applies critical legal skills to a client's case. Students meet with faculty to discuss the ongoing progress of their cases and what needs to be accomplished to further the review and investigation of the inmate's claim.

Topics covered in the classroom include mistaken eyewitness identification; false confessions; "junk" forensic science; the role of forensic DNA testing; post-conviction remedies for innocence claims; the use of "jailhouse snitches" and cooperating witnesses; police and prosecutorial misconduct; and re-entry programs and post-conviction remedies. The class discusses proper investigation and interview techniques with guest speakers from local law-enforcement agencies and prosecutors' offices. Carol Turowski and Mark Rabil, co-directors of the Wake Forest Innocence Project, teach the three-credit clinical course.

In addition to the creation of the Innocence and Justice Clinic, the student-run Innocence Project has been made a formal student organization. The Innocence Project explores joint projects with The Darryl Hunt Project for Freedom and Justice to focus on educating the public about wrongful convictions; protesting executions and injustices in the system; and supporting families of those incarcerated, among others.

"We hope through the new Innocence and Justice Clinic and the student Innocence Project to create collaborative learning experiences between the programs that fit in with the University's goal of a more integrative learning experience," Turowski said.

Associate Dean Ron Wright described the Innocence and Justice Clinic as "the latest component of our larger effort to enrich the experiential learning available to Wake Forest students."

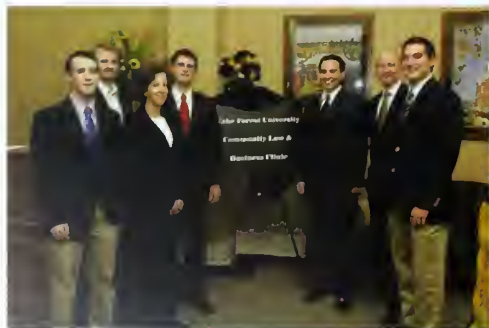
The law school, under the direction of Dean Blake Morant, is expanding clinical opportunities, and exploring externships and other methods of integrating the classroom with the realities of legal practice.

"Our current students, our alumni, and even some prospective students are very excited about this new clinic," Wright said.

The new clinic and the student organization are an outgrowth of the School of Law's DNA Innocence Project that began during the 2007-2008 academic year. When the Forsyth County Bar Association began a project to identify prisoners who might benefit from DNA testing to demonstrate their innocence, it received so many requests that the Bar Association asked for help from Wake Forest law students. The law school agreed to manage the project under the auspices of the North Carolina Center on Actual Innocence.



Wake Forest Innocence and Justice Clinic Co-Directors Carol Turowski and Mark Rabil attended the annual Innocence Network Conference in Houston, Texas, in March with Barry Scheck and Peter Neufeld, co-directors of the Innocence Project in New York. The Innocence Network is an affiliation of organizations dedicated to providing pro bono legal and investigative services to individuals seeking to prove innocence of crimes for which they have been convicted and working to redress the causes of wrongful convictions. Once a year, representatives from Innocence Network organizations from around the world meet to discuss current innocence-related issues and to share time with the exonerated men and women that the organizations represent.



The Wake Forest University School of Law's Community Law & Business Clinic is up, running and ready to serve clients. The grand opening of the clinic was held Nov. 13 at its location in the historic "Old Wachovia" building in downtown Winston-Salem. Students working in the clinic will learn a range of skills from setting up not-for-profit organizations to developing marketing strategies for small businesses, which could help them find better jobs upon graduation. The CL&BC's address is 8 W. Third St., Suite 100A, and the phone number is (336) 631-1953. In this photo: Chris Rajotte, Spencer Elg, Forbes Thompson, Jarrod Smith, Andrew Miller, Clinic Director Steve Virgil, and Josh Knipp.

## MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES ALLOW ALUMNI TO GIVE BACK TO CURRENT STUDENTS, NEW ALUMNI

THE WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW is partnering with alumni to provide several new mentoring opportunities for students and alumni.

For the first time, first-year students have been paired with alumni who provide advice on surviving law school and guidance on legal careers, explained Dean of Students Ann Gibbs. "Alumni and students talk frequently by phone or through e-mail," she said. "Occasionally, alumni mentors take their first-year mentees out for lunch or for a quick study break."

Also as part of a new mission to create valuable work opportunities for students and recent graduates, alumni are being asked to help in their job searches during these tough economic times. If hiring is not an option, alumni can contribute to this mission by serving as a mentor and offering our students a meaningful work experience that is either compensated or not.

"You can help in any number of meaningful ways," said Law School Dean Blake Morant. "As a mentor, reference, or employer, you can transform the professional lives of these students and fellow alumni."

For more information on becoming a mentor, please contact Kim Fields, director of career services, at 336-758-5058.



*Eleanor (Ellie) Trefzger, a second-year law student from Hickory, N.C., competed in the Marine Corps Marathon last October. She finished in just under 3:50.0 (three hours and 46 minutes). She was the 441st woman to finish the race which had more than 30,000 participants. Cisco Morales, a first-year law student at Wake Forest, ran the last 11 miles with Trefzger, who is the daughter of Charles Trefzger (JD '84).*

## WFU School of Law Alumni Perform Well in November Election

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW alumna and Democrat Kay Hagan (JD '78) beat out U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Dole in November 2008, to become North Carolina's newest U.S. senator. The race for Dole's seat gained nationwide attention as the state senator from Greensboro received backing from the national Democratic Party in her successful attempt to unseat Dole.

Hagan beat Dole 51 percent to 43 percent. Dole, who won her Senate seat in 2002, was the first female U.S. senator from North Carolina.

Hagan, who is 55, rose through the ranks of the General Assembly to become one of North Carolina's chief budget writers.

"What we were able to accomplish in a little more than a year is a testament to how hungry people are for change," Hagan told the enthusiastic crowd during her acceptance speech at the Greensboro Coliseum.

In other election news, there was a reception at the law school Nov. 5 for faculty member and alumna Suzanne Reynolds (JD '79) who narrowly lost her bid for Bob Edmunds seat on the N.C. Supreme Court 49 percent to 51 percent.

Other Law School alumni were successful in their election bids across the state including Forsyth County District Court Judge Victoria Roemer (JD '85) who beat out Kelly Patterson, another Wake Forest School of Law alumna (JD '98), by 52 percent to 48 percent. Roemer has been a District Court judge since 1996.

N.C. Appeals Court Chief Judge John C. Martin (JD '67), was running unopposed, as was Marshall Bickett (JD '78), who retained his seat as District Court judge in Rowan County.

Bill Belk (JD '83) upset five-year incumbent Judge Ben Thalheimer from his Charlotte seat 58 percent to 42 percent. Elizabeth Thornton Trosch (JD '02) and John William Totten II (JD '86) were elected as District Court judges for Mecklenburg County. And Anna Worley (JD '96) was elected as a Wake County District Court Judge, 10th judicial district. Marshall Bickett (JD '78) ran unopposed and was elected District Court Judge in Rowan County and Arnold Jones (JD '89) was elected senior resident Superior Court judge for District 8B in North Carolina for an eight-year term. ☺

**CAROL ANDERSON** coordinated a presentation on “The Future of the Criminal Justice System in America” at the Wake Forest University School of Law on Sept. 10, 2008. The panelists were Peter Gilchrist, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney, and Wade Smith, a prominent criminal defense attorney in Raleigh. In the classroom, Anderson initiated a new three-week component on focus groups in the fall 2008 semester. All clinic students first served as a focus group for a real case at the law office of Comerford & Britt LLP. The following week, six students returned to the firm and acted as presenters to a focus group drawn from a representative cross-section of the jury. The final week mentoring attorneys Tom Comerford and Cliff Britt came to class to “deconstruct” the process. Students gave enthusiastically positive feedback about the high quality of this pedagogical method.

**JENNIFER COLLINS'** most recent article entitled, “Punishing Family Status,” was published in the December 2008 edition of the *Boston University Law Review*. The themes of criminal justice and the family developed in this article, which was co-authored with Dan Markel and Ethan Leib, will be further explored in a forthcoming book to be published by Oxford University Press later this year.

**CHRIS COUGHLIN** spoke in summer 2008 about medical research in developing countries at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine. Coughlin wrote a grant to the Wake Forest University Ethics and Leadership fund that supported a Health Policy Forum on campus that brought health policy experts, including **MARK HALL**, to discuss health care reform measures discussed by candidates in the November 2008 presidential election. Further, Coughlin was a conference planner for the Wake Forest University Women's Forum's recent leadership seminar.

**MICHAEL CURTIS'** article, “The Fourteenth Amendment, Recalling What the Court Forgot,” has been published

in the *Drake Law Review*. In September 2008, Curtis spoke at a symposium on President Andrew Johnson sponsored by the National Parks Service and Tusculum College in Tennessee. Curtis spoke about Johnson and the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments. Curtis wrote an amicus brief in the 9th Circuit Case of *Nordyke v. King*. On Oct. 2, 2008, Curtis participated in a Liberty Fund discussion of the 19th century anti-slavery constitutional theories of Lysander Spooner held in Boston, Mass. Also in October, Curtis participated in the *Wake Forest Law Review* symposium organized by **SHANNON GILREATH**. The article Curtis discussed is entitled, “Be Careful What You Wish For: Gays, Dueling High School T-Shirts, and the Perils of Suppression.” In November 2008, Curtis presented a paper and appeared on a panel at the American Constitution Society in Philadelphia, Pa. The subject was congressional enforcement of the 14th and 15th Amendments. In January, Curtis presented the keynote address at a conference on Incorporation of the Bill of Rights as a limit on the states under the 14th Amendment at the University of San Diego School of Law. Further, he gave a keynote address in February on the subject of incorporation of the Bill of Rights at a conference at Hastings Law School.

**TIM DAVIS** has published “Race and Sports in America: An Historical Overview,” *Virginia Sports & Entertainment Law Journal* (2008) (symposium contribution); “Tort Liability of Coaches for Injuries to Professional Athletes: Overcoming Policy and Doctrinal Barriers,” *University of Missouri-Kansas City Law Review* (2008) (symposium contribution); and “Coparticipant and Coaches' Liability in High School and College Sports.” He presented at the CLE program “Amateur Sports and the Law” sponsored by the Sports and Entertainment Law Section of the North Carolina Bar Association (with David Rea and Taylor Fleming). Davis attended a meeting of the Contracts Drafting Committee of the National Conference of Bar Examiners, and presented: “Race and Sports in America:

An Historical Overview,” at the Sports Law Symposium, University of West Virginia School of Law.

**MIKI FELSENBURG** has been appointed a member of the Legal Writing Institute's Committee on Cooperation Among Clinical, Pro Bono, and Legal Writing Faculty. Felsenburg also has been appointed as the public member of the American Board of Specialty Nursing Certification.

**SHANNON GILREATH** organized the *Wake Forest Law Review's* inaugural fall symposium, on the topic of “Equality-based Perspectives on the Free Speech Norm: 21st Century Considerations.” The Oct. 31, 2008, symposium of well-known national and international scholars was designed as an international and interdisciplinary discussion of how a commitment to free speech should intersect with a commitment to equality in a multi-valued constitutional order committed also to diversity and multiculturalism. Gilreath completed an article entitled “Some Penetrating Observations on the Fifth Anniversary of *Lawrence v. Texas*: Privacy, Dominance, and Substantive Equality Theory,” which will be published in spring '09 in the *Women's Rights Law Reporter*. In September 2008, Gilreath gave the University's Constitution Day address, on the subject of “The Sexual Politics of the First Amendment.” Gilreath has also completed an article “Tell Your Faggot Friend He Owes Me \$500 for My Broken Hand: Thoughts on a Substantive Equality Theory of Free Speech,” which will be published in the Spring '09 *Wake Forest Law Review*.

**SUE GREBELDINGER** gave CLE presentations on North Carolina Civil Procedure in Raleigh on Sept. 5 and Asheville on Oct. 24.

**MICHAEL GREEN** presented Professor Dan B. Dobbs with the 2009 William L. Prosser award at the Association of American Law Schools' Annual Conference Torts Section “Foreign Tort

Law: Beyond Europe” on Jan. 9 in San Diego. With co-authors, Green completed and submitted a draft to the National Academies of Science and the Federal Judicial Center of what will become the Reference Guide on Epidemiology for the third edition of the Reference Manual on Scientific Evidence, published to assist judges when confronting scientific evidence. A paper entitled, “The Insubstantiality of the ‘Substantial Factor’ Test for Causation,” was published in the *Missouri Law Review* also with co-authors. Along with Marc Franklin and Jonathan Cardi, Green authored the 24th edition of Gilbert’s *Tort Law Summaries*. In January, Green attended a meeting of a committee formed by the National Judicial College to prepare a resource manual for state court judges on complex litigation. In November 2008, Green attended and made a presentation at a symposium at Brooklyn Law School regarding the 10th anniversary of the Products Liability Restatement: Was it a Success? As co-reporter for the Restatement (Third) of Torts: Liability for Physical Harm, Green is organizing the Third Restatement of Torts Symposium, co-sponsored by the University of Texas School of Law and The American Law Institute, at Wake Forest in April.

**MARK HALL** published an article in JAMA on “The Professional Ethics of [Patient] Billing and Collections.” He gave talks on health care reform at Wake Forest and at East Carolina University, on “Property Rights in Medical Information” at Graylyn Conference Center and the University of Texas Law School, and on “Content Analysis of Judicial Opinions” at the University of Chicago Law School.

**JOHN KNOX** has been working with an environmental group, the Center for International Environmental Law, to file a submission to a United Nations human rights body that is looking at the effects of climate change on human rights. Knox was invited to speak to representatives of governments, international organizations, and non-profit groups on the application of human rights law to climate change on

Oct. 23, 2008, at the United Nations in Geneva.

**KATE MEWHINNEY** is co-planner for the annual CLE of the Dispute Resolution Section of the N.C. Bar Association. Mewhinney is a Certified Superior Court Mediator and a member of the governing council of the Section. Mewhinney also chairs a committee of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, which works to attract law students in this growing field of practice. She and her committee are pleased that more than 50 law students from all over the country are attending the organization’s annual institute in Kansas City, Mo.

**BLAKE MORANT** participated in January’s ninth annual Winston-Salem State University and Wake Forest University joint Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration called “On Common Ground: One Dream Can Change the World.” As the new chair of the American Bar Association Committee on Diversity, Morant led the meeting of that committee during the AALS conference in January in San Diego. He has also been appointed a member of the ABA’s New Deans’ Seminar.

**JOEL S. NEWMAN** presented a paper in July 2008 entitled “Islamic and Jewish Perspectives on Interest” at a seminar: “Venice, the Jews, and Italian Culture.” The seminar took place in Venice, Italy. The 4th edition of his casebook, “Federal Income Taxation: Cases, Problems and Materials,” recently came out.

**ALAN PALMITER** with **AHMED TAHA** finished a paper for the *Journal of Financial Transformation*, an economics journal that collects the top financial articles from around the world, each issue prefaced by essays of Nobel-laureate economists. Their article “Mutual Fund Investors: Sharp Enough?” explores the various profiles of fund investors presented by the industry, the SEC and the finance literature. A fuller version of the article is being published by

the *Columbia Business Law Review*. Palmiter also completed an article for a symposium at Brooklyn Law School entitled “Staying Private: Institutional Investors in Public Markets.” The article, presciently, observes that private markets (like those for subprime mortgages) have numerous deficiencies compared to public markets, and have probably peaked. Palmiter with Frank Partnoy of San Diego School of Law is finishing a new casebook for West/Thomson on corporate law. The book, part of a new interactive casebook series, will be available in both print and electronic versions. To engage modern law students, it will contain more graphs, charts and explanatory boxes, a break from the text-heavy traditional law casebook. To attract modern law professors, it will come with PPT slides with pictures, diagrams and even jokes.

**WENDY PARKER** published “Desegregating Teachers” in the *Washington University Law Review*. The article is an empirical examination of the segregation of both teachers and students and argues that everyone, including the U.S. Supreme Court, should recognize the inequality of these segregated schools. Parker participated in a panel discussion on Oct. 30, 2008, following Winston-Salem State University’s J. Alston Atkins Memorial Lecture in Constitutional Law. The lecture was given by Morris Dees, co-founder and chief legal counsel of the Southern Poverty Law Center of Montgomery, Ala.

**SUZANNE REYNOLDS** spent a year on the campaign trail in a bid for a seat on the North Carolina Supreme Court, narrowly losing. She talked with local bar association groups across the state as well as with the attendees of the North Carolina Bar Association at its annual convention in June. She also talked at candidate forums and participated in a number of televised question and answer sessions. She continued teaching throughout the experience, including four weeks in Venice in July. For two of those weeks, she taught comparative

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constitutional law with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. For the final two weeks, she taught comparative family law to the Wake Forest and Italian students enrolled in the course. In September 2008, Reynolds was the keynote speaker in a national conference at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Law School entitled “Red State v. Blue State: The Judicial Role in an Era of Partisanship.”

**SID SHAPIRO** presented his paper, “The Social Costs of Dangerous Products: An Empirical Investigation,” on Nov. 14, 2008, at the American University Law School in Washington, D.C. Shapiro spoke at the fall meeting of the Regulatory Law and Practice Section of the American Bar Association on Oct. 16, 2008. His topic was “Regulatory Metrics.” Shapiro and Professor Rena Steinzor, University of Maryland School of Law, have recently proposed “regulatory metrics” as a new method of holding the government accountable. Their idea is to establish empirical baseline measurements of agency performance that can be used by Congress and the public to evaluate agency performance. Shapiro’s talk was part of a panel discussion of government accountability.

**KAMI C. SIMMONS** participated at AALS in January as part of a panel entitled “New Legal Realism.” The panel examined the differences and similarities in the approaches to a new legal realism. As part of the panel, Simmons presented her current work-in-progress entitled “Rethinking Reform: New Governance and New Solutions for Federal Police Reform,” which advocates applying “new governance” theories to police reform. Simmons has published “The Politics of Policing: Ensuring Stakeholder Collaboration” in the federal *Reform of Local Law Enforcement Agencies*. This article explored innovative methods to achieve broad stakeholder participation in reforming local law enforcement agencies.

**OMARI SIMMONS** has published an article entitled, “Branding the Small Wonder: Delaware’s Dominance and the Market for Corporate Law,” in the *University of Richmond Law Review* (May 2008). This article asserts the Delaware incorporation decision is analogous to the purchase of a branded-product and how branding effects, in part, explain Delaware’s longstanding dominance as the nation’s premier site of incorporation. On Oct. 30, 2008, Simmons presented a new article entitled, “Taking the Blue Pill: Credence Characteristics and the Matrix of Executive Compensation Reform” at the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center in Baton Rouge, La. The article explores how executive compensation reform operates as a mechanism for lawmaker diversion and responsibility-shifting that diverts corporate constituent and scholarly attention away from more important corporate governance and socio-economic issues.

**MARGARET H. TAYLOR** has been elected to The American Law Institute. Taylor is among 79 newly elected members of ALI, which now has a membership of 4,152.

**GEORGE WALKER** chaired a panel discussion, “Implications of U.S. Acceptance of the 1982 Law of the Sea Convention and the 1994 Agreement,” at the International Law Weekend annual meeting of the International Law Association (American Branch) in New York City on Oct. 18, 2008. Walker chairs the American Branch Law of the Sea Committee and is an Executive Committee member.

**RON WRIGHT** was invited as a commentator on the papers that the ABA Commission on Effective Sanctions discussed at a December 2008 “Roundtable on Second Look Sentencing Reforms,” based on his scholarly work dealing with state sentencing institutions. Justice Anthony Kennedy joined in the deliberations of the group, and members of the Transition Team for

the Obama administration were present to observe the roundtable discussion. Wright delivered a speech at the 2008 California Summit of Judicial Leaders in Monterey. He spoke to the judges, legislators, and corrections officials about “Sentencing Commissions and Community Corrections.” Wright and **MARK HALL** presented some of their research at the University of Chicago in October 2008. They addressed the “Seminar on Judicial Behavior,” a joint enterprise of the University of Chicago and Northwestern University. They spoke about the use of “content analysis” (a classic social science analytical tool) when applied to judicial opinions. ☺



# ALUMNI NOTES



David M. Britt



Wiley F. Mitchell



W. Earl Britt



Sidney S. Eagles Jr.



Jay Devaney

**DAVID M. BRITT (JD '37)** was honored by the N.C. Bar Association Foundation with the establishment of a scholarship. The scholarship will help students in the Wake Forest University School of Law repay student loans.

**JACK F. CANADY ('47, JD '49)** retired in 2001 from Canady Thornton Burge Brown & Laws in Winston-Salem, NC, after practicing law for 51 years. He was president of the Forsyth County Bar Association and served six years on the N.C. State Bar Council.

**WILEY F. MITCHELL JR. ('53, JD '54)** is with Willcox & Savage in Norfolk, VA. He received the Oak Leaf Award from the Nature Conservancy, an international conservation organization, for his effective pro bono representation of the wildlife and conservation interests in Virginia's first wind-energy case.

**W. EARL BRITT ('56, JD '58)** was honored by the N.C. Bar Association Foundation with the establishment of a scholarship. The scholarship will help students in the Wake Forest University School of Law repay student loans.

**DONALD R. CANADY ('56, JD '60)** retired in 1993 after practicing law for 33 years with Canady Person Britt & Gurnee in Fayetteville, NC. He and his wife, Marian, live in Myrtle Beach, SC.

**SIDNEY S. EAGLES JR. ('61, JD '64)** is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Raleigh, NC. He received the 2008 Joseph Branch Professionalism Award, the highest professional honor from the Wake County Bar Association.

He has been named one of Woodward & White's 2009 Best Lawyers in America.

**LARRY SITTON ('61, JD '64)** is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, NC. He has been named one of Woodward & White's 2009 Best Lawyers in America.

**WILLIAM KEARNS DAVIS (JD '66)** is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem, NC. He has been included in the 2009 edition of Best Lawyers in America and is a member of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite Hall of Fame.

**A. DOYLE EARLY JR. ('65, JD '67)** is a partner with Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler LLP in High Point, NC. He was one of 11 Citizen Lawyers recognized by the N.C. Bar Association.

**JOHN C. MARTIN ('65, JD '67)** ran unopposed in the November election and was elected chief judge of the N.C. Court of Appeals in Raleigh.

**J. DONALD COWAN JR. ('65, JD '68)** has joined Ellis & Winters LLP in Cary, NC. He continues to maintain offices in Greensboro and Raleigh, NC.

**CHARLES R. YOUNG SR. (JD '68)** is senior partner of Young Morphis Bach & Taylor LLP in Hickory, NC. He has been named a Law and Politics' Super Lawyer in business and corporate law. He and his wife, Elaine, have three children and seven grandchildren.

**ALLAN HEAD ('66, JD '69)** enjoyed Homecoming 2008 and the reunion relay with three other members of the

1962-1966 track team: quarter miler Rick Hartley ('65), pole vaulter Julian Rainwater ('66, P '97) and broad jumper Lee Yancey ('66). Allan was a hurdler. They want to say thanks to Mike Bennett, Wake Forest volunteer assistant coach, for being the official starter and timekeeper. They made a commitment to gracefully age another year, to come to Homecoming 2009 and to improve their personal running times.

**JAY DEVANEY ('69, JD '71)** practices commercial real estate, land use litigation and legal malpractice defense with Nexsen Pruet LLC in Greensboro, NC. He has been named a Law & Politics' Super Lawyer.

**WALTER W. PITT (JD '71)** is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem, NC. He has been included in the 2009 edition of Best Lawyers in America and named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in bankruptcy law.

**MEL WRIGHT (JD '73)** is the executive director of the N.C. Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism. He has been selected chair of the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Professionalism.

**BEVERLY T. BEAL ('68, JD '74)** is a senior resident superior court judge in Lenoir, NC, and president-elect of the N.C. Conference of Superior Court Judges. He was elected vice president of the N.C. Bar Association.

**R. MICHAEL WELLS SR. (JD '74)** is with Wells Jenkins Lucas & Jenkins in Winston-Salem, NC. He has been elected



Mel Wright



D. Clark Smith



Lucien "Skip" Capone III



Stephen Coles



Fritz Richter III



Christy Myatt

to the N.C. Bar Association Board of Governors for a three-year term.

**D. CLARK SMITH ('72, JD '75)** is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, NC. He has been named one of Woodward & White's 2009 Best Lawyers in America and one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in litigation.

**WILLIAM E. WHEELER (JD '75)** is with Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler LLP in High Point, NC. He received his MALS from UNC-Greensboro and has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite.

**JOHN W. "JACK" CLARK (JD '76)** is the Air National Guard assistant to the judge advocate general of the U.S. Air Force. He is a major general stationed at the Pentagon.

**LUCIEN "SKIP" CAPONE III (JD '77)** is general counsel for UNC-Greensboro. He was selected one of 11 outstanding Citizen Lawyers by the N.C. Bar Association.

**MARSHALL BICKETT (JD '78)** ran unopposed in the November election and was elected district court judge in Rowan County (NC).

**KAY HAGAN (JD '78)** was elected a U.S. Senator from North Carolina.

**CAROLE W. BRUCE (JD '80)** is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, NC. She has been named one of Woodward & White's 2009 Best Lawyers in America and one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in tax and estate law.

**STEPHEN COLES ('77, JD '80)** practices business and commercial litigation with Nexsen Pruet LLC in Greensboro, NC. He has been named one of Law & Politics' Super Lawyers.

**KIM W. GALLIMORE (JD '80)** is with Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler LLP in High Point, NC. He has been elected to a three-year term on the N.C. Bar Association Board of Governors.

**JOHN WELLS LASSITER ('76, JD '80)** is president of the Mecklenburg County Bar. He is also president of Carolina Legal Staffing, which was named by Business Leader Magazine to the 2008 Top 100 N.C. Small Businesses in North Carolina.

**FRITZ RICHTER III ('77, JD '80)** is a partner with Bass Berry & Sims in Nashville, TN. He was honored as one of the "Nation's Top Benefits Attorneys" and inducted as a Fellow by the American College of Employee Benefits Counsel.

**STEPHEN M. RUSSELL SR. (JD '80)** is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem, NC. He has been elected president of the 21st Judicial District of the N.C. Bar Association. He has been included in the 2009 edition of The Best Lawyers in America.

**SUSANNA KNUTSON GIBBONS ('78, JD '81)** is a partner with Poyner & Spruill LLP in Raleigh, NC. She has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite.

**ROBERT L. WILSON JR. (JD '81)** is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Raleigh, NC. He has been named one of

Woodward & White's 2009 Best Lawyers in America.

**D. ANDERSON CARMEN (JD '82)** is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem, NC. He has been included in the 2009 edition of The Best Lawyers in America.

**GARY JOYNER (JD '82)** is a managing partner practicing commercial real estate and commercial lending law with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Raleigh, NC. He has been elected to the firm's executive committee.

**CHRISTY MYATT ('79, JD '82)** represents a wide variety of banking and financial institutions with Nexsen Pruet LLC in Greensboro, NC. She has been named a Law & Politics' Super Lawyer.

**BILL BELK (JD '83)** was elected a judge in Mecklenburg County (NC).

**MARGARET BURNHAM (JD '83)** practices commercial real estate transactions and litigation with Nexsen Pruet LLC in Greensboro, NC. She has been named a Law & Politics' Super Lawyer.

**BILL WILCOX (JD '83)** is with Nexsen Pruet LLC in Greensboro, NC. Business Leader Magazine has named him one of the Top Impact Law Leaders in the Triad region of North Carolina.

**S. KATHERINE KELLY BURNETTE ('81, JD '84)** is an assistant U.S. attorney in the financial litigation unit of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina. She received one of the Department of Justice's U.S. Attorney Director's Awards for excellence in law enforcement.



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**DAVID SENTER ('81, JD '84)** practices construction and surety, commercial litigation and commercial collections with Nexsen Pruet LLC in Greensboro, NC. He has been named a Law & Politics' Super Lawyer.

**JOHN HOWARTH BENNETT ('82, JD '85)** is an assistant U.S. attorney and a captain in the U.S. Navy JAG Corps as a reserve judge of the U.S. Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals.

**THOMAS GRELLA (JD '85)** is chair of the management committee of McGuire Wood & Bissette PA in Asheville, NC. He has been elected to a three-year term on the American Bar Association's House of Delegates.

**VICTORIA ROEMER (JD '85)** was reelected a district court judge in Forsyth County (NC). She has been a judge since 1996.

**WILLIAM R. BIRD JR. (JD '86)** is with Lowndes Drosdick Doster Kantor & Reed PA in Orlando, FL. He has been selected one of The Best Lawyers in America in real estate law.

**CLIFF P. BRITT ('82, JD/MBA '86)** created a scholarship through the N.C. Bar Association honoring his father, **EARL BRITT ('56, JD '58)**, and his uncle, **DAVID BRITT (JD '37)**. This scholarship will assist Legal Aid of North Carolina helping students at Wake Forest University's School of Law repay student loans.

**LISA J. CALDWELL (JD '86)** is executive vice president of human resources for both Reynolds American and its subsidiary, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

**JOHN WILLIAM TOTTEN II (JD '86)** was elected a district court judge in Mecklenburg County (NC). He and his wife, Debra, live in Charlotte, NC.

**W. ALEXANDER AUDILET (JD '88)** is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, NC. He has been named one of Woodward & White's 2009 Best Lawyers in America.

**WARREN K. LAIL (JD '88)** received his PhD from the University of Oklahoma. He is a professor of anthropology at New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas. He and his wife, Linda Golin-Lail, live in Santa Fe, NM.

**C. DOUGLAS MAYNARD JR. (JD '88)**, of Maynard & Harris PLLC in Winston-Salem, NC, has been elected chair of the litigation section of the N.C. Bar Association. His practice focuses on personal injury, insurance claims and coverage disputes, and workers' compensation. He has been appointed to the legislative and legal affairs committees of N.C. Advocates for Justice for the 10th consecutive year.

**AMY K. SMITH (JD '88)** is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem, NC. She has been included in the 2009 edition of The Best Lawyers in America and named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in tax and estate law.

**ARNOLD O. JONES II (JD '89)** has been elected senior resident superior court judge for District 8B in North Carolina for an eight-year term.

**CHRISTIN JARVIS REISCHE (JD '89)** is general counsel, vice president and assistant secretary of Cato Corp., headquartered in Charlotte, NC.

**CHARLOT F. WOOD (JD '89)** is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem, NC. She has been included in the 2009 edition of The Best Lawyers in America.

**ALLYN G. TURNER (JD '90)** is with Spilman Thomas & Battle PLLC in Charleston, WV. He has been named one of the 2009 Best Lawyers in America.

**JULIE BELL (JD '91)** has been named a partner with Lewis & Daggett PA in Winston-Salem, NC. She has been handling automobile accident and serious personal injury cases with the firm since 1999.

**CAREY ANCE AQUILINA (JD '92)** is in-house counsel for Tuscarora Title Corp. in Leesburg, VA. She and her husband, Thomas Carl Aquilina ('86, MD '90), have four children: Sydney (9), Thomas (7), Louis (5) and Shelby (2).

**D. BETH LANGLEY ('86, JD '92)** is a partner with Hagan Davis Mangum Barrett Langley & Hale PLLC in Winston-Salem, NC. She has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite.



Lisa J. Caldwell



John W. Totten II

**PAUL LANCASTER ADAMS (JD '93)** is associate general counsel for labor and employment litigation with Microsoft Corporation in Redmond, WA. He has responsibility for class action matters and corporate internal investigations.

**WILLIAM E. BURTON III (JD '93)** is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, NC. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in bankruptcy and environmental law.

**ZANE LEIDEN (JD '93)** practices bankruptcy and consumer law with Leiden & Leiden in Augusta, GA. He has been named one of Georgia Trend's Legal Elite in bankruptcy law.

**EDWARD POLLARD (JD '93)** is general counsel with the engineering firm of McKim & Creed PA in Raleigh, NC.

**DANIEL G. CAHILL (JD '94)** is with Poyner & Spruill LLP in Raleigh, NC. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in litigation.

**JOSEPH E. ZESZOTARSKI (JD '94)** is with Poyner & Spruill LLP in Raleigh, NC. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in criminal law.

**BENJAMIN RANDALL DAVID (JD '95)** is district attorney for New Hanover and Pender counties. He and his wife, Stephanie, and their three children live in Wilmington, NC.

**G. WILLIAM JOYNER III (JD/MBA '96)** is a partner with Kilpatrick Stockton in Winston-Salem, NC.

**ALLISON OVERBAY VAN LANINGHAM ('93, JD '96)** is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, NC. She received the Andrew C. Hecker Award from the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel for her outstanding article in the FDCC Quarterly Law Review (Marquette University School of Law). She has been named one of Woodward & White's 2009 Best Lawyers in America.

**JONATHAN GANN ODOM (JD '96)** is head of the government ethics department with the judge advocate general of the U.S. Navy. He is a lieutenant commander stationed at the Pentagon.

**SEAN A.B. COLE (JD '97)** has joined the major injury group of the Law Offices of James Scott Farrin in Durham, NC.

**LEAH DURNER (JD '97)** has been named a partner of KPMG LLP, the U.S. audit, tax and advisory firm in Washington, D.C.

**MICHAEL V. LEE (JD '97)** is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Wilmington, NC. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in real estate law.

**ABDULAZIZ AL-BOSAILY (LLM '98)** has a private practice in association with DLA Piper in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

**ZACHARY BANCROFT (JD '98)** is with Lowndes Drosdick Doster Kantor & Reed PA in Orlando, FL. He was admitted to the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida and the Northern District Court.

**FRANCESCO FERRINI (LLM '98)** has joined Studio Legale IURAPlus, a private practice firm in Milan, Italy.

**MARC XAVIER SNEED ('95, JD '98)** is an assistant attorney general in the tort claims section of the N.C. Department of Justice in Raleigh, NC.

**KEVIN G. WILLIAMS (JD '98)** is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem, NC. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Young Guns.

**BATSUKH ENKHBAT (LLM '99)** is vice president of commercial and government affairs for Eznis Airways in Mongolia.

**CHRISTOPHER LEONARD ('96, JD '99)** is chief operating officer for My Rewards, created after Image Products of Wilmington, NC, acquired Furnace Giltner & Associates of Austin, TX. He and his wife, Laura, daughter, Emma, and son, Jack, live in Wilmington, NC.

**TYWANDA "TY" LORD (JD '99)** is a partner practicing in the intellectual property department with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Atlanta.

**MEGAN LULICH ZEREGA (JD '99)** has been named a partner at Burns White & Hickton LLC in Pittsburgh. She focuses on occupational illness litigation and toxic torts in the transportation field.

**FAISAL ALLAZZAM (LLM '00)** manages the Allazzam Law Office in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.



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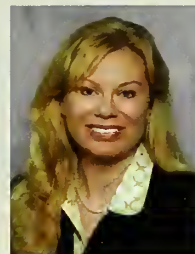
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Rachel Keener



Roberta B. King



Jill Raspert

**BRIAN JOSEPH CHAPURAN (JD '00)** has returned to active duty in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps. He is pursuing an LLM in military law at the U.S. Army JAG Legal Center and School in Charlottesville, VA.

**TRENT JERNIGAN (JD '00)** is a partner with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC in Winston-Salem, NC. He practices acquisition, financing, leasing, and development and sale of retail, office and industrial properties.

**DEBORAH TYSON CROWDER ('98, JD '01)** is a partner with Poyner Spruill LLP in Charlotte, NC. She practices bankruptcy, banking, commercial law, creditor's rights and commercial litigation.

**J. ERIC CRUPI (JD '01)** is an associate in the corporate practice group of Hunton & Williams LLP in Washington, D.C.

**GREGORY D. HABEEB ('98, JD '01)** is with Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore in Virginia. He has been named one of Virginia Business Magazine's Legal Elite.

**KLEMENS KEFERBOECK (LLM '01)** is associate general counsel of Magna Steyr Fahrzeugtechnik, a brand-independent engineering and manufacturing partner to automakers, in Austria.

**HYO AHN "JOHN" SUNG (LLM '01)** is a representative director of IntelligenceLink Corp., an international consulting firm in Seoul, South Korea.

**XINYI "SUNNY" WU (LLM '01)** is the legal and commercial manager of MAN Turbo Trading Co. Ltd., an equipment manufacturer of turbo machinery in Shanghai, China.

**NICHOLAS W. GLADD (JD '02)** has been elected a shareholder of Turner Padgett Graham & Laney PA. He practices civil defense litigation in Columbia, SC.

**WEI "JOY" HUANG (LLM '02)** is legal counsel with Otis Elevator Ltd. in China.

**RACHEL KEENER (JD '02)** has published a novel, "The Killing Tree" (Center Street, Hachette Book Group, March 2009). She is working on her second novel, "The Memory Thief." She and her husband and two sons live in Lewisville, NC.

**ROBERTA B. KING ('97, JD '02)** is with Bennett & Guthrie PLLC in Winston-Salem, NC. She received the Charles F. Blanchard Outstanding Young Lawyer Award from the Young Lawyers Division of the N.C. Bar Association. She has been chosen to serve as a representative to the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division for 2008-10.

**EMERSON C. MOSER (JD '02)** is assistant general counsel of General Cable Corp., an international manufacturing company in Highland Heights, KY.

**JILL RASPERT (JD '02)** has been certified by the N.C. State Bar as a specialist in estate planning and probate law. She is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Wilmington, NC.

**YORIKO SAKAI (LLM '02)** completed another LLM in intellectual property from the Yeshiva University Cardozo School of Law in New York.

**ELIZABETH THORNTON TROSCH (JD '02)** was previously an assistant public defender. She was elected a district court judge for Mecklenburg County (NC). She and her husband, **ERIC C. TROSCH (JD '02)**, live in Charlotte, NC.

**RALPH DAIGNEAULT (JD '03)** is general counsel and deputy chief of staff for Lockard & White, a telecommunications firm. His wife, **MELISSA DAIGNEAULT (JD '03)**, is an assistant professor in the construction science department at Texas A&M University. They have two children, Connor (2) and Carolina Grace (3 mos.), and live in College Station, TX.

**SCOTT ELDRIDGE (JD '03)** is with Miller Canfield Paddock & Stone PLC in Lansing, MI. He has been named one of Michigan Super Lawyer's Rising Stars for 2008.

**MONICA R. GUY (JD '03)** is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem, NC. The Board of Legal Specialization of the N.C. Bar has certified her as a family law specialist.

**TOMOKO NAKAJIMA (LLM '03)** was with Rader Fishman & Grauer PLLC in Washington, D.C. She is now a partner practicing trademark, patent and design patent law with Cermak Kenealy Vaidya & Nakajima LLP in Alexandria, VA.



*Kevin A. Rust*



*John W. Mitchell*



*Jodi D. Hildebran*

**HYUK RYU (LLM '03)** has joined the Ujeongbu District Public Prosecutor's Office in Korea.

**YOUNG-SOO CHANG (LLM '04)** is pursuing an LLM in securities and financial regulations at the Georgetown University Law Center. He is an intern in the corporate financial department of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington.

**JIN SEAK DOH (LLM '04)** has opened SM&A Law Office in Seoul, Korea, focusing on mergers and acquisitions and litigation.

**J.T. HERBER III (JD '04)** is a partner with Williamson Friedberg & Jones LLC in Pottsville, PA. He is licensed for North Carolina and Pennsylvania and focuses his practice on litigation, real estate and wills/estates/trusts.

**AMMAR JASTANIAH (LLM '04)** is with AAJ Law Firm in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. He established the Executives for Training Firm, a consulting firm for training programs in the Middle East in law, finance, economics, accounting, insurance and management skills development.

**MANUEL MOCTEZUMA (LLM '04)** is a senior associate at Gonzalez Calvillo SC in Mexico City, Mexico.

**SEAN MOREE (LLM '04)** is with McKinney Bancroft & Hughes in Nassau, Bahamas.

**BRUNO SOARES (LLM '04)** has transferred from the Rio de Janeiro law office to the São Paulo, Brazil, office of Villemor Trigueiro e Advogados Associates Law.

Law & Aging Committee, and the Membership and Networking Committee.

**SAMUEL CHACON (LLM '05)** is pursuing an MBA at his alma mater, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México in Mexico City.

**EDWARD JAMES (TRIP) COYNE III (JD '05)** completed his second term clerking for the N.C. Business Court. He is a litigation associate with Williams Mullen in Wilmington, NC.

**HIROSHI KISHIMOTO (LLM '05)** is manager of the legal department at Sumitomo Chemical Co. in Tokyo.

**DANIEL MILLARES (LLM '05)** is legal manager, overseeing legal analysts and field mission observers, with the Organization of American States' Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia.

**S'THEMBISO "TIM" TEMBE (LLM '05)** is a law researcher at the Cape High Court in Cape Town, South Africa.

**AYCA KONURALP (LLM '06)** is an attorney with Carlsberg & Turk Tuborg Brewing and Malting Inc. in Izmir, Turkey.

**YUSEF NASRALLAH (LLM '06)** is a rule-of-law contractor for the U.S. Institute of Peace and a consultant for the social and economic group of The World Bank.

**MARIYA ORLYK (LLM '06)** has been admitted to the Ukrainian School of Political Studies, administered by the Council of Europe and intended to form a new political elite in the Ukraine.

**R. MICHAEL WELLS JR. (JD '04)** is an associate with Wells Jenkins Lucas & Jenkins in Winston-Salem, NC. He has been selected to serve on the N.C. Bar Association Young Lawyers Division

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**STUART PUNGER (JD '06)** practices personal injury law with Lewis & Daggett PA in Winston-Salem, NC. He has been named chairman of the education sub-committee for the Young Lawyer's Division of the N.C. Advocates for Justice.

**KEVIN A. RUST (JD '06)** is an associate with Carruthers & Roth PA in Greensboro, NC. He is a member of the litigation practice group and concentrates on the representation of medical professionals, insurance defense, commercial disputes and other civil litigation.

**AMEED ANANI (LLM '07)** is a founder and senior partner of Ittqan Consulting Services, deputy director of the legal department of Cairo Amman Bank and a part-time lecturer in the law department of Birzeit University in Palestine.

**MOHAMAD BASAM (LLM '07)** is a law professor at the Institute of Public Administration in Saudi Arabia.

**CLARA R. COTTRELL (JD '07)** passed the patent bar exam. She practices business and intellectual property law with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, NC.

**VICTOR MANZANO (LLM '07)** is a senior associate with Gardere, Arena y Asociados SC, working with Nokia in their Mexico City offices. He is in charge of the company's affairs in Latin America, Spain and Portugal.

**JOHN W. MITCHELL (JD '07)** is an associate with Parker Hudson Rainer & Dobbs LLP in Atlanta.

**HANNE NYHEIM (LLM '07)** is an associate in the offshore, shipping and energy group with the law firm of Simonsen Advokatfirma in Norway.

**TETYANA BUDYAKOVA (LLM '08)** interned with the Chicago Climate Exchange in Chicago. She is an associate with CMS Cameron McKenna LLC in Kyiv, Ukraine.

**KUO-HUNG CHEN (LLM '08)** is in the legal department of ASUSTek Computer in Taipei, Taiwan.

**XIAOCHUN "SHARRON" CHEN (LLM '08)** is an analyst in the China practice group of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC in Winston-Salem, NC.

**JODI D. HILDEBRAN (JD '08)** has joined the business and civil litigation practice group of Allman Spry Leggett & Crumpler PA in Winston-Salem, NC.

**CHIEN-CHIH LIU (LLM '08)** is pursuing an LLM in international law at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

**CLINT MORSE (JD '08)** has joined Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, NC.

**ZIYI MU (LLM '08)** is pursuing a JSD at City University of Hong Kong.

**XIAOTING "SOPHIE" PAN (LLM '08)** is a paralegal in the Law Offices of Michael I. Brooks in Los Angeles.

**KRISTEN PRICE (JD '08)** is an associate practicing bankruptcy law with Poyner & Spruill LLP in Rocky Mount, NC.

**YOSHIHIRO SAKAMOTO (LLM '08)** interned at Schiff Harden LLP and Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP in New York.

**SHUYA WANG (LLM '08)** is a law clerk at Gilberti StinzianoHeintz & Smith P.C. in Albany, NY, where she researches real estate, environmental, and business transactions law and also recently passed the New York State Bar Examination.

**MENGFEI YU (LLM '08)** is a paralegal working in torts and immigration law with Fengling Liu Attorney at Law in New York.

**LU ZHANG (LLM '08)** is with King & Wood in Beijing, where she worked as an intern.

## MARRIAGES

**JOHN HOWARTH BENNETT ('82, JD '85)** and Jessica Gammell. 6/14/08

**CHRISTOPHER TREBILCOCK (JD '00)** and Susan Duerr. 6/7/08 in Charlevoix, MI. They live in Royal Oak, MI.

**STEVEN J. ANTINI (JD '01)** and Amy Marie Olson. 8/9/08 in Raleigh, NC. They live in Cary, NC.

**SAMUEL CHACON (LLM '05)** and Ines. 9/6/08 in Mexico City, Mexico.

**JEFFREY T. HOLM (JD '05)** and Margaret Shannon Mash. 11/8/08 in Atlanta where they live.

**AYCA KONURALP (LLM '06)** and Onur Acikel. 11/29/08 in Izmir, Turkey.

**NATALIE BECTON RUSSELL (JD '08)** and Aaron David Dunham. 5/24/08 in Chapel Hill, NC. They live in Mount Pleasant, SC.

## BIRTHS

**STEVEN P. YOVA (JD '83)** and Frederique Yova, Durham, NC: a daughter, Justine Anne. 11/3/08

**J. GREG HATCHER (JD '93)** and **J. KATE HARRIS HATCHER (JD '95)**, Charlotte, NC: a son, James Harris. 8/15/08. He joins his sister, Davenport (3).

**BENJAMIN RANDALL DAVID (JD '95)** and Stephanie David, Wilmington, NC: a son, Benjamin Fitzgerald. 11/11/08. He joins his sisters, Maddie (4) and Sophie (2).

**ERIC PATRICK ORBOCK (JD/MBA '95)** and **JESSICA KAHN ORBOCK (JD '97)**, Athens, GA: a daughter, Margaret Emily. 6/27/08. She joins her sisters, Eva (5) and Caroline (2).

**SEAN A.B. COLE (JD '97)** and Sharon Cole, Raleigh, NC: a daughter, Holiday Burke. 3/23/08

**MICHAEL GOTTLIEB (JD '97)** and Sue Morris Gottlieb ('94), North Potomac, MD: a son, Austin Bryant. 8/22/08. He joins his sister, Allie (3).

**TODD HOLLEMAN (JD '97)** and Alex Holleman, Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Evelyn Wallis. 11/14/08

**CHRISTOPHER KEVIN BEHM (JD '98)** and Kristin Behm, Wilmington, NC: a daughter, Emery Amelia. 1/14/09. She joins her sister, Josie (2 ½).

**MARC XAVIER SNEED ('95, JD '98)** and Tiffanie Sneed, Raleigh, NC: a son Xavier Charles. 9/24/08

**DOUGLAS W. THIESSEN (JD '98)** and Sarah Thiessen, West River, MD: a daughter, Clara Noelle. 11/5/08. She joins her sisters, Hannah (11), Heidi (5) and Charlotte (2), and brother, Taylor (9).

**AMY MCMAHAN CRAWFORD ('96, JD '99)** and David Crawford, Huntersville, NC: a daughter, Ella Katherine. 8/15/08. She joins her brothers, Jacob (7), Cole (5) and Owen (2).

**BRIAN BAKER ('97, JD '00)** and **CRYSTAL BOWIE BAKER ('96, JD '02)**, Haw River, NC: a son, Tyler Merrick. 8/29/08. He joins his brother, Jackson (3).

**FREDERIC JOLY (LLM '00)** and Justine Joly, Paris, France: a son, Gabriel. 11/22/08

**STEPHEN D. ELDRIDGE (JD '01)** and Emily Eldridge, Richmond, VA: a daughter, Abigail Marie. 11/6/08

**CHRIS RICHARDSON (JD '01)** and Lee Ann Richardson, Crofton, MD: a daughter, Celia Ann. 5/29/08. She joins her brother, Galen Lee (2).

**SHANNON SUMERELL SPAINHOUR (JD '01)** and John Spainhour, Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Anna Poston. 9/16/08

**JASON TYLER GRUBBS (JD '02)** and Jayne Walker Grubbs ('01), Kernersville, NC: a son, Harrison Henry. 9/4/08

**THOMAS DUKE RICKS ('96, JD '02)** and **ANDREA BAILEY RICKS (JD '02)**, Charlotte, NC: a son, Shepherd Duke. 4/3/08. He joins his brother, Charles (3).

**JOCHEN ZAREMBA (LLM '02)** and Beata Zaremba, Fensterbach-Wolfring, Germany: a daughter, Emma. 4/4/08

**JENNIFER COLEMAN WILLIS (JD '03)** and Tyler Willis, Roanoke, VA: a daughter, Elizabeth Jane Monroe. 4/18/08. She joins her sister, Mary Virginia (3).

**SUSAN MILES CLAPP ('01, JD '04)** and John Simpson Clapp (MD '06), Augusta, GA: a daughter, Lillian Hall. 5/10/08

**AMMAR JASTANIAH (LLM '04)** and Amal Alahmadi, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia: a son, Yassier. 2/8/07

**HEATHER SAWYERS LEWIS ('98, MSA '99, JD '04)** and Mandrake Kareem Lewis, Kannapolis, NC: a son, Mandrake Kareem Jr. 5/8/08

**MIKIO NISHIOKA (LLM '07)** and Miho Nishioka, Fukuoka, Japan: a son, Kanshou. 9/22/08

## DEATHS

**SAMUEL AUGUSTUS HOWARD (JD '35)**, Aug. 4, 2008, Jacksonville, FL. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and practiced law in Clinton, NC. He served as a solicitor and judge of the Sampson County Recorder's Court and as an assistant U.S. attorney and clerk for the Eastern district of North Carolina. His book, "JurisIMPrudence," has law humor and anecdotes. He was predeceased by his wife of almost 70 years, Helen, and a son, Deryl. He is survived by a son, **SAMUEL (JD '76)**, and two grandsons.

**HARRY EDWARD PASCHAL ('42, JD '48)**, Dec. 12, 2008, Wake Forest, NC. He served in the 4th Infantry Division during World War II and received the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He practiced law in Raleigh and Louisburg for several years before establishing a solo practice in Wake Forest. His father, George W. Paschal Sr., taught Greek and Latin on the Old Campus of Wake Forest. He was preceded in death by his brothers: George Jr. ('27, '28, MD '29, P '73), **ROBERT ('28, JD '31)**, Richard ('30), Paul ('40) and **JOEL ('35, JD '38)**; and his sisters: Laura ('31, MA '32), **CATHERINE ('31, JD '42)**, Ruth Lupton ('34) and Mary ('43). He is survived by his wife, Marguerite Bishop, and a son, Richard ('87). Memorials may be made to Wake Forest University, Wake Forest University School of Law, the Wake Forest College Birthplace Society, or the Wake Forest Baptist Church in Wake Forest, NC.

**HENRY BLAIR HUFF ('49, JD '49)**, Oct. 25, 2008, Mars Hill, NC. He practiced law from 1954 to 1991. He was preceded in death by his brother, Joseph Bascom Huff Jr. ('42).

**HORACE ROBINSON KORNEGAY SR. ('47, JD '49)**, Jan. 21, 2009, Greensboro, NC. He served on the Wake Forest Law Board of Visitors for 17 years. He was in the U.S. Army 100th Infantry Division during World War II and received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He began his law career as a prosecuting attorney. He served in the U.S. Congress representing NC's Congressional District from 1961 to 1969. He was president and chairman of the Tobacco Institute. He was retired of counsel with Adams Kleemeier Hagan Hannah & Fouts PLLC in Greensboro, NC. He received the Wake Forest Distinguished Alumni Award in 1972 and the B'nai B'rith, Washington, D.C., Anti-Defamation League's 1985 Man of the Year Award. He was honored with the establishment of a Justice Fund by the N.C. Bar Association for his outstanding service to the legal profession. He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Annie Ben Beale. He is survived by a son, Horace Robinson Jr. ('74); two

daughters, Kathy Cozort ('76) and Martha Howard; and eight grandchildren, including Jackson Cozort Jr. ('08). Memorials may be made to the West Market Street United Methodist Church, 302 W. Market St., Greensboro, NC 27401, or to the Wake Forest University Horace Robinson Kornegay Scholarship Fund, PO Box 7227, Winston-Salem, NC 27109.

**EPHRAIM MURRAY TATE JR. (JD '49)**, Sept. 27, 2008, Hickory, NC. He was a former member of the School of Law Alumni Council and the Poteat Scholarship Committee, and was a generous donor to the law school, Deacon Club and Reynolda House Museum of American Art. After attending George Washington University, the University of South Carolina and Columbia University Midshipman's School, he received his law degree from Wake Forest. He served in World War II as an officer aboard the USS Kalinin Bay. He was a partner at the firm of Anthony Tate PA and was the city attorney for the city of Hickory from 1969 until 1995. He received the N.C. Distinguished Citizen Award in 1965 and was named to the N.C. General Practice Hall of Fame in 2006. He is survived by two sons and a daughter: Philip ('74) and his wife Annette ('74); **STEVEN ('76, JD '78)** and his wife, Constance ('76); and Harriet T. Holland ('78, PA '80) and her husband, Ned ('77, MD '81). He is also survived by eight grandchildren, including Rebecca T. Walker ('00) and her husband, William ('01), Jennifer T. Bouvier ('02) and **PATRICIA A. TATE ('05, JD '08)**. **WORTH HUTCHINSON HESTER ('49, JD '50)**, Aug. 18, 2008, Elizabethtown, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and completed his education after the war. He practiced law for over 50 years, most of that time in Elizabethtown. He was a solicitor for the Bladen County Recorder's Court and a staff attorney for the N.C. Attorney General in Raleigh, NC, before returning to Bladen County in 1955. He was inducted into the N.C. General Practice Hall of Fame in 1998.

**GEORGE MORGAN WOMBLE JR. (JD '50)**, July 12, 2008, Raleigh, NC. He was a life member of the Wake



Forest Law Board of Visitors. In the middle of his college years, he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. After a short period of private legal practice in Elizabeth City, NC, he was named associate general counsel of Durham Life Insurance Co. in Raleigh. He remained there for 41 years serving as vice-president and general counsel, executive vice president, president, chief executive officer and chairman of the board of directors, retiring in 1991. He received the A.E. Finley Distinguished Service Award from the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Phyllis; two sons, George and Robert ('76); a daughter, Elizabeth; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**C. WAYNE MABRY SR. (JD '51)**, Dec. 12, 2008, Albemarle, NC. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a radio/radar operator. He was a public relations, property and governmental relations manager for 37 years with the North Carolina operations of the Aluminum Co. of American-Badin Works. He was honored in 2001 by the N.C. State Bar for his 50 years. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Betty; two daughters, Ellen Shepard and Beth Smith; and a son, **CLEGG WAYNE JR. ('80, JD '83)**.

**JOHN SAMUEL GROVES ('53, JD '60)**, Oct. 26, 2008, Winston-Salem, NC. He served in the U.S. Army and was retired from the Office of Veterans' Affairs, where he last served as assistant district counsel. He is survived by his wife, Julia Kiser (Judy); and three daughters, Julie ('89, MALS '03), Leigh Anne ('91) and Leslie.

**BOBBY FRANK JONES ('57, JD '60)**, Aug. 4, 2008, Wilson, NC. He was with the Beacon Center in Rocky Mount and a community volunteer.

**JAMES CALVIN JOHNSON JR. (JD '62)**, Sept. 21, 2008, Concord, NC. He was a Cabarrus County attorney and the District 36 Democratic nominee for the N.C. Senate. He served as a member of the N.C. Senate and the N.C. House of Representatives and was in the active

reserves of the U.S. National Guard. He owned Fort Johnson Military Museum in Concord.

**CHARLIE SMITH MCINTYRE JR. ('67, JD '71)**, Dec. 17, 2008, Lumberton, NC. He was an attorney in Lumberton and served as treasurer of the Robeson County Bar Association. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Delta Phi, the swim team, Monogram Club and Judicial Board. He served in the N.C. National Guard. He is survived by his wife, Jill Prevatte McIntyre ('72).

**DOUGLAS FLOYD OSBORNE JR. ('71, JD '74)**, Aug. 17, 2008, Eden, NC. He was a U.S. Army veteran and practiced law in Eden, NC. Memorials may be made to The Lord's Pantry, 602 Bridge Street, Eden, NC 27288 or to the Wake Forest University School of Law, General Scholarship Fund, PO Box 7227, Winston-Salem, NC 27109. Be sure to mark your donation in memory of Douglas F. Osborne Jr.

**MICHAEL ROBERT CLINE (JD '75)**, Dec. 26, 2008, Charleston, WV. He was managing principal of Michael R. Cline Law Offices in Charleston, practicing litigation and commercial law.

**DOVEY EDWARD WATSON JR. (JD '78)**, July 13, 2008, Wilson, NC. He had a private practice in Wilson before starting a paralegal technology program at Wilson Community College. He was nominated by his students for "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" and "Who's Who in American Law." He was selected Wilson Community College's Teacher of the Year in 1999.

**JAMES DOUGLAS HILL (JD '81)**, Nov. 11, 2008, Durham, NC. He had a private practice in Charlotte, NC, prior to joining the N.C. Attorney General's Office in 1999. He retired in 2006.

**PATRICIA PARKER RIDENHOUR (JD '91)**, Nov. 1, 2008, Greensboro, NC. She was of counsel with the Worth Law Firm in Greensboro. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter. She is survived by her daughter, Katherine Woodard; two grandchildren;

a brother, Ralph; and a sister, Marian F. Parker, associate dean and director of the Wake Forest Law Professional Center Library.

**DOUGLAS WARREN THIESSEN (JD '98)**, Jan. 9, 2009, West River, MD. He was 35, the assistant general counsel for the Parole Commission within the federal Department of Justice and general counsel for the Maryland Republican Party. He is survived by his wife, Sarah; a son, Taylor; and four daughters, Hannah, Heidi, Charlotte and Clara.

**LAURA JO GENDY (JD '00)**, Aug. 16, 2008, Raleigh, NC. She was a clerk for N.C. Court of Appeals Judge Horton and for the last six years she was an assistant attorney general of North Carolina in Raleigh.

**AMY DELP BYRD (JD '03)**, Jan. 21, 2009, Winston-Salem, NC. She was an assistant public defender with McAllister & Hanks and with Forsyth County before working as an attorney with the Law Offices of Walter C. Holton Jr. PLLC. She is survived by her husband, **JONES PHARR BYRD JR. ('99, JD '02)**.

37TH ANNUAL PARTNERS' BANQUET FEATURES U.S. SENATOR RICHARD BURR ('78)

DONORS WHO MADE GIFTS to the law school in the previous year were recognized at the annual Partners' Banquet on October 10. More than 100 attended the 37th annual event held at Forsyth Country Club. President Nathan O. Hatch introduced the evening with the official Wake Forest welcome. Keynote speaker, Sen. Richard Burr, addressed the group following musical entertainment by one of Wake Forest's choral groups.



*Dr. Nathan Hatch (right), President of Wake Forest University, greets Lee Davis (JD '77) and his wife, Mary Ann Davis at the Partners' Banquet.*



*(l-r.) Joyce Neely (JD '75) shares a moment during the Partners' Banquet reception with Myrtie Davis, Bill Davis (JD '66), and Frank Bell.*



*(l-r.) Gene Pridgen (JD '78/MBA '75), Jamie Pridgen, Carroll Sitton, and Larry Sitton ('61, JD '64) enjoy the Partners' Banquet reception.*



*(l-r.) Dean Blake Morant, Paulette "P.J." Morant, take a moment to pose with keynote speaker Senator Richard Burr ('78) before the Partners' Banquet begins.*

## Board and Council Member News

### W. FRED WILLIAMS, LAW BOARD OF VISITORS

**W. Fred Williams, Sr. ('38, JD '40)**, a lifetime member of the Law Board of Visitors, was recently honored with the dedication of a new law textbook written by Professor Steve Nickles. Nickles was the first faculty member to hold the Bess and W. Fred Williams Sr. Distinguished Chair and the current holder of the C.C. Hope Chair. The textbook *Payments Law and Commercial Paper* (West 2009) was dedicated to Fred Williams and C.C. Hope and presented to Mr. Williams at a luncheon in Greensboro recently.



(l-r) Paulette "P.J." Morant, Ellen Murphy (JD '02), Fred Williams Sr. ('38, JD '40), Professor Steve Nickles and Dean Blake Morant.

### BOARD AND COUNCIL MERGER APPROVED

WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE at the February meeting, the Law Board of Visitors and Law Alumni Council voted to merge the two organizations into one. The newly merged board will keep the name of the Law Board of Visitors.

The purpose of the merger was to more actively engage the volunteer board in the priority areas of the law school's new strategic plan. Six new committees were established that reflect long-range goals. These committees are Clinics, Marketing, Career Services, Development, Program of Legal Education and the Dean's Advisory Committee.

### NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS TAKE THE HELM AT FEBRUARY MEETING

**Judy Lambeth (JD '77)** and **Pete Evenson (JD '77)** became co-chairs of the Law Board of Visitors at the meeting on February 6. Chairs-elect are **David Zacks ('64, JD '67)** and **John Madden (JD '83)**. Madden also serves as the Chairman of the National Law Fund Committee. These four alumni serve on the Executive Committee along with immediate past chairs **Larry Sitton ('61, JD '64)** and **Gary Gough ('68, JD '74)**.



Judy Lambeth (JD '77)



Pete Evenson (JD '77)



David Zacks ('64, JD '67)



John Madden (JD '83)



## WHY MAKE A GIFT TO THE WAKE FOREST SCHOOL OF LAW?

Every Wake Forest law student has benefited from the philanthropy of others. Tuition covers only about 66 percent of the cost of a law student's education at Wake Forest; gifts from alumni and friends have made up the difference since the beginning of the Wake Forest Law School. Scholarships exist because of the generosity of individuals like you.

To make a gift, please visit: <http://www.wfu.edu/alumni/giving>

## Alumni Gatherings—2008 Homecoming Reunions

THIS PAST NOVEMBER, three classes returned to Winston-Salem to reconnect with their classmates.

The class of 1978 celebrated at the home of Jeff and LuAnne Wood where over 70 people attended, including the newly elected U.S. Senator Kay Hagan. Saturday, following the football win

against the University of Virginia, the class met again on campus to share old stories and their memories in Carswell Hall.

The class of 1988 celebrated at the home of Doug and Jane Maynard on Saturday, November 8th. They reminisced while the old law school band, Yazoo City, performed in the background.



*Jeff Wood (JD '78), Senator Kay Hagan (JD '78), Chip Hagan (JD '77) and LuAnne Wood*



*David Boggs (JD '78) and Mel Garafolo (JD '78)*



*David Johnson (JD '78) and Steve Shuff (JD '78)*



*The class of 1983 celebrated their 25th reunion at the home of Brant and Beverly Godfrey on Friday, November 7th. Many classmates returned for a second celebration at the home of Thatcher and Julia Townsend on Saturday, November 8th.*

## Alumni Gatherings



*Los Angeles alumni, from left, John Ramey (JD '88) and his wife, Christa Haggai, joined David Johnson (JD '90) to greet Paulette "P.J." Morant and Dean Blake Morant.*



*New York alumni joined Dean Blake Morant for a reception in November. From left, Chris Greco (JD '07), Alex Saffi (JD '06), Dean Blake Morant, Brian Derr (JD '07), and Carl Salisbury (JD '88).*



*Law School alumni in Wilmington, Del., and Philadelphia were invited to a reception at the Hotel du Pont in Wilmington in December. Tom Sager (JD '76), standing first row far left, Senior Vice President and Assistant General Counsel of du Pont de Nemours & Co., was the host for the event.*



*Charleston, S.C., was the site of a January alumni gathering for Dean Blake Morant. From left, Cynthia Lowery (JD '88), David Yandle (JD '82), Dean Blake Morant, George Kimberly ('84, JD '87), and Andy Berly (JD '81).*



*The Class of 2008 was well represented in Charlotte at the law alumni reception held at the Mint Museum in January. The event was sponsored by the firm of Parker Poe Adams and Bernstein in Charlotte. From left, Munje Foh (JD '08), Kelsey Mayo (JD '08), Debra Lofano (JD '08), and Elizabeth Goodwin (JD '08).*

## GIFT ALLOWS WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW TO CREATE LEGAL AID SOCIETY ENDOWED FUND

THE WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW has received a significant gift from the Legal Aid Society of Northwest North Carolina to further legal assistance for the poor.

The gift of \$465,605 that was granted to the school will create the Legal Aid Society Endowed Fund for the Wake Forest University School of Law. The funds will be used to support the community outreach efforts of the Law School including particularly initiatives that assist those who are economically disadvantaged.

"We are thrilled that the Legal Aid Society has chosen to contribute to the Wake Forest School of Law in such a magnanimous way," said Law School Dean Blake Morant. "This generous gift will expand the law school's ability to provide legal services to the poor."

The Legal Aid Society of Northwest North Carolina, the state's first legal aid society, after combining its operations with

Legal Aid of North Carolina, sold its building in 2007 and wanted to give the proceeds to the law school, according to the Legal Aid Society's board president Cal Adams of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice.

"We wanted to keep the money in the community and we've always had a very close relationship and strong connection with the law school," Adams said. "We're excited about what Dean Morant is trying to do with the pro bono clinical programs. It seemed to be the perfect fit."

Legal Aid Society board member Bill Spry, who practiced law in Winston-Salem for nearly two decades, said the goal of the board was to see the money go to provide legal services to those who can least afford it.

"We wanted the money to continue in some way to serve the mandate of the Legal Aid Society," Spry said. "We believed the law school can use the money to fund clinics to provide legal aid to the poor."

### DAVID SHORES

Professor David Shores has been educating law students for 36 years. He teaches Taxation of Corporations and Shareholders, and Mergers and Acquisitions, both of which are challenging but popular courses. "My students work hard and provide me with a great source of satisfaction."

Over Shores' 36 years, he has seen firsthand how philanthropy has impacted the law school and the student experience. "The scholarships we have been able to award, thanks to alumni giving, have enhanced the overall quality of students that choose Wake Forest. They are strong from the top to the bottom."

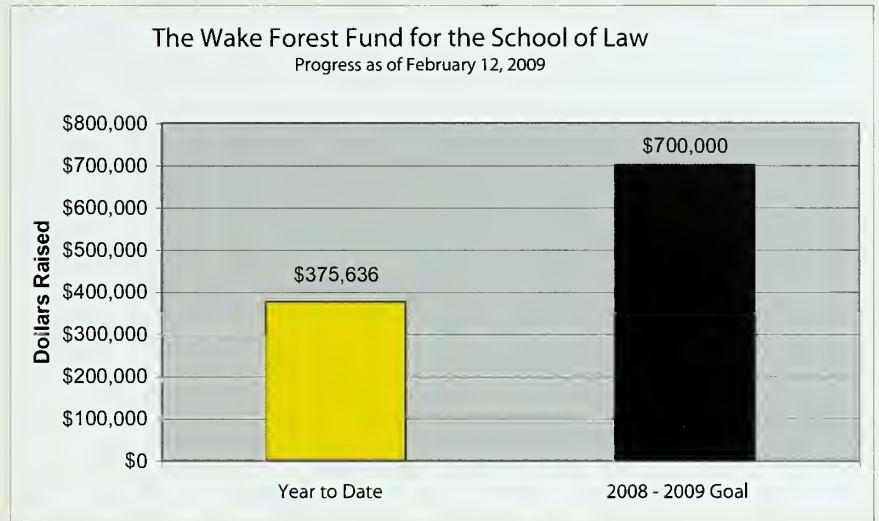
Students are not the only ones who benefit from the generosity of alumni—faculty do as well. "Research stipends were nonexistent when I first started teaching but today, all faculty members are offered stipends to develop their research and scholarship." The faculty and staff at Wake Forest are committed to providing the best educational experience and it takes considerable resources to support this vision.



## Alumni Gifts Bridge Gap in Today's Economy

GIVING BACK TO THE WAKE FOREST LAW SCHOOL is more important than ever. Your support of the Wake Forest Fund for the School of Law helps bridge the gap between tuition and the actual operating costs. Every gift is essential to keep the law school's reputation strong and the quality of the programs stable.

The annual fund supports student scholarships, research stipends for faculty, travel for moot court, guest speakers and symposia events, tuition supplements, and much more. We understand that in today's economy, it might be difficult to make a large gift but we hope that you will give what you can to support the law school.



## FINANCIAL DOWNTURN AFFECTS LAW SCHOOL AND IT STUDENTS

THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT of alumni and friends provides the most significant means of ensuring that the quality of the Wake Forest legal education remains one that makes alumni proud. *But the law school is not immune to the current financial situation and faces many challenges as it responds to the increased financial needs of students and their families. We need your support now more than ever.*

Your contributions, whether to the Wake Forest Fund for the School of Law (Law Fund), to an endowed scholarship or professorships, or for a clinic or other special project help maintain the essential operations of the law school during the economically

challenging times we now face. *With your gifts, the reputation of the law school will remain strong and the quality of the program stable.*

As alumni and friends, you share the hope that a Wake Forest law degree will continue to increase in value over the years. *If you have not made a gift yet during the 2008-2009 fiscal year, please join your classmates and fellow alumni and make your donation by June 30.*

Gifts may be made online at our secure website: [www.wfu.edu/giving](http://www.wfu.edu/giving) or by mail: Office of Law Development, P.O. Box 7227, Winston-Salem, NC 27109.

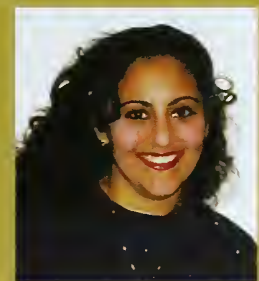
To learn more about how you can support the Wake Forest law school, please contact Holly Marion, Director of Development and Alumni Relations at (336)758-5537 or [marionlh@wfu.edu](mailto:marionlh@wfu.edu)

## Classmates Start Fund in Memory of Laura Gendy (JD '00)

LAW SCHOOL CLASSMATES of **Laura J. Gendy (JD '00)** are conducting a fundraising campaign to create a student award in her memory. Gendy graduated from Wake Forest School of Law in 2000 and passed away in 2008. After her death, law school friends contacted the Development Office with their ideas about establishing an award in her name and a campaign was started in the fall. Campaign coordinators **Ann Byrd (JD '00)** and **Melinda Greene (JD '00)** hope to raise

\$10,000 to provide an annual award at graduation. The fund would provide an award in the amount of \$500 to a graduating law student who exemplifies integrity, compassion for others, and strength of character that were the hallmarks of Gendy.

To make a gift for the Laura J. Gendy Award, please make your check payable to WFU and send it to Holly Marion, Wake Forest Law School, P.O. Box 7227, Winston-Salem, NC 27109.



*Laura Gendy (JD '00) will be honored with a graduation award in her memory.*

**COMERFORD & BRITT UPGRADE LAW SCHOOL COURTROOM TECHNOLOGY**

**Tom Comerford ('72, JD '74)** and **Cliff Britt ('82, JD/MBA '86)**, partners in the Winston-Salem firm of Comerford & Britt LLP, have funded significant improvements in the technology of the law school's trial practice courtrooms. Thanks to a gift of \$50,000, Wake Forest University School of Law has a new digitally-equipped courtroom that will transform the experience of the trial practice students.

The Wake Forest University School of Law has a proud history of strong trial advocacy education. At Wake Forest, students have the advantage of the smallest trial practice sessions in a classroom setting among our peer law schools. The trial advocacy program has been recognized by the American Association for Justice (AAJ) and by the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers. The Litigation Clinic and trial advocacy program led by Professor Carol Anderson has received the Gumpert Award for Excellence in Teaching Trial Advocacy from the American Bar Association (ABA).

While the curriculum design and the strengths of the faculty for trial advocacy at Wake Forest are top-notch, the program has lagged behind in its technology. Students were unable to record the trial itself and have digital copies to review and critique. With the gift from Comerford & Britt, students can now transfer the recordings far more easily and view

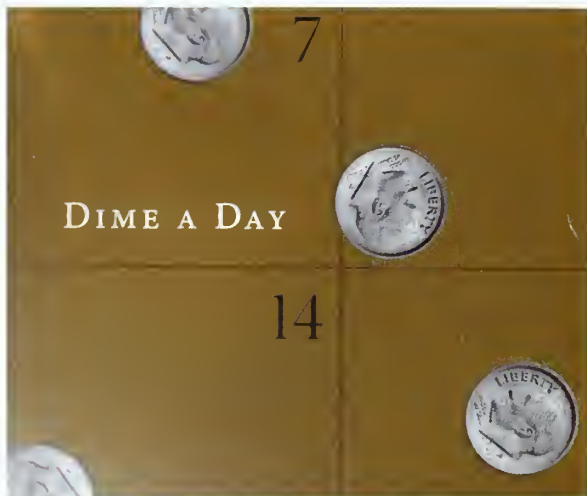


*Tom Comerford ('72, JD '74), Dean Blake Morant, and Professor Carol Anderson pose in front of the new digital display screen mounted on the wall in the James Van Camp Courtroom.*

them in many different settings. Digital recordings also facilitate better storage and archiving of trial performances for instructional purposes in the future.

A portion of the gift will go to underwrite the cost of travel for the winning team to attend the national finals.

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# IT PAYS TO BE CHARITABLE

## OVERCOME LOW INTEREST RATES WITH THE CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

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AGE	NEW RATES	ANNUITY PAYMENT	TAX DEDUCTION
65	5.3%	\$2,650	\$17,369
70	5.7%	\$2,850	\$20,170
75	6.3%	\$3,150	\$22,717
80	7.1%	\$3,550	\$25,459
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65/65	4.9%	\$2,450	\$12,627
70/70	5.2%	\$2,600	\$15,453
75/75	5.6%	\$2,800	\$18,471
80/80	6.1%	\$3,050	\$21,890

(All calculations based on IRS discount rate of 3.4%.)

For more information about this and other planned giving opportunities, please contact:  
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## Alumni Callers To Contact Law Grads by June 30

THE NATIONAL LAW FUND COMMITTEE, led by John Madden (JD '83), met in November to plan the upcoming campaign for The Wake Forest Fund for the School of Law (Law Fund). The goal for the Fund is \$700,000 by June 30. Gifts to The Wake Forest Fund for the School of Law support every priority area at the law school

including scholarships, faculty support, student programs and services. Committee members will begin calling alumni in February to ask for gifts. Many thanks to the following committee members:

**CLARA COTTRELL (JD '07), LEO DAUGHTRY ('62, JD '65), KRISTIN GARRIS (JD '08), BETH LANGLEY ('86, JD '92), JOHN MADDEN (JD '83), JENNIFER MALINOVSKY (JD '92), ELLEN MURPHY (JD '02), KARL SAWYER (JD '77), BRUCE THOMPSON ('88, JD '94)**

## DAVID ZACKS (BA '64, JD '67) The Passionate Professional



SOMETIMES, THE ABSENT-MINDED debate coach would toss handfuls of coins at the toll-booth bins and go, hoping he'd come up with the right amount. David Zacks and his teammates just laughed and rode along, hustling to the next campus, to the next debate.

More than 40 years later, Zacks (BA '64, JD '67) still remembers the road trips with Wake Forest's debate team. He remembers the coach, the teammates, the long drives, the late nights and, of course, the victories.

"I can't overestimate for me the value of college debating, in terms of where my life went," he says now.

His life has, indeed, come pretty far. From those road trips through today — through a stop in the Army, and then in three different law firms — he's never lost his passion for putting up a good argument.

Zacks, a trial lawyer for Atlanta-based Kilpatrick Stockton LLC, represents plaintiffs and defendants in complex litigation matters. He's also a past chairman of the American Cancer Society. He's defended corporations and individuals, done countless hours of philanthropic work, all in the name of fighting for people who deserve help.

"There is no greater satisfaction for me than to represent an underprivileged person who has been wronged by society, or by a product, and to try and right that wrong," Zacks said.

Zacks has been with Kilpatrick Stockton for about 15 years. Prior to that, he had his own firm, Knox & Zacks, for 15 years. His firm then merged with Kilpatrick Stockton, the oldest firm in Atlanta.

A New Bern, N.C. native, Zacks never imagined spending his career in Georgia. That's just how things played out.

Zacks joined the Army JAG Corps after graduating with honors from Wake's law school. As a distinguished military graduate, he was granted his choice of a first assignment. Under the advisement of William Suter, now the Clerk of the United States Supreme Court and a retired major general in the Army, Zacks chose to move to Fort Gordon, Ga., because of the volume of courts-martial cases.

Also, Fort Gordon was a basic training camp during the Vietnam War. So there was plenty of work for the recent law school graduate.

For four years, Zacks tried more cases than he could count. He spent half his time on prosecution, and half his time on defense. He was also certified as a military judge. In one of the more memorable cases, Zacks defended an Army captain who was charged with murdering innocent Vietnamese civilians. The defendant, a West Point graduate, was acquitted.

"I loved my four years in the JAG Corps," Zacks said. "I was trying so many cases. ... It's something I always wanted to do, to serve my country."

Zacks always intended to return to New Bern when he finished his time at Fort Gordon. But in nearby Augusta, Ga., Jay Johnson had heard about the young lawyer out on the Army

"There is no greater satisfaction for me than to represent an underprivileged person who has been wronged by society, or by a product, and to try and right that wrong."

## “No one should be faced with the question: ‘Do I go into poverty or do I treat my disease?’ ”

post. Johnson, also a Wake law graduate, invited Zacks for an interview with Hull, Towill and Norman. Zacks landed the job, and planted in Georgia.

Zacks handled the Hull firm’s trial department, which put him in the center of several sensitive cases. But he never wilted, according to Johnson.

“I could tell from his personality, his work ethic and his background, he was going to be a good lawyer,” said Johnson, now retired and living in Charlotte. “Immediately, I could recognize that David had something special about him. He had hard work, talent and personality.”

After about five years with the Hull firm, Zacks started Knox & Zacks. And 15 years later, he executed his firm’s merger with Kilpatrick Stockton.

In the 30 years since leaving the Hull firm, Zacks has served people from all walks of life. He represented a man whose water heater burst because of a manufacturer’s malfunction. The water burned the man severely, and killed his wife. He also currently represents Native Americans in the largest class action suit in history against the U.S. Department of Interior.

It’s not all obvious victims. Zacks has spent years defending hospitals and doctors in medical malpractice cases.

“You should see how cases tear those doctors apart,” Zacks said. “I feel just as strongly about representing the physicians as I do representing the person who has been burned.”

Of course, some of Zacks’ most noteworthy work has been done outside the law profession.

Since the death of his Wake Forest suite-mate, Brian Piccolo, in 1970, Zacks has been involved in various cancer research funding organizations and served as the national chairman of the American Cancer Society in 2002.

During his chairmanship, he promoted the ACS’s support of the Patient Navigator Program, which helps primarily low-income people through the diagnosis and treatment of cancer. The program places a trained social worker in hospitals to track and support cancer patients.

Many times, Zacks said, a low-income person will be diagnosed with cancer and never return to for treatments. In the

Patient Navigator Program, the counselor will track those people and help them through financial difficulties, as well as countless other challenges.

“No one should be faced with the question: ‘Do I go into poverty or do I treat my disease?’ ” Zacks said. “No one should be faced with that.”

Since Zacks’ year as chairman, the ACS has been responsible for the implementation of about 100 Patient Navigator Programs in hospitals across the country. Recently, the organization received a \$10 million grant to implement more.

Dr. Harold Freeman, a pioneer in the Patient Navigator Program and the president and founder of the Ralph Lauren Center for Cancer Care and Prevention, said Zacks’ work with the ACS has been invaluable.

“David’s just a good human being who happens to be a lawyer,” Freeman said. “His law knowledge is not really his value to the (ACS). His value to the (ACS) was that he was a thoughtful, knowledgeable and compassionate person. And when he got into a leadership position, he did things to affect change.”

Zacks said his work with cancer involves, “the most passion I have in terms of a reason to be here on this planet.”

Zacks also has been recognized by Best Lawyers in America, and is a certified arbitrator and mediator for several different organizations.

Also, he is Vice Chairman of the Wake Forest School of Law’s Law Board of Visitors.

He was presented the Wake Forest University Distinguished Alumni Award in 2004.

In addition to serving on the Law Board of Visitors, Zacks has started a fund at the Law School to create a national conference on bio-ethics. With Zacks’ assistance, this project expands on the current collaborative efforts of the medical and law schools at Wake Forest.

His work with the law school keeps him in constant contact with the school where he had all those debate team road trips — and earned a law degree along the way.

“I remember the little things about Wake Forest far more than the bigger ones,” he said. ☺



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