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DEVELOPING LAWYERS FOR TOMORROW'S CHALLENGES

Few moments in the life of an educational institution can truly be considered transformational. Wake Forest Law is in the midst of one of those moments, which you can read more about in this issue of the Jurist and on the law school's website. The plan to recast the Worrell Professional Center into the home of Wake Forest Law will enable us to develop a state-of-the-art building at a signature location on campus.

The pending departure of the graduate business school this summer provides the opportunity to create a physical space for students, faculty, alumni and guests that goes well beyond "bricks and mortar." Our plan will increase communal and learning spaces in ways that not only appeal to the 21st-century law student but also reflect the history and tradition of our storied law school. The transformed space we envision will enhance daily interaction for our students and faculty and foster intellectual curiosity and collaboration. A highlight of the improved Worrell Professional Center will be a strong sense of place that is attractive to the nation's best prospective students.

This pivotal time in our history compels our friends and alumni to support the law school in ways that demonstrate the gratitude I hear expressed so often. Your investment will pay enormous dividends and impact thousands of lives for years to come. We must, and will, collectively seize this opportunity to ensure the spectacular progression of one of the nation's top law schools.

The Wake Forest University School of Law continues as one of the cornerstones of the legal profession in North Carolina. Having produced legendary attorneys and

jurists who have impacted the state, the School of Law maintains its educative tradition of academic excellence and ethical bearing, while adapting to the demands of a 21st century legal market. The innate sense of a Wake Forest lawyer includes the utmost commitment to professionalism, ethics, and service. The inculcation of these attributes remains central to our program of legal education and will be further engrained in our culture. The faculty recently approved for the first-year curriculum a new, required professionalism course that will instill our tradition of ethical and professional bearing. You can read more about this exciting new course in this issue.

To assist our graduates as they enter a challenging market, the law school proudly continues its "Hire One, Help One" campaign. This program encourages our alumni to hire a recent graduate or help one secure a position. As Dean, I am immensely proud of the skills and expertise of our students. Employers of our graduates universally laud their intellect and industriousness. We invite you to contact us about this exciting program, which not only has provided employers with graduates who can "hit the ground running," but also ensures the law school's stature and attractiveness to promising students.

My colleagues and I greatly appreciate the strong support that we continually receive from our alumni and friends. I personally extend my gratitude to you for invaluable contributions that foster the essential mission and success of this exceptional law school.



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Outcomes in a Court of "Law"



THE FUTURE OF LEGAL EDUCATION

This issue of the Jurist explores how Wake Forest Law is meeting the challenges facing today's law schools, in part, by transforming our physical space and our experiential learning offerings. This is a pivotal time for legal education. In this issue you will learn how we're following the lead of two U.S. Supreme Court Justices on how to prepare outstanding citizen lawyers for the 21st century. Also meet some new faculty members and program directors who, along with the entire Wake Forest community, represent the future of Wake Forest Law.

TRANSFORMING THE WORRELL PROFESSIONAL CENTER

This is a historic time for Wake Forest Law. One of the most visible ways the law school is meeting today's challenges facing legal education is the transformation of the Worrell Professional Center into a dynamic physical space that reflects and supports the interactive and intensely personal culture that defines our educational philosophy.

For 20 years, the law school has shared Worrell with the graduate business school. But with the Schools of Business impending departure to Farrell Hall this summer, the law school has been afforded the rare opportunity to transform Worrell into a distinctive building that signals its preeminent status as a leader in the legal academy.

"As such, we will embark on an exciting plan to recast the entire Worrell Professional Center as the exclusive home of the Wake Forest University School of Law," Dean Blake D. Morant says. "Now is the time."



The opportunity for the law school to transform its building is one that does not come along very often, and provides a moment upon which the University must fully capitalize in order to stay competitive, according to the dean.

Of the top 50 law schools in the 2013 U.S. News ranking, 45 had completed or had broken ground on major upgrades since Wake Forest built Worrell Professional Center in 1993. Projects are under way at Cornell (14th); Boston University (26th); Fordham (29th); Illinois (35th); and Utah (47th).

Since reaching its high-water mark with the 2004 rankings, in which it was tied for 34th, Wake Forest has been surpassed by seven institutions, six of which have completed renovations, expansions and/or new construction in the past dozen years, Ohio State

University being the only exception.

Nine schools, ranked 26th through 50th at the time of project completion, undertook major facilities upgrades from 1999-2008. Seven of the nine were ranked higher four years after the ribbon-cutting than in the year of completion. On average, schools improved their ranking more than five places, with the best improvement resulting in a 17-place gain.

“Planned innovations and renovations, which include structural, aesthetic, and technological enhancements, will facilitate the burgeoning programmatic needs required by our educative mission, and affirm the law school as one of the most preeminent institutions in the country,” Dean Morant explains.

“Once realized, this plan will result in a state-of-the-art building. With the support of alumni and friends, the

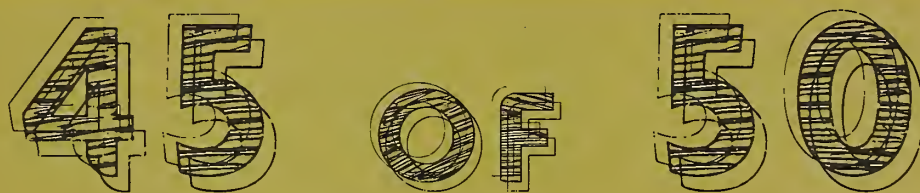
Worrell Professional Center will be transformed into a facility that reflects the values and pride that are hallmarks of Wake Forest Law.”

In April, Dean Morant and LS3 Architect Scott Baker shared the transformation plans with students, faculty and staff. The \$7.4 million project is being funded entirely with donated funds, of which more than \$5 million has been pledged.

The objective, according to the dean, is to create a “sense of identity, community, and an educational experience that will be wonderful for our students.”

In fact, those are the three main areas of focus in the transformation of the building: identity, community and the educational experience.

“We want to enhance and contemporize



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our educational environment through the critical updating and renovation of our study rooms, student meeting rooms and other areas that directly impact the teacher-scholar ideal," Dean Morant added.

Among alumni who have already pledged funds for the building transformation are Ken Howard ('82) and Terry Hutchens ('77).

Howard, who is the director of the North Carolina Division of State History Museums and the North Carolina Museum of History, and his wife, Martha, have made a significant commitment to the building fund.

"I think you've got to give back," he said. "As a graduate of your institution, you owe them the responsibility of helping that institution continue."

As the new chair of the Law Board of Visitors, Howard's campaign commitment to the building transformation will be used to create an area that highlights the law school's history and future, which will be known as the "Hall of Traditions."

While the law school's small size allows students and faculty to develop close relationships, the school doesn't have the comparatively large donor pool of its peer institutions, Howard said. That

imposes a special responsibility on alumni to be generous.

"My thoughts have always been, even though I didn't make a career in law, my law school education certainly helped a lot," he said. "If I had stayed an attorney, Wake Forest would have made my career. If that's what made your career, you should support the school."

Hutchens and his wife, Rosalind, have also made a significant commitment to the transformation of Worrell by agreeing to name the Wake Forest Law Hall of Fame to showcase Wake Forest Law faculty and distinguished alumni. These areas will be featured prominently near the new main entrance of the law school.

Currently, visitors entering the law school through the main doors are greeted with a stairwell. According to the plans, the first phase of the transformation includes the "Law School Commons," which will be the "heart" of the law school and will have the largest impact on the day-to-day interactions of students, faculty, staff and guests.

This central area of the future building will embody all of the elements that are needed to truly transform the building – strong sense of space, identity and historic perspective;

LEADING THE WAY

Brad Wilson ('78) and his wife, Carole, have pledged to give \$1 million to Wake Forest Law.

The Wilsons' generosity will address two priorities for the law school: transforming The Worrell Professional Center to meet the changing needs of law students, and providing endowed scholarships.

"We support Wake Forest University and the School of Law because of our strong belief in their approach to educating the whole person and preparing students to give back to the

world," Brad Wilson explained. "We are grateful for what Wake Forest has meant to our family."

Specifically, the Wilsons' gift will establish the Brad and Carole Wilson Career and Professional Development Center, a key enhancement within the Worrell Professional Center. The Career and Professional Development Center will dedicate space for mentoring students and employer recruitment visits, and also serve as a focal point for law students to develop professional and leadership skills.





enhanced communal areas; and modern technology.

The “Commons” will replace the main first floor hallways, as well as the entire first floor of the library. Planned additions in this area include a café and will provide multiple areas for students, faculty and staff to mingle as well as group and individual study areas.

Other changes included in the first phase of the transformation will be a new location for the Office of Career and Professional Development, spaces for the Elder Law and Community Law and Business clinics, and additional space for the Office of Community Outreach and student organizations.

The Elder Law Clinic, which has been on hiatus since moving from the Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, will include offices, conference rooms and student work areas.

“This area will provide much needed space to our clinic and by doing so have an even greater impact on the student experience and our local community,” Dean Morant explained.

“The commitment to Pro Humanitate remains at the core of the Wake Forest law school experience. By expanding the physical space for our Office of Community Outreach we will be able to enhance the collaboration of this office with other areas of the Law School, University and local community.”

During the question-and-answer portion of the April program, some students expressed concerns that construction during the transformation would increase noise and decrease accessibility.

Dean Morant assured students that expanded space in the school would widen the variety of options for studying and entering the building. Phased construction will also prevent the heaviest construction from impacting the daily operation of the law school.

For more information about the transformation of Worrell and to follow the progress, visit vision.law.wfu.edu.



** The architect's renderings included in this issue of the Jurist are subject to change.*

NEW PROGRAMS ADAPT TO SHIFTING LEGAL NEEDS

Legal education is changing, growing, evolving. It's moving in a direction cut and molded to meet today's tests and its trials, adapting to a shifting future yet sharpening its focus on its core principles and transforming to fulfill the educational needs of an inquisitive and brightly vibrant student population.

Wake Forest Law is at the forefront of this evolution, accepting the challenges and creating a paradigm for the future.

The law school is meeting these challenges in part by offering a new clinical externship program, the Wake in Washington Summer Judicial Externship Program, a professionalism course for credit and a one-year Master of Studies in Law.

CAROLINA EXTERNSHIP

The new externship program begins this summer in Charlotte.

Taught by Community Law and Business Clinic Director Steve Virgil, the Carolina externship focuses on practicing in a corporate or business practice, after law school.

"Led by Dean Blake D. Morant, the faculty and administration of Wake Forest Law are focusing new energy and thinking on how best to integrate externships and clinical programs into our curriculum," Virgil explains.

"Changes in our profession demand increased experiential courses and

clinical programs during law school, making this the perfect time for our school's effort."

The program, held during 2013 Summer Session I that began May 28, is a four credit-hour graded course that involves a class and externship placement.

Students are placed full-time with firms or in-house counsel offices in Charlotte. The Carolina Externship offers several benefits, Virgil said.

"Students can enhance their professional network, develop practical skills and receive course credit that will provide flexibility for their third year," Virgil said.

Morant says it's important Wake Forest Law, though recognized nationally, remain loyal to its core.

"It's important for increasing our footprint and staying true to our roots in North Carolina," the dean said.

"It also increases our exposure in a key city, which will eventually spread to other cities."

WASHINGTON SUMMER JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP

Professor Abigail Perdue teaches the Wake in Washington Summer Judicial Externship Program, another effort to create more hands-on learning opportunities for students.

The course is part of the law school's

Applied Legal Theory – Law in Action program.

Students can obtain externships with the U.S. Court of Appeals or the Federal Circuit, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims or the Office of the Special Masters of the Courts of Federal Claims.

"The Wake in Washington Summer Judicial Externship Program will provide students with an incredible opportunity to spend a summer working in some of America's most vibrant courts," she said.

The program is unique because it includes an externship component and customized instructional component, Perdue said.

"It also effectuates Dean Morant's goals of expanding our metro externship presence and developing innovative ways to assist our students in securing employment and judicial clerkships," Perdue said.

Rising second- and third-year students will spend eight weeks working at a participating court. As part of the externship, students will engage in the kinds of tasks performed by law clerks, under the immediate supervision of an experienced lawyer.

Students also will attend class sessions particularly pertinent to successful judicial externships, which explore, inter alia, professionalism, courtroom decorum, confidentiality, judicial ethics, docket management, understanding the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, bench memo

writing, oral argument preparation, leadership and judicial opinion drafting.

"I'm very proud of that program," Morant said. "Ours is the template for other schools to emulate, giving students excellent opportunities to a part of that market and increasing our brand, which is essential."

PROFESSIONALISM COURSE

For the first time this fall, the law school will offer a professionalism course for credit.

"This course is ground breaking," explains Professor Tanya Marsh, who is developing the course along with Francie Scott ('04), assistant director of the Office of Career and Professional Development.

"There are only a couple of other schools in the country so far that have recognized this important need. The one-credit course will be required in the first year. Our objective is to educate the students about the culture

of the practice of law. Most of our students don't know anything about the legal culture that they are about to enter — they just don't know what the rules are. We are trying to indoctrinate them into what the expectations are for being a professional. We are also going to focus on discrete skills, like how to write a professional business email or a cover letter. It is taking the skills they have and putting them into professional context."

MASTER OF STUDIES IN LAW

The innovative Master of Studies in Law program began in fall 2012.

The program offers an integrated understanding of law useful in many professional settings. The curriculum explores the core concepts of law and students gain new perspectives on contemporary business, politics and society.

The two-semester residential MSL program is designed for college graduates interested in career paths in which law is relevant — such as

accounting, business, corporate compliance, criminal justice, education, health care, human relations, intellectual property, international trade, journalism, finance, non-profit organizations, politics, public health, regulatory affairs or sustainability.

MSL students take a specially designed core curriculum taught by Wake Forest law professors and also enroll in elective upper-level law courses with JD students to further their career goals. Like other graduate programs, the MSL program requires a thesis — or seminar paper — under the supervision of a faculty adviser.

MSL graduates do not practice law, but their MSL degree allows them to hone their skills in critical reading, writing and thinking. The result is an awareness, confidence and discipline to solve problems in today's many challenging and changing professional settings.



LAW SCHOOLS FACE A COMMON CHALLENGE

There is a deep anxiety among American law schools today. Applications to law school have declined and many graduates struggle to find jobs.

Kent Syverud, the Dean and Ethan A.H. Shepley Distinguished University Professor at Washington University Law School in St. Louis, feels it. "This is our defining moment."

Syverud visited Wake Forest in April, to sit down for a lunch conversation about the future of legal education with his Wake Forest Law counterpart, Dean Blake Morant. When Syverud speaks he draws from experience, as a teacher, as a lawyer, as an administrator who admits to challenges but envisions a future replete with

Stay positive, Syverud says, pointing to Morant as an example of a "cheerful optimism," and a confidence that "things will get better."

"I think we have to deal with it with a can-do attitude," he said. "It really falls on all parts of the university."

But it will take an engaged faculty, supportive alumni and administrators.

"A small number of schools have a one-time opportunity right now. There are times when everything gets reshuffled, where you can surpass others ... I see the next two years as this time."

Show a willingness to experiment and reject things that don't work. Innovate and think creatively.

The program started by Dean Morant focuses on expanding curricular opportunities for learning the law in a real world context. It also creates opportunities for students to participate in pro bono legal efforts. Students are encouraged to become true "citizen lawyers" who will graduate with the goal of "doing well while doing good."

Finally, the Law in Action Program offers regular workshops, seminars and lectures focusing on professionalism to help students develop essential skills, such as networking, proper client communication, business etiquette and civility, among others.

Dean Morant says there is an expectation from employers and clients that law graduates should be able to "hit the ground running" from their first day as a first-year associate. No longer are firms -- or clients -- willing to provide a training ground for new lawyers. Instead they are seeking newly minted attorneys who have already drawn up a contract or written a will -- trained professionals who can roll up their sleeves and be productive on their very first day.

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DEAN BLAKE D. MORANT

promise and progress, an expansion of the sometimes-tenuous bridge connecting a classic legal education and experiential learning with ABA wants and needs.

"I think American law schools are the best that ever existed, in quality, in diversity and strength of faculty and students."

Declining applications are a simple reality. Nothing more, nothing less.

"We need to re-tool and develop new skill sets that will help our students succeed," Syverud says.

In addition to the transformation of the Worrell Professional Center, Wake Forest Law is meeting that challenge in a variety of ways including its ever-evolving curriculum that focuses on connecting the study of legal theory with hands-on, practical experience through the Applied Legal Theory - Law in Action Program.

"Legal education is very challenged today," Morant says. "We like to think that students gravitate toward Wake Forest because of our deep commitment to curricular innovation and student engagement. Despite changes that respond to challenges in our profession, we recognize the need for reevaluation to ensure the success of our graduates."

SHAPING THE DISCUSSION ABOUT LEGAL EDUCATION

The National Jurist has announced that Dean Blake D. Morant ranks 13th among 24 legal educators and one legal education public policy advocate on its 2012 list of the most influential people in legal education.

The magazine, which made the announcement in the cover story of its most current issue, requested nominations from every law school in the nation, and received more than 85.

Its editorial team narrowed the list down to 50 and then asked 350 people in legal education, including every law school dean, to rate each nominee

based on how much they influenced them in the past 12 months.

The final list includes law school deans and professors, with one exception — Kyle McEntee, co-founder of Law School Transparency, a non-profit organization.

Other honorees include some of the more controversial figures in legal education, including Paul Campos and Brian Tamanaha.

“It was surprising to see both the agitators and the establishment on the list,” said Jack Crittenden, Editor in Chief of the National Jurist in an earlier

release. “The list is a who’s who of the people who have shaped the discussion over the past year, which has been a challenging and pivotal year. While some have shaped discussion through traditional means, others have stirred the pot more. But even though there has been much criticism about their means, it is clear that those who spoke up about legal education were heard.”



Blake Morant is one of the nation’s best known and respected legal educators and scholars. He has served in numerous leadership positions in the American Association of Law Schools and the American Bar Association, and he regularly speaks across the country and abroad on legal education, diversity, as well as topics relating to his scholarly interests.

JUSTICE CLARENCE THOMAS: AN INTERVIEW WITH THE DEAN

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas visited Wake Forest Law in March 2012. As part of his visit, he sat down with Dean Blake D. Morant to discuss the future of legal education. Following is an excerpt with some highlights of their conversation.

Dean Morant: I would love for you to comment on what you think the current state of legal education is, and what should be done to make sure the students we're producing are ready to be active professionals in this particular environment.

Justice Thomas: Well first of all, let me make a disclaimer, and that is I don't proclaim to have all the answers about legal education. I have always thought of legal education as an opportunity to educate young people on how to be lawyers, and to be a part of the functioning legal community. And yet somehow we started heading towards the theoretical about law. We were learning about law. There is nothing wrong with learning about law, but

you can't have a steady diet of that, and at the same time expect people to be prepared to actually be a part of the legal community, to practice law, to practice cases. So I think we started heading a little bit more toward what the humanities were doing, what perhaps some professors were interested in versus what students need as lawyers. And I think in these difficult times it is really worthwhile to re-examine what we are doing. I think law schools are in a critical position and are obligated to teach these kids how to be lawyers, to prepare them to go out and practice law.

Dean Morant: Well I am so happy that you said that because one of the things that attracted me to Wake Forest University was that it has never abandoned the idea of how to think like a lawyer, but they have merged it with this idea that you've got to know what you're doing when you leave. And one of the things we've done at the law school since I have been Dean is we have invigorated the curriculum with many more "experiential learning opportunities," which give the students an opportunity to understand how the law operates in the real world. This is in response, in part, to the Academy saying law schools need to do more to prepare people.

Justice Thomas: What are the students saying? Think: you're a student. You pay a lot of money to go to law school. And then someone says, kids from this

law school are not prepared to practice law so I am not hiring. You know to some extent, your consumers are actual practitioners of law. There might be some people who go to think tanks or interest groups, but by and large you're sending your kids out to law firms and to agencies and to U.S. Attorneys' offices and U.S. Prosecutors' offices, who really need you to be up and running. What role are they playing for you when you teach?

Dean Morant: Very large. And one of the things we do is that we have a dialogue with the practicing bar a lot to find out what are we doing right, and what could we be doing better. Now this is what we do at Wake Forest, and as a result of that we get a lot of feedback from hiring practitioners, even solo practitioners, about what they think law students need to make themselves marketable and really be successful when they graduate.

Justice Thomas: I think the focus on legal writing is critical. For as much as the media talks about oral advocacy, I don't think that is nearly as important as the written advocacy. When a judge is there formulating at night, and both parties have argued a motion, and he is there with his law clerks, what does he have? Your memorandum. Your written argument, and that's what he is going to be looking at.



JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG: AN INTERVIEW WITH THE DEAN

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has been a guest lecturer in the law school's Study Abroad Program in Venice in the summers of 2008 and 2012. Last summer, she sat down with Dean Blake D. Morant to discuss the future of legal education. Following is an excerpt with some highlights of their conversation.

Dean Morant: There are so many things going on in legal education today with the economy slowing down. I'm hearing from a number of partners and others that law students need to have an education that basically enables them to "hit the ground running." What are your thoughts about what students should keep in mind in this difficult period of time as they prepare for the legal profession?

Justice Ginsburg: I would hope that the practice end of it doesn't overwhelm courses like jurisprudence or international law. When you are a part of the workaday world, you're not going to think grandly about the law, so law school should have a balance, I think, between intensely practical courses and courses that convey to students that they are part of an honored profession and really of a global community of lawyers. That's one of the things that is so great about the program in Venice. They not only learn with, but live with, Italian students. So, I think they are expanding their horizons beyond the local community, beyond the United States... more and more we are going to be a global community.

Dean Morant: One of the things you mentioned was you wanted to make sure law schools don't lose their perspective in terms of getting students to think about law in a much more broad fashion. What we've done at

Wake Forest is we've tried to make sure students understand the discipline of law, but also some of the practical realities. Through our Applied Legal Theory-Law in Action Program, students have the opportunity to study a variety of different disciplines and theories of law while also having the chance to gain experiential learning through our practical courses, externships and clinics. What do you think of that?

Justice Ginsburg: Clinical education, in my view, is a very important component. I taught a clinic in the years I was at Columbia from 1972 to 1979. Some of my colleagues had doubts about the place for clinical education. I showed them the value of it by having my students who were with me working on whatever cases I was working on. They were paired with a professor's students, who, he was teaching a simulated course in constitution litigation. The case was about calling women for jury duty on the same basis as men. It was a case I was arguing about Louisiana's system. My students were ever so much better prepared. So if they are working on a real case, I think they can learn a lot through clinical legal education.

Dean Morant: That's wonderful to hear. Hearing that you have worked with students on an active case gives us great confidence that providing those



opportunities for our students, as long as they have that foundation of the jurisprudence of law and the various theories that go into it, seems to me to be a very good educational experience that we're trying to provide.

Justice Ginsburg: I agree.



CHRIS KNOTT STRIKES A BALANCE

The process of teaching law students how to research legal information has changed little over the past 500 years. But in a world that is flooded with information, it's more difficult for law students to use the information they find well.

Chris Knott, the assistant dean of information technology, has the task of teaching the Google generation that sometimes those dusty print sources, or their electronic equivalents, are a quicker way to find good answers.

"The law student today has grown up with Google all his or her life," Knott said, "and they don't really understand that there are better ways to come to answers. There are better sources out there, more reliable sources."

Knott's goal is to see that students leave Wake Forest Law, not only with the tools to conduct effective research, but with a good understanding of the technological issues that confront lawyers. That can mean thinking about social media as a means of advertising or considering the ethical implications of keeping client files in cloud computing systems instead of locked file cabinets.

A lot of law schools are grappling with the balance between traditional law libraries and technology. No one has gotten it right yet, Knott said. He is optimistic that the School of Law can.

"A law school runs on data. It's that simple. To the extent we can harness information and be intelligent about it and make it available to people, I think we can really set ourselves apart," he said. "We're small. We are of a manageable size and we have a commitment and forward-thinking leadership."

Knott comes from a family of librarians and printers, but it took a while for those genes to assert themselves. After graduating from the University of Michigan School of Law, he spent five years in Washington, D.C., as a commercial litigator. He became interested in the burgeoning field of electronic discovery, or ediscovery, and the move to electronic information within the legal field.

He left law and earned his master of library and information systems degree from Indiana University. He thought he would work as a rare books librarian and a printing historian. Instead, he

found himself being pulled back into law librarianship.

He worked as a reference librarian and curator of the rare books collection at Columbia University Law School. At Georgetown University Law Center, he managed operations at one of the world's largest law libraries. He went on to the University of Maine School of Law to gain some experience in information technology, and was eventually swept out of the library and into a position as an administrator.

He jumped at the chance to return to library work at Wake Forest Law, where faculty members are involved in large empirical studies. "There is an awful lot of sophistication about data and information," he said. "I think we really have an opportunity to have an ever-expanding role in helping faculty manage their information just like we do with students. It's really exciting and fun. I have the best job in the joint. There's no question."

The information commons planned for the newly transformed library shows how law libraries will evolve in a digital age. "Whatever use you want to put it to, we're there to help."



HAROLD LLOYD USES REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

Professor Harold Lloyd studied philosophy as an undergraduate. Students who take his classes may expect to discuss only lofty legal theory.

Not necessarily. Rather, students find themselves thrust into the real world of landlord-tenant disputes and employment contracts.

For his commercial leasing class, Lloyd invites a lawyer and a real estate expert from The Fresh Market to debate the terms of their “lease” with their fictitious landlord, Wake Forest Law Professor Tanya Marsh. Lloyd was general counsel for Fresh Market for 10 years.

“We go through a lot of the basic issues and they argue about who is right on use provisions and how you should calculate rent,” Lloyd said. “That’s always fun.”

Lloyd, who got into teaching when The Fresh Market went public about three years ago, enjoys mixing theory and practice in his classes.

“When I was in law school, I was disappointed with the pure emphasis

on theory and no emphasis, really, on practicality,” he said. “I don’t know how you can study lease law, for example, without looking at a lease and going through it. I thought there was a real disconnect there and I was interested in seeing what I could do to change that.”

The Davidson philosophy major and Duke University School of Law graduate is happy to be part of the swing toward incorporating real life into law courses, though Lloyd said that theory will always be a necessary part of law.

Being a lawyer in the real world means making mistakes, which Lloyd often turns into teaching moments.

“I like to tell students stories where people make mistakes,” he said. “I like to tell students they’re going to make mistakes, but if they own up to them quickly, there’s almost no mistake that you can’t fix.”

Lloyd has met with residents at the Wake Forest School of Medicine and talked to them about how important it is to get legal advice before they sign their first employment contract. He used real contracts with the personal

information taken out to show residents all of the ways that their relationship with their employer could go wrong.

“When we were about halfway through,” he said, “I stopped for a minute and I asked them, ‘Is there still anyone here who thinks they don’t need to go see a lawyer before they sign this?’ and everyone said, ‘No.’”

Lloyd finds that teaching legal writing ties in well with his interest in rhetoric and the philosophy of language. He likes to see English, philosophy and history majors enter law school because they have been taught to think and write well.

In his spare time, Lloyd enjoys writing, as well as translating, poetry. He has translated French poetry, a language he speaks. He has even tried his hand at Greek translations, though he hasn’t studied Greek. Three of his poems have been set to music. One of them was performed at Wake Forest last year.

“I enjoy language. To me it’s a mystery. I like to explore it and it’s also something that can be beautiful, that you can construct things with, like art.”



EMILY HAMMOND HOPES TO DEMYSTIFY LAW

Emily Hammond began law school with the goal of better understanding the many environmental regulations that had governed her work as a civil engineer. But while at University of Georgia School of Law, she was inspired by a small group of professors' dedication to teaching.

"I was so grateful for everything they did for me, but also I could see that they were doing that for all kinds of people. So, I thought teaching would be fulfilling and something that would give meaning to everyday work."

As a professor at Wake Forest Law who specializes in environmental, administrative, and water and energy law, Hammond hopes to inspire her students and play a role in demystifying law for a new generation who may or may not go on to actually practice law.

"The legal profession is built on this sort of protection of secret knowledge that isn't necessary, especially as integrated as society is today," she said. "So I love the idea of providing exposure to people who don't want to practice law, but can use a better understanding of the system."

Hammond grew up on a family farm in southwestern Virginia. Her family often came to Winston-Salem to visit Old Salem and other attractions, so in many ways, Wake Forest University feels like coming home. Her parents still own the farm where she was raised. She enjoys having her children experience farm life when they visit their grandparents.

She had another early tie to the School of Law when she was teaching administrative law at the University of Oklahoma College of Law. She emailed Wake Forest Law Professor Sidney Shapiro, the author of the textbook she was using, and they began a regular email correspondence. Shapiro is also co-founder and vice president for the Center for Progressive Reform, an organization that Hammond had followed and written some articles for through the years.

Hammond was attracted to teaching not only for the chance to inspire students, but for the opportunity to write, as well as contribute to the community through research or public service.

Law schools have long done a good job of teaching critical thinking and

encouraging students to see problems from many perspectives, Hammond said. But the most exciting frontier in legal education will be developing a range of courses and programs that reach beyond the traditional JD. Part of what attracted Hammond to the School of Law is its willingness to be nimble and creative in developing such programs.

Allowing students to tailor their studies in the classroom to their interests and to grow through externships and clinical experience should offer students an edge in a competitive job market, she said.

Such changes in legal education will be exciting for students, but for their professors as well.

"There is so much knowledge about how people learn and being able to incorporate that into what we do in the classroom is also an important thing to be thinking about," she said. "A good professor will work every year and with every course, no matter how often they teach them, to stay fresh and to maintain their sense of excitement about it."



REBECCA MORROW USES STORY TELLING

Professor Rebecca Morrow grew up with chalk in her veins. Her parents were high school teachers and she hoped to follow their lead.

Before joining the Wake Forest Law faculty as an assistant professor, Morrow honed her skills practicing law with Legal Aid, a large corporate law firm and a midsize boutique firm. Three years into her practice, she began pursuing an LL.M. in Taxation. Five years into her practice, she completed that LL.M. and began teaching tax as an adjunct professor. Adding LL.M. courses and then teaching to a busy law practice made for some long nights, but Morrow would not trade her experiences.

"I learned a tremendous amount in each position," Morrow said.

She spent the summer after her first year of law school interning with National Public Radio's Nina Totenberg, whose storytelling ability she admired. Every Monday that summer, Morrow would go to the U.S. Supreme Court with Totenberg when the decisions were handed down.

"We would always look for the justices

to say something unusual or heartfelt because it would make for a good story," she said.

Storytelling helped her explain the law, not only to her clients and judges, but also enables her to bring real-life examples to the tax and family law courses she teaches. "At Legal Aid, I learned what it means to be another person's advocate and how fulfilling it can be to help another person access the justice system."

While Morrow's Legal Aid cases were high-stakes, "I felt so much better once I committed myself to this view: 'I do not have to be as good an attorney as my supervisor because that is an impossible standard for a first-year attorney. I just have to recognize that if I was not here being this person's attorney, no one would be here.'"

At both a large and mid-sized firm, Morrow learned how rewarding it can be to develop a practice area. "As your practice develops, you can carve out an area of expertise, add particular value for clients, and compete with lawyers with many years more experience."

The most valuable lesson came from

Morrow's experience as an adjunct professor. "In my first week of teaching, I knew that I wanted to teach full time.

"I wouldn't trade my practical experience. I am extremely proud of the work that I did for my clients and my years of being a lawyer are so valuable to me when I'm teaching class, but I would not trade my current job for anything."

When Morrow attended an academic recruiting fair in Washington, D.C., she was immediately impressed by Wake Forest Law Dean Blake Morant. He was the speaker she liked best, she said. "He immediately impressed on me that Wake Forest valued me and my experience."

Since coming to Wake Forest Law, Morrow finds her students thoroughly engaged and engaging. "They want the class to be good and so they help the professor, they help each other, they do the work to make sure that class time is productive," she said. "They come to office hours, ask great questions, and take advantage of opportunities . . . I really like Wake Forest students."



ABIGAIL PERDUE COMBINES INTERESTS

As an undergraduate at Washington and Lee University, Abigail Perdue opted to major in English and biology, over the strong objections of her faculty adviser.

Perdue, now an associate professor of Legal Analysis, Writing and Research, who has published on topics ranging from genetic discrimination to reproductive surrogacy, can look back and smile. As the founding director of the Washington Summer Judicial Externship Program, she also has a Core Appointment with the Center of Bioethics, Law, and Policy.

"I always tell students if there is something you are interested in and passionate about," she said, "you can find a way to make it work."

As a child, Perdue wanted to become a veterinarian until she discovered that her passion for animals was better satisfied by getting a pet and doing charitable work for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

She also considered becoming a doctor, but she didn't like the way the balance in medicine has tipped from patients to paperwork.

An older sister, who was in law school at Washington and Lee, reminded Perdue that she found helping others to be most fulfilling, that she liked writing and researching, and that she wanted a job that meant something. That sounded like a promising start to a legal career. Perdue sat in on some of her sister's classes, talked to other law students and her professors, and eventually decided to go to law school.

During her first year at the University of Virginia School of Law, Perdue worried that she was going to lose her connection to biology. But by her second year in law school, she was taking a vast array of employment law courses as well as Bioethics, Health Law, Law and Medicine, and Genetic Law.

Her first job as an employment attorney at Proskauer Rose in New York City enabled her to handle Title VII cases as well as legal inquiries regarding the impact of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act where her law school background in science proved advantageous.

Having always had a strong interest in law teaching, Perdue ultimately left

the practice to teach at Washington and Lee, where she taught Diversity and Discrimination in Employment Law and Higher Education, Cases and Controversies in American Law, and co-taught a course on genetic law, ethics, and policy with a Philosophy Professor Gregory Cooper.

"The students were half pre-med and half pre-law, and they had different perspectives," she said. "The pre-med students would ask about patient care and patient autonomy, and the law students would ask about liability."

Perdue's legal education would not have been complete, however, without her experiences as a federal law clerk.

In 2010, she left Washington and Lee to clerk for Judge Mary Ellen Coster Williams on the United States Court of Federal Claims, which handles government contract cases and vaccine law, among others.

In 2011, Perdue clerked for Judge Jimmie V. Reyna of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, which handles much of the nation's most important intellectual property litigation.



MARK RABIL TRAINS NEXT GENERATION

Mark Rabil spent 20 years working for the release and exoneration of Darryl Hunt, a young black man who was convicted of the rape and murder of a white female newspaper editor in Winston-Salem. For Rabil, who was an assistant capital defender from 2003 to 2012, the case has shaped his career.

Now as a full-time professor of law and director of Wake Forest Law's Innocence and Justice Clinic, Rabil is helping to train the next generation of criminal lawyers. He is just as likely to talk to students about the virtues of Buddhist meditation and silent retreats as he is criminal procedure.

"Students are stressed out. They need therapy to get through law school," he said. "I see it not only as a way to reduce the stress in life that comes from being a litigator. Meditation makes one a better lawyer."

In a seminar on work-life balance that Rabil presented at a meeting of the North Carolina Bar Association last year, he talked about how meditation helps lawyers and law students slow down and see the facts of a case more clearly. Tunnel vision can affect people

who work to overturn wrongful convictions, just as it affects police officers and prosecutors.

"My students and I bring our own biases and prejudices to cases," he said. "What steps can we take to mindfully evaluate the cases we accept?"

He and his students spend time thinking about which cases to accept and they decide as a team what to take on.

Rabil also incorporates investigative journalism techniques to help him gain perspective on cases. He advises his students to prepare a timeline to construct what happened after a crime has been committed. The timeline often helps students see something they've missed or discover a compelling narrative for the jury.

"Sure, if there's someone innocent out there and we can help them get out, we want to do that," he said. "We don't want to be so focused on the goal of freeing them that we miss the evidence that can free them along the way."

This summer, Rabil will join other law professors at a conference in

Berkeley, Calif., to talk about teaching mindfulness and meditation in law school.

"If you did some meditation on a daily basis, it might improve your ability to see things you normally wouldn't see," he said. "If you have 50 case files to review, spending time away from them helps you to see things you wouldn't normally see."

Rabil, who has been teaching trial practice as an adjunct professor for the past eight years, will teach criminal procedure in the fall. He enjoys helping to train the next generation of prosecutors.

Recently he found himself rising at 5:30 a.m. after a weekend at the beach because he was so excited to get ready for his first summer-session class. He describes his style of teaching as a blend of traditional lecture and Socratic methods.

"I always hoped I would end up teaching. In the beginning, I didn't think I had the right to teach anything if I didn't have the experience to back it up," he said. "Now, I have more stories than I'll ever need."



CHRIS MEAZELL CHARTS NEW COURSE

As a professional musician turned entertainment lawyer, Chris Meazell already knew a thing or two about career reinvention.

When he and his family decided to move back to the South about a year ago, Meazell thought about relocating his law practice. Instead he chose to chart a new course for himself by becoming Wake Forest Law's first Director of the Master of Studies in Law.

"I liked the start-up aspect of it," he said. "It's a big challenge to create an entirely new department and degree in a law school. There are a lot of moving parts. It's not only that it's never been done before at Wake Forest, it's really never been done like this before anywhere."

For many years Meazell, an English major, played guitar professionally with several bands.

He left a career in music to earn his JD from the University of Georgia School of Law. He spent 12 years in practice at Dow Lohnes PLLC, a national media and communications law firm, where he became partner and still practices.

During his years in practice, he found that he spent a lot of time educating clients on the basic workings of law. Those experiences led him to think about the benefits of offering a master's degree in law.

"You essentially could create a more sophisticated client and consumer of legal services by having people who understand the law and how it works at a master's level," he said.

When he found out that Wake Forest University was going to start such a program, Meazell jumped at the chance to be part of what he sees as an emerging trend in legal education – one that exists right now at only a handful of schools across the country.

"Because Wake Forest is a small, sophisticated enterprise, this is something we can implement," he said.

"The faculty is supportive and everyone is coming together to create an opportunity that may not exist anywhere else."

The core curriculum is specially designed for the MSL students, and is taught by the law school faculty.

Students also take JD courses in their areas of interest.

Meazell also works with both MSL and JD students in the classroom. He is teaching both dispute resolution and a law firm economics class that he developed through his experience managing a Dow Lohnes regional office. The class explains how law firms work, how they make money and how firms develop and retain clients.

"For years young lawyers were not informed or expected to understand the business side of practice," he said.

"Once you get to be a mid-level or senior associate, you are often confronted with some pretty harsh realities as to what is required to sustain a productive firm and how it all works."

Understanding those dynamics from the beginning should help students become stronger professionals and make better informed decisions about their career paths, according to Meazell.



FIONA MCCORMICK HELPS FOREIGN STUDENTS

Fiona McCormick grew up in Wales and has lived in Germany and Korea as well as five different states.

Now as the new director of the International Graduate Programs, she helps international graduate students and legal professionals navigate, what for them, is the foreign territory of Wake Forest Law.

“I enjoy meeting people from different cultures and countries,” she said. “I like working with them and assisting them in navigating what can seem a very complex application process. From explaining our programs, to helping them figure out how to apply and then communicating with them throughout the admission process until their arrival on campus.”

Once the students arrive, McCormick’s job is to help them make an easy transition to campus life. The International Graduate Office provides assistance to LL.M. students and Visiting International Researchers who visit the law school for one semester.

Having lived abroad for numerous years, McCormick empathizes with

international students, who are trying to acclimate to the American culture at the same time that they are studying law or conducting serious research.

“Just trying to adjust to a new country, learning a new culture can often be daunting, so I can only imagine how hard it is coming to the U.S. as an international student, trying to study a completely new legal system in English,” she said.

McCormick received her bachelor’s degree in Public Administration from the University of Glamorgan, Wales. She worked as a management analyst in the resource management division of the U.S. Army in Germany where she met her husband. They moved to the United States after two years of marriage and the peripatetic couple has lived in many different states including Virginia, Pennsylvania, Georgia, North Carolina, Florida and Kansas. They’ve lived in 16 different houses in all.

While in Pennsylvania, McCormick started her career as a staff assistant in the international office at Pennsylvania State University, Dickinson School of Law. After a few months, she was promoted to reading files and

processing applications for the Masters of Law program. She continued to move through the ranks until she became Assistant Director of Admissions.

McCormick left that job in January to come to Wake Forest Law, but has not given up her travels. She recently returned from trips to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands, where she enjoyed seeing the many different birds and animal species that captivated Darwin, and to Japan and South Korea where she visited LL.M. alumni and prospective students.

Through the LL.M. students, Wake Forest Law J.D. students are able to gain an understanding of the law in other countries.

“Having international students in the classroom allows our JD students to hear a more diverse perspective on today’s legal issues,” McCormick added.

Associate Provost for Academic Initiatives and Professor Jennifer Collins was cited in the Louisiana Supreme Court's verdict in the case of *the State of Louisiana vs. Satonia Small*. Collins's article "Crime and Parenthood: the Uneasy Case for Prosecuting Negligent Parents," originally published in the *Northwestern University Law Review* in 2006, was referenced by the court specifically for its examination of 92 reported judicial decisions involving fatal parental negligence in which 34 resulted in the prosecution of the parent or guardian for failing to provide adequate supervision. Of the cases included in the article, in fact, 11 involved the death of neglected young children who were alone when a fire broke out in their residence.

Professor Michael D. Green, 2012 winner of the John G. Fleming Memorial Prize for Torts Scholarship, delivered the Second Fleming Lecture at Berkeley Law with co-winner William Powers, Jr. of the University of Texas on Nov. 5. Upon acceptance of the prize, both men presented a lecture entitled "Restating Torts," largely centered around their outstanding co-report on two core portions of the

new Restatement (Third) of Torts, "Restatement Third, Torts: Liability for Physical and Emotional Harm," for which, among other accomplishments, they were being honored.

The 'Rewriting Homosexuality' symposium, sponsored by Wake Forest Law as well as the Provost's Office, the Humanities Institute, Women and Gender Studies, Office of Multicultural Affairs, the LGBTQ Center, and ZSR Library was held on April 19, in the ZSR Auditorium.

On Being a Black Lawyer named Dean Blake D. Morant and Kenneth Imo ('00) to its second annual Power 100 list. The list is a comprehensive catalog of the nation's most influential black attorneys working in government, academics, and both the public and private sectors.

Wake Forest Law presented a symposium, "Black Greek-Letter Organization Hazing: A Law 'and' Approach," on April 20 at George Washington University.

Wake Forest Law Professors Abby Perdue and Mark Hall and law

students Lauren Huddleston ('14), Stephen Frost ('15), Ryan Hanson ('15), and Evan Leadem ('15) participated in the Second Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity (MACHE) Bowl held at Wake Forest Biotech Place in Winston-Salem on March 2. Huddleston was a member of the winning team.

Ruth Tisdale ('14) has been elected as the chair of the Southern Region of the National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA) for the 2013-2014 school year. She will be overseeing the operations of the organization in nine states and 44 schools.

Wake Forest Law Review hosted the symposium, "Privatizing the Public Good: Emerging Trends in K-16 Education," on Oct. 26. The symposium assembled a range of perspectives and topics in order to explore privatization trends in education policy at both the K-12 and higher education levels.

The retired president of the United Kingdom's Supreme Court, Lord Phillips, will visit and guest lecture in the law school's Venice and Vienna Study Abroad Programs in summer 2013.

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GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROJECT WINS N.C. BAR'S LAW STUDENT PRO BONO AWARD



Wake Forest Law's Guardian ad Litem Project has been selected for the Law Student Group Pro Bono Award by the North Carolina Bar Association.

Three attorneys, two law firms and one law student group were selected as recipients of the North Carolina Bar Association's 2013 Pro Bono Awards. The recipients were chosen by members of the NCBA Pro Bono Activities Committee.

The Law Student Group Pro Bono Award is presented to an outstanding law student group whose pro bono project benefits low-income people in North Carolina.

The law school's Guardian ad Litem (GAL) student

program pairs law student members with children who have been removed from their parent's custody and been placed in the hands of the state's Department of Social Services (DSS).

In 1991, the GAL program of Judicial District 21, Forsyth County, recruited and trained 25 Wake Forest Law students as volunteers. Since that time, more than 400 Wake Forest Law students have been trained. Each fall the student executive board recruits students and coordinates training.

Over the past three years, more than 120 students have been trained as child advocates. In the past two years, student GALs have been advocates in 90 cases, according to Outreach Director Beth Hopkins.

Hopkins added that this award is further evidence of the compassion and commitment of the students at the law school.

"They continue to amaze me with their level of creativity, zeal, and dedication to becoming citizen lawyers," Hopkins said. "These students are establishing a legacy for those students who will follow in their footsteps."

The United States has moved from denying the problems of climate change to asking "Why does it matter?" former Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt told law students at a question-and-answer session on environmental and energy policies when he visited the law school in February.

The Elder Law Clinic went on temporary hiatus beginning in December and will move from its current location at the Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center Sticht Center to Wake Forest University's Reynolda Campus beginning Fall 2013, according to Clinical Professor and Managing Attorney Kate Mewhinney.

Wake Forest Law students returned to the Pembroke office of Legal Aid of North Carolina (LANC) in the fall and spring semesters to serve area clients at four free Wills Clinic.

The Journal of Business and Intellectual Property Law this spring presented the symposium, "The Role of Corporate Counsels in the New Reality," which explored the various aspects that the corporate counsel position entails and how it operates in the worlds of business and law.

The fourth Annual Public Interest Retreat was held on Feb. 22. This year, the retreat focused on non-profit and public interest attorneys with a connection to North Carolina.

The Wake Forest Journal of Law and Policy hosted a symposium, "Finality in Sentencing," on April 5 in the Worrell Professional Center.

Wake Forest Law students joined volunteer attorneys and community volunteers at the Winston-Salem Pro Bono Deferred Action for

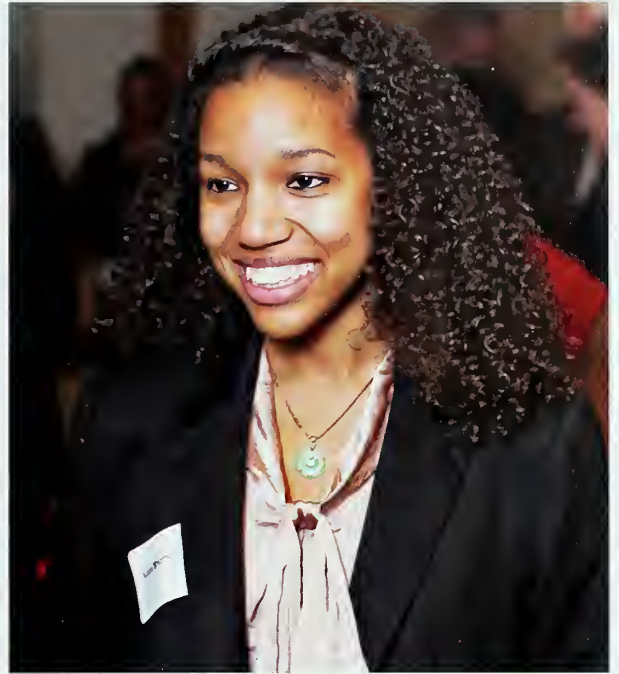
Childhood Arrivals (DACA) event in November at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Overseeing the event was Professor Margaret Taylor, well known for her teaching and research on immigration law and policy. The DACA Pro Bono event brought together 11 volunteer law students and several alumni to assist 15 DACA applicants.

Michael Jensen of Harvard Business School gave the keynote address at the Wake Forest Law Review symposium on March 22. Jensen's presentation was part of the Business Law Symposium, "Agency Theory: Still Viable?" In 1976, Jensen expounded the agency costs theory of the modern corporation. He is considered the most famous and most cited living economist. "Agency theory" is at the heart of modern business," Professor Alan Palmiter said.

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The Wake Forest University Black Law Students Association (BLSA) hosted its 28th Annual Scholarship Banquet on Feb. 15 giving students, faculty and alumni a chance to celebrate African Americans' many contributions to the law school. The banquet, themed "Honoring Our Past as We March into the Future," drew a crowd of more than 100 to the Benson University Center. The event looked to the past by paying homage to the BLSA's 40-year history on campus and the future by awarding scholarships to three current law school students. BLSA President Aretina Samuel-Priestley ('13) said the law school embraces diversity and as a result has seen a steady uptick in minority enrollment in the past two years. "They really undergird the minority students here. It's really a community within a community. It's a family feeling." Professor Simone Rose was presented with the BLSA's first-ever Legacy Award in honor of her service to the organization as a faculty advisor. The banquet raised more than \$8,500.







JONATHAN CARDI

Jonathan Cardi**PRESENTATIONS**

- Gender and Racial Bias in Remedies Law, AALS Annual Conference (January 2013)

PUBLICATIONS

- Does Tort Law Deter Individuals?: A Behavioral Science Study, 9 J. Emp. Leg. Stud. 567 (with Albert Yoon & Randy Penfield, 2012)
- Net Negligence: A Framework for Understanding Claims for Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress in the Modern Era, in *The Right to Privacy in the Light of Media Convergence: Perspectives From Three Continents* 298-321 (Dieter Dorr & Russell L. Weaver eds.) (DeGruyter 2012).
- Predicting Racial Bias in Tort Jury Decisionmaking (with Valerie Hans and Gregory Parks). This is a survey-based empirical study in which we will correlate IAT results with subjects' responses to race-related tort vignettes (forthcoming)
- Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress: Order from Chaos. This article examines the contours of negligent infliction of emotional distress claims (forthcoming)
- Duty and Immunity in the Modern State, for the European Group on Tort Law Initiative (forthcoming)
- International & Comparative Tort Law (book project with David

Partlett, Jane Stapleton & Ken Oliphant) (forthcoming)

- Torts, Blackletter Law Series (with Russ Weaver) (forthcoming)

Tracey Banks Coan**AWARDS**

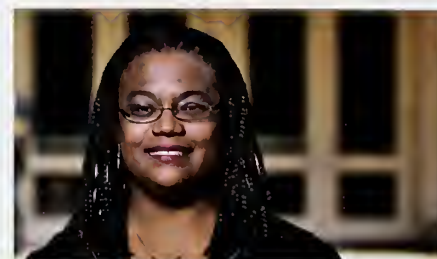
- Joseph Branch Award for Excellence in Law Teaching, Wake Forest University Founders' Day, February 2013.

Christine Coughlin**PRESENTATIONS**

- Medical Malpractice Reform in an Era of Health Care Reform, Wake Forest University School of Medicine (December 2012).
- Contract Negotiation, Wake Forest University School of Medicine (March 2013)

PUBLICATIONS

- A Lawyer Writes: A Practical Guide to Legal Analysis, 2nd edition (forthcoming Carolina Academic Press, 2013) (with Sandy Patrick and Joan Malmud).
- Legal Methods for Medical Professionals Year 2: Shifting Negative Attitudes, 9 Ind. Health L. Rev. 535 (2012)
- Andrew J. McClurg, 1L of a Ride, 2nd edition (Thompson-West 2013)(updated co-authored chapter on Legal Research and Writing)
- Getting Legal Experience, NY Times Letter to the Editor, March 15, 2013, A 19.



TRACEY BANKS COAN

Timothy Davis**PUBLICATIONS**

- Sports Law: Governance and Regulation (Aspen College Series) (with Matthew Mitten, Kenneth Shropshire, Barbara Osborne & Rodney K. Smith) (Wolters Kluwer 2013)
- "The Coach and Athlete Recruitment: Ethical and Legal Dimensions" in *The Ethics of Coaching Sports: Moral, Social and Legal Issues* (Robert L. Simon ed. 2013).

Shannon Gilreath**PRESENTATIONS**

- "The Legal Construction of Gender," University of North Carolina School of Law Conference on Race, Class, Gender, and Ethnicity
- Panel sponsored by the University of Cambridge Press, with five other professors of law, sociology, and political science, that discussed the challenges to the Defense of Marriage Act and California's Proposition 8 heard by the U.S. Supreme Court this term.

Laura Graham**PRESENTATIONS**

- "Pre-Writing It Is and Why It Matters," Legal Writing Institute One-Day Conference, George Washington University Law School, November 2012



CHRISTINE COUGHLIN



TIMOTHY DAVIS



LAURA GRAHAM

TRACEY BANKS COAN RECEIVES JOSEPH BRANCH EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Law Professor Tracey Banks Coan received the Joseph Branch Excellence in Teaching Award during the Wake Forest Founders' Day Convocation on Feb. 21.

The award was presented during the annual event in Wait Chapel that celebrates the University's founding in 1834 and the accomplishments of faculty and alumni in teaching, research and service.

Professor Coan was recognized for her work in developing and directing the law school's Academic Success Program (ASP). Students state that the lessons they learned in Professor Coan's Secured Transactions course challenged them and gave them the confidence they needed to succeed.

Professor Coan is an experienced legal research and writing professor. When she joined the Wake Forest law faculty in 2001, she taught in the Legal Analysis Writing & Research (LAWR) program. During the 2004-05 academic year, she began dividing her time between teaching in the LAWR program and working to develop and formalize the Academic Success Program.

"During that time, we expanded ASP to include a targeted weekly skills-building program for 1Ls, peer-led study groups for most bar-tested



courses, a "bar preview" program for 3Ls, periodic 1L workshops, and 1L practice exams," she explained.

In 2005, she received the Graham Award for Legal Research and Writing Excellence in Teaching.

In fall 2010, Professor Coan became the full-time director of the Academic Success Program and began teaching Secured Transactions.

"In keeping with my commitment to improving academic performance, I've designed my Secured Transactions course to enhance analytical precision and develop students' ability to evaluate and improve their own learning process," she explained.

Before joining Wake Forest, she was

Associate Counsel for Jefferson Pilot Financial (now Lincoln Financial Group), a national financial services organization, and an associate with Brooks, Pierce, McLendon, Humphrey & Leonard, LLP a leading business law firm in Greensboro, N.C.

The Joseph Branch Excellence in Teaching Award was established in 1985 to honor Wake Forest alumnus Joseph Branch (JD '38, LLD '83) upon his retirement from the North Carolina Supreme Court. Branch embodied the humanistic, student-centered approach to legal education that is the law school's heritage. Recipients are chosen from the School of Law faculty on the basis of outstanding teaching and service to the legal profession.

- "Lessons From Aristotle: Legal Writing for Practitioners," Continuing Legal Education Programs, N.C. Bar Association, Cary, N.C., November 2012.

PUBLICATIONS

- The Pre-Writing Handbook for Law Students: A Step-by-Step Guide (co-authored with Mitiam E. Felsenburg), forthcoming from Carolina Academic Press, Spring 2013.

- Writing that Works (bi-monthly column), North Carolina Lawyer (published by the North Carolina Bar Association)
- Three Writing Rules that Are More Like Guidelines, January 2013
- Don't Eschew the Comma! October 2012

Michael Green

PRESENTATIONS

- Presented the 2012 John G. Fleming

Lecture (with W.C. Powers) at the University of California at Berkeley School of Law.

- Presented a paper on "Admissibility Versus Sufficiency" at a the University of California at Irvine School of Law and at the S.J. Quinney College of Law at the University of Utah.

PUBLICATIONS

- Employers' Liability and Workers' Compensation in the United States

A 'CONVERSATION WITH' PROFESSOR WENDY PARKER

Wake Forest Law Professor Wendy Parker's first-year law students who attended her recent "Conversation With" may have been surprised to find out that their professor got "kicked out" of honors courses while attending high school in her home state of Texas. But it no doubt came as no surprise that she went to law school because she thought it would help her make the world a better place.

That was just one of the little known facts about Parker that she shared with a crowd including her husband, students, and colleagues as part of the "Conversation With" series on March 6.

Born and raised in Dallas, Professor Parker talked about her love for the Lone Star state and her childhood years growing up there. "Texas was a place of opportunity. For me Texas has a big sky and Texas allowed you to have a big personality... and be who you wanted to be. I loved growing up in Texas."

Parker reminisced about attending the only high school in Denton, a suburb of Dallas, and not being the "best student" in the high school. Smiling at the memory, Parker joked about being

"kicked out" of the honors courses. However, her academic standing in high school certainly did not limit her future.

She attended the University of Texas where she earned a bachelor's of arts in history with high honors. Upon graduation, she attended University of Texas Law School.

"It never crossed my mind to go anywhere but the University of Texas," she said.

Parker, while having some doubts once enrolled in law school, admitted that it "was really a special experience." She talked about some challenges she faced in law school, but ultimately admitted, "I love the law and I loved the law from first blush.

"I wanted to go save the world. I knew I wanted to do civil rights. I went to law school with the idea that I could help make Texas or our country a better place, and I thought the law would be an effective way to do that."

In high school, she said she noticed the segregation between races, and found

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it odd. "I thought of the law as a way to effectuate change, and so that's why I went to law school."

Before practicing law, Parker served as a judicial law clerk for Judge Jerre S. Williams of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Parker spoke very highly about her clerkship and the skills she learned, such as writing, and she highly recommended clerking to all law students.

Before teaching, she litigated school desegregation cases as a Skadden Arps Fellow, a staff attorney for the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and as a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice. Her persistent nature landed her both jobs and the fellowship.

"It matters what your first job is, so don't sell yourself short, it's not just going to magically happen to you so be very intentional about it and where you want to start your legal career," she told students. "I do hope you all get your dream job."

Parker is a nationally recognized scholar in the area of civil rights remedies. Her research has been published by the Northwestern University Law Review, Texas Law Review, Notre Dame Law Review, North Carolina Law Review, and



Washington University Law Review, among others. She has been quoted by the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and The Associated Press.

She met her husband, Max, while working in Washington, D.C., and shortly after they got married in Texas. She has two children, Austin and Zoe. She told a story about bringing dirt from both her and Max's birth states to both of their children's births so they could be born over Texas and Virginia soil, respectively.

Parker joined the Wake Forest faculty in 2003 from the University Of Cincinnati College Of Law, where she twice won the Goldman Prize for Excellence in Teaching.

"When I started at Wake Forest I felt like everyone had my back," she said. "Everyone wanted me to succeed and it felt like a really special place to be."

Parker said she uses the feelings she had as a law student to give her inspiration as a professor.

Referring to a group of her first-year law students who wore matching "Wendy Parker Fan Club" shirts to the "Conversation With," she added, "I do hope to give all of my students the opportunity not only to wear a smart shirt, but to be their smart selves because I know it is in all of you just waiting to come out."



MICHAEL GREEN



MARK HALL

Professor George Walker, the Dean's Research Professor of Admiralty and International Law, has received the North Carolina Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section's Peace Award.

- (with Dan Murdock), in *Employers' Liability* (Ken Oliphant ed. 2012)
- II Restatement (Third) of Torts: Liability for Physical and Emotional Harm (2012) (with Bill Powers).
- Pessimism about Milward, 2 Wake Forest J. L. & Pol'y __ (2013)
- Restating Tort Law: The American and European Styles, 3 J. Eur. Tort L. 281(2012) (with Olivier Moréteau).

Mark Hall

ACTIVITIES

- Advised the N.C. Department of Insurance and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services about implementation of health insurance reforms
- Made numerous presentations to state, local and national groups regarding implementation of health care reform, including to the N.C. Bar Association, Elder Law Section, the American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, the U.S. Government Accountability Office, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the California Senate, the University of Pittsburgh Law School, UNC-Chapel Hill Ethics Center, Brooklyn Law School, and the UNC-Charlotte Ethics Center.

PUBLICATIONS

- Health Care Law vs. Constitutional Law, J. Health Pol. Pol'y & L. (2012).

- A Healthcare Case for the Ages, J. Health & Life Sci. L. 1 (October 2012).
- The Affordable Care Act Survives, for Now, 42(5) Hastings Center Rep. 12 (September 2012).

Emily Hammond

PRESENTATIONS

- Administrative Proxies for Judicial Review: Building Legitimacy from the Inside-Out, University of Texas Faculty Colloquium, Austin, Texas, Feb. 15, 2013
- Electricity Reliability: Governance Challenges, Power Plant Conference, University of Texas School of Law Energy Center, Austin, Texas, Feb. 15, 2013
- Climate Change and Risk Perception, Florida State University College of Law, Environmental Law Society, Tallahassee, Fla., Oct. 18, 2012
- Specialized Agencies and Courts, Southeastern Association of Law Schools 2012 Annual Conference, Amelia Island, Fla., July 31, 2012

PUBLICATIONS

- Contributor, ABA Annual Administrative Law Updates: Energy Law Developments (forthcoming 2013)

SCHOLARSHIP

- Chevron Step One; and Chevron Step Two, in A Guide to Judicial and Political Review of Administrative

KATE IRWIN-SMILER APPOINTED TO FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY COUNCIL

Wake Forest Law Reference Librarian Kate Irwin-Smiler has been appointed to the federal Depository Library Council for a three-year term, the Government Printing Office announced.

The Depository Library Council is a 15-member board advising the Public Printer of the United States and the Superintendent of Documents on matters related to the Federal Depository Library Program. Irwin-Smiler joins colleagues from Chicago Public Library, the State Library of Indiana, University of California at Santa Cruz and the University of Georgia in the new class of Council members.

In her role at the Wake Forest University Professional Center Library, Irwin-Smiler coordinates the library's government documents collection and services related to government information. In addition to these



responsibilities, she teaches in the Legal Analysis and Writing Program for JD, LLM and Master of Studies in Law (MSL) students.

Before joining Wake Forest University in 2008, Irwin-Smiler worked at Western New England College (now University) and the New York State Defenders Association. She holds degrees from Western New England

College (Massachusetts); the State University of New York, University at Albany; and the University of Dayton (Ohio).

Wake Forest University Professional Center Library has been a member of the Federal Depository Library Program since 1990, providing public access to authentic government information.

Agencies (ABA, 2d ed., Richard Murphy and Kathryn A. Watts, eds., forthcoming) (with Elizabeth Garrett and Elizabeth Magill, respectively)

- Administrative Proxies for Judicial Review: Building Legitimacy from the Inside-Out, 37 Harv. Envtl. L. Rev. – (forthcoming 2013) (with David L. Markell)

Beth Hopkins

ACTIVITIES

- Appointed to N.C. Pro Bono Services Committee
- Co-chaired and established YMCA's children's fund for economically deprived children
- Presented call items to the United States Tennis Association (USTA) at its annual meeting
- Appointed vice chairman, USTA's Constitution and Rules Committee

- Chaired Southern Tennis Constitution and Rules Committee and directed overhaul of Southern's bylaws.

AWARDS

- N.C. Lawyers Weekly Women of Justice Legal Scholar Award
- Southern Tennis Award for Volunteer of the Year

MEDIA

- Quoted in Winston-Salem Journal regarding new law school mediation project in collaboration with City of Winston-Salem
- Featured in Winston-Salem Journal and N.C. Lawyers Weekly for Women of Justice Award
- Featured in Old Gold and Black in Deacon Professor Profile article

PRESENTATIONS

- African-American Civil Rights Pioneers and The Road to and After Brown

PUBLICATIONS

- Chapter 3: The Making of an African-American Family

John Knox

ACTIVITIES

- Held consultations with governments, academics, and civil society groups in Washington, Geneva, and Nairobi in connection with my mandate as U.N. Independent Expert on Human Rights and the Environment.
- Submitted my first report to the U.N. Human Rights Council pursuant to the mandate.

PRESENTATIONS

- "The Relationship of Human Rights and the Environment," U.N. Human Rights Council, Geneva, Switzerland, March 6, 2013.
- "The Role of Human Rights in the Follow-up to Rio+20," U.N.



BETH HOPKINS

Environmental Programme Governing Council Global Ministerial Forum, Nairobi, Kenya, Feb. 18, 2013.

- "The Evolution of Environmental Rights," Martin Fellowship Lecture, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C., December 13, 2012.
- "Human Rights Obligations Pertaining to Climate Change," Expert Group on Climate Obligations, The Hague, Netherlands, Dec. 7, 2012.

Kate Mewhinney

PRESENTATIONS

- "Ethical Issues in Representing Fiduciaries," Council of Advanced Practitioners, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. Chicago, Aug. 15-16, 2013 (upcoming).
- "Long Term Care Insurance." 2012 Basics of Elder Law. N.C. Bar Association Elder Law Section. Cary, N.C.; Oct. 26, 2012.

SERVICE

- ABA Site Evaluation Team member for accreditation visit to Whittier Law School, Costa Mesa, Calif., March 2013.
- Volunteer attorney, N.C. Bar Association 4All Campaign; March 1, 2013.
- Organizer and moderator: "Urban Myths — Legal Legends about End-of-Life Care You Thought were True." Part of WFU Baptist Medical Center "Exploring Ethics" series. April 18, 2013 (WFUBMC).
- Adam Foundation — Board member of local non-profit that provides grants for LGBT issues; active on committee focusing on concerns of older LGBT people.

Dean Blake D. Morant

HONORS

- Ranked 13th among the 25 most



KATE MEWHINNEY

influential people in legal education by The National Jurist, January 2013

- Named to the "On Being a Black Lawyer" second annual power 100 list, a comprehensive catalog of the nation's most influential black attorneys working in government, academics, and both the public and private sectors, December 2012.

PRESENTATIONS

- Speaker, Wake Forest Law School's Response to the Revolution in Legal Education, Winston-Salem Bar Association Luncheon - October 2012.
- WFU Lighting of the Quad Keynote Speaker, Dec. 4, 2012.
- Speaker, William and Mary Law School panel assessing the nature of contemporary legal education, Feb. 11, 2013.
- Guest lecturer, Wake Forest College of Arts and Sciences' News Literacy class, Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2013, Freedom of the Press and the First Amendment.
- "The Omnipresent Value of a Juris Doctor Degree," Florida A&M College of Law, March 2013
- "Thomas More's Dilemma of Conscience: The Conflict between Personal Beliefs and Professional Expectations, Ethics CLE presentation, WFU Charlotte Center, April 23, 2013.

PUBLICATION

- Lawyers as Conservators and Guardians: Justice, the Rule of Law, and the Relevance of Sir Thomas More, 2012 Michigan State L. Rev. 647 Symposium—Lawyers as Conservators of the Rule of Law



JOEL NEWMAN

Mark Rabil was sworn into the U.S. Supreme Court Bar in March 2013.

Joel Newman

PRESENTATIONS

- Avoidance and Morality: Must Expenditures be Moral to be Deductible? Victoria-Cornell Colloquium: Jurisprudential Perspectives of Taxation Law Ithaca, N.Y. September 24-24, 2012

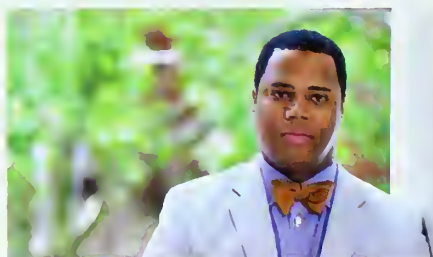
PUBLICATIONS

- Book Review: The Benefit and the Burden, by Bruce Bartlett
- Tax Notes, June 11, 2012

Gregory Parks

PRESENTATIONS

- Address at Duke University: Black Greek-letter Organizations and Organizational Complexity: Challenges and Solutions (Feb. 18, 2013).
- Belief, Truth, and Pro-social Organizational Deviance, presentation at William & Mary Law School (Feb. 8, 2013).
- Address at City Year Conference: Black Greek-letter Organizations: A History in Context (Jan. 8, 2013). Implicit Race Bias and Juror Damage Awards, presentation at American Association of Law Schools (Jan. 4, 2013).
- Black Greek-letter Organizations and Organizational Complexity: Challenges and Solutions, presentation at the Association of Fraternity Advisors Annual Meeting with Shawna M. Patterson, (Nov. 29, 2012).
- Belford V. Lawson: The Life of a Civil Rights Litigator, presentation at University of Richmond School of Law Emroch Faculty Colloquy Series (Oct. 19, 2012).



GREGORY PARKS



RALPH PEEPLES

PUBLICATIONS

- The White Man's Burden: The Quasi Fiction of Reverse Discrimination, Howard L. J. (invited Fisher v. Texas symposium issue).
- Poetry as Evidence U. Cal. Irvine L. Rev. with Rashawn Ray (2013).
- The Life of a Civil Rights Litigator, MD. L.J. Race, Religion, Gender & Class with Belford V. Lawson (2013).
- Belief, Truth, and Pro-social Organizational Deviance, Howard L.J. with Shayne E. Jones, & Matthew W. Hughey (2013).
- Social Networking and Leadership Accountability in (Quasi) Secret Organizations, 2 Wake Forest L. Rev. Common Law 39 (2012).
- Organizational Complexity and Civic Activism, Harv. Educ. Rev. with Rashawn Ray, & Shawna M. Patterson (invited submission).
- The Great Divide: The Chasm between Black Fraternal Ideals and Reality Spectrum: J. On Black Men with Rodney T. Cohen (2013).
- Student Affairs Professionals, Black "Greek" Hazing, and University Civil Liability College Student Affairs J. with Dorsey Spencer (2013).
- Along with the Darryl Hunt Project, the Wake Forest University School of Law Pro Bono Program, and Legal Aid, the Innocence & Justice Clinic organized a new expunctions clinic to help qualified people with attempts to clear their records of nonviolent felonies and misdemeanors, January 2013.
- Addressed alumni groups in Atlanta and D.C. about the work of the Innocence & Justice Clinic, February 2013.
- Sworn into bar of U.S. Supreme Court with WF alumni group, March 2013.
- Hosted reception with Innocence Project Co-Director Barry Scheck at the Wake Forest Charlotte Center, April 2013.
- Served on the planning committee for the International Innocence Conference to be held in Charlotte, N.C. April 2013.

OTHER

- Participated in week long, silent meditation retreat at Southern Dharma Retreat Center near Hot Springs, N.C., August 2012.
- Spent "spring break" in northeastern El Salvador conducting mitigation investigation for upcoming capital trial, March 2013.

PRESENTATIONS

- Spoke with District Attorney Jim O'Neill at a session of Leadership Winston-Salem, December 2012.
- Conducted Q&A with Darryl Hunt at N.C. Governor's School East (Meredith College) and West (Salem College) following screening of "The Trials of Darryl Hunt", July 2012.
- Organized two-day symposium on Innocence & the Death Penalty, featuring Rev. Carroll Pickett, former Texas death house chaplain

and subject of film, "At the Death House Door", September 2012.

- Participated in panel discussion at UNC-G documentary film festival following screening of "The Trials of Darryl Hunt," February 2013.
- Moderated and participated in panel discussion with exonerees Darryl Hunt, Greg Taylor and Lamont Armstrong at UNC School of Law Innocence Symposium, March 2013.
- Participated in panel discussion at WSSU discussing new HBO film "Gideon's Army" along with Prof. Rhoda Billings, Darryl Hunt and the film's director, Dawn Porter, April 2013.
- A Conversation With Craig Watkins, the District Attorney from Dallas, Texas, April 2013.

PUBLICATIONS

- "My Three Decades With Darryl Hunt," in The Albany Law Review, Fall 2012.
- Published article in NCAJ's Trial Briefs entitled, "First Do No Harm: Protecting Gideon's Promise Fifty Years Later," Spring 2013.

Kate Irwin-Smiler

AWARDS

- Named Depository Library Council by the Government Printing Office, April 2013.

Sidney Shapiro

ACTIVITIES

- President, Temple Emanuel, Winston-Salem

ARTICLES

- The Enlightenment of Administrative Law: Looking Inside the Agency for Legitimacy, 47 Wake Forest L. Rev. 463 (2013) (with Elizabeth Fisher & Wendy Wager)
- Depoliticizing Judicial Review in Administrative Law: Three

Ralph Peebles

PRESENTATIONS

- "Defense Counsel Moneyball: A Demonstration Project," symposium presentation at Washington and Lee University School of Law; November 2012 in Lexington, Va. (with Ron Wright).

Mark Rabil

ACTIVITIES

- Appointed full time Director of Innocence & Justice Clinic, January 2012.

PROFESSOR JOHN KNOX DELIVERS PRELIMINARY REPORT TO THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

The United Nations Independent Expert on human rights and environment and Wake Forest Law Professor John Knox highlighted the urgent need to clarify the human rights obligations linked to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment. Such clarification, he said, “is necessary in order for states and others to better understand what those obligations require and ensure that they are fully met, at every level from the local to the global,” according to a press release.

“Human rights and the environment are not only interrelated, they are also interdependent,” Knox noted during the presentation of his preliminary report to the Human Rights Council this week in Geneva. “A healthy environment is fundamentally important to the enjoyment of human rights, and the exercise of human rights is necessary for a healthy environment.

“The lack of a complete understanding as to the content of all environmentally



In his report Knox also identifies rights whose implementation is vital to environmental policymaking, such as the rights to freedom of expression and association, rights to receive information and participate in decision-making processes, and rights to legal remedies. “The exercise of these rights,” he explained, “makes environmental

environmental issues in trying to find a balance between economic development and environmental protection, should not tolerate their stigmatization and should ensure prompt and impartial investigations into alleged violations of their rights,” he said.

“Although the interdependence between human rights and the environment may seem self-evident,” warned the independent expert, “the specific contours of substantive and procedural duties relating to the environment require further clarification.”

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JOHN KNOX

related human rights obligations should not be taken as meaning that no such obligations exist. Indeed, some aspects of the duties are already clear,” he said. “Applicable human rights obligations are not lessened merely because the environment is concerned.”

policies more transparent, better informed and more responsive to those most concerned.

“States should recognize the important work carried out by human rights defenders working on land and

Knox’s preliminary report identifies many issues that need to be addressed in moving forward, including those regarding transboundary and global environmental harm, such as climate change; non-state actors, such as multinational corporations; and vulnerable groups, including children, the displaced, the extremely poor and indigenous peoples.



DAVID SHORES



KAMI SIMMONS

Impossible Ways Forward, in *Global Law and Administrative Law* (Russel Weaver & Francois Lichere eds. 2011) (book chapter)

- Distorting the Interests of Small Business: How the Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy's Politicization of Small Business Concerns Undermines Public Health and Safety, CPR White Paper #1302, January 2013 (with James Goodwin).
- At the Company's Mercy: Protecting Contingent Workers from Unsafe Working Conditions, CPR White Paper #1301, January 2013 (with Martha McCluskey, Thomas McGarity and Matthew Shudtz).

MEDIA

- The Hill, Embattled federal office reports saving small businesses billions, February 22, 2013 (quoted in story).
- Huffington Post, Is the SBA Selling Out Mom and Pop Businesses?, February 5, 2013.
- Government Executive, SBA office worked to block federal regulations on businesses, January 29, 2013 (quoted in story).
- Hill Watch, Reports: Big business using obscure office to kill federal regulations, January 29, 2013 (quoted in story).
- Politico, Ambiguous transparency for Obama's Jobs Council, October 24, 2012.
- Federal News Radio (1500AM), Washington, D.C., Federal Drive Interviews, September 14, 2012 (live radio interview)
- American Banker, Romney Plan Could Undo Dodd-Frank Without Repealing It, Aug. 16, 2012 (quoted in story).
- BNA Occupational Safety & Health

Reporter, Bipartisan Regulatory Reform Caucus Meets, Plans to Target Burdensome Rules, Aug. 9, 2012 (quoted in story).

PRESENTATIONS

- Whose Afraid of Expertise?: Public Administration in Administrative Law, William and Mary Law School, March 15, 2013
- Administrative Constitutionalism: Two Views, American Bar Association, Section of Administrative Law & Regulatory Practice, Fall Conference, Washington, D.C., Oct. 25, 2012.

David Shores

PUBLICATIONS

- Article: Antitrust in the Roberts Court, 57 *The Antitrust Bulletin* 591 (Fall 2012).
- Book Review: The Supreme Court, Federal Taxation and the Constitution, Jasper L. Cummings (American Bar Association Section of Taxation 2013), 138 *Tax Notes* 379 (2013).

Kami Simmons

PUBLICATIONS

- "Stakeholder participation in the selection and recruitment of police: democracy in action" published in *Saint Louis University Public Law Review* (2012)

Omari Simmons

APPOINTMENTS

- American Association of Law Schools
- Executive Committee Member, Section on Business Associations

PRESENTATIONS

- Discussant, "The Future of Fiduciary Duties," Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Conference,

Palm Beach, Fla., Aug. 9, 2013 (forthcoming)

- Presenter, "For-Profits and the Market Paradox," Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Boston, Mass., May 30, 2013 (forthcoming)
- Presenter, "For-Profits and the Market Paradox," University of South Carolina Law School, Columbia, S.C., March 5, 2013
- Presenter, "Class Dismissed," American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C., Feb. 15, 2013
- Symposium Organizer/Presenter, "For-Profits," Wake Forest University Law School
- Symposium, "Privatizing the Public Good: Emerging Trends in K-16 Education," Winston-Salem, N.C., Oct. 26, 2012
- Keynote Speaker, "Imagine the Possibilities: Legal as a Strategic Partner," Bridgeway CustomerConnect Live! Conference, Orlando, Fla., Oct. 23, 2012
- Panel Organizer/Presenter, "Higher Education Access for America's Vulnerable Students," National Association of College Admissions Counselors (NACAC) Annual Meeting, Denver, Colo., Oct. 6, 2012
- Presenter, American Education Research Association (AERA) Research Conference "Access, Competition, and For-Profit Colleges," co-sponsored by The Research Network on Racial & Ethnic Inequality, Terry Sanford Institute, Duke University, Durham, N.C., Sept. 21-22, 2012
- Presenter, "Information is Power: Executive Compensation Disclosures in the Wake of the Financial Crisis," Southeastern



OMARI SIMMONS



GEORGE WALKER



RONALD F. WRIGHT

Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Meeting, Amelia Island, Fla., Aug. 3, 2012

- Presenter, "Class Dismissed: Higher Education Access and Socio-Economic Status" Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii, June 7, 2012
- Presenter, "The Corporate Immune System: Governing from the Inside-Out," University of Illinois School of Law Symposium "In the Boardroom: Corporate Governance Reform Meets the Real World," Champaign, Ill., March 8-9, 2012

PUBLICATIONS

- For-Profits and the Market Paradox (forthcoming Wake Forest Law Review 2013)
- The Corporate Immune System: Governing from the Inside-Out (forthcoming Ill. L. Rev. 2013)
- Lost in Transition: The Implications of Social Capital for Higher Education Access, 87 Notre Dame L. Rev. 205 (2011)

George Walker

ACTIVITIES

- Adviser, law student international law moot court team; practice round judge for other appellate moot court teams

APPOINTMENTS

- Dean's Research Professor of Admiralty and International Law
- Observer, Uniform Law Commission project for a proposed Uniform Family Law Arbitration Act

AWARDS

- North Carolina Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section Peace Award, "recognizing exceptional commitment to peaceful resolution of disputes"

PRESENTATIONS

- Moderator for Roundtable, "Resource Management in Common (Non-Sovereign) Areas: The Law of the Sea and Space Law Compared," International Law Association American Branch International Law Weekend and Annual Meeting, New York City, Oct. 26, 2012
- Moderator for Panel, "Sea Business: Current Issues in International and Domestic Maritime Law, at Duke University Law School Center on Law, Ethics and National Security spring conference, "Battlefields, Boardrooms and Backyards: The New Era of National Security Law," Durham, N.C., March 1, 2013

PUBLICATIONS

- Contributor to revision of Chapter 11, "Professionalism and Ethical Considerations in Dispute Resolution;" Chapter 33, "Arbitrating Disputes by Agreement," in Elizabeth P. Manley, editor, *Alternative Dispute Resolution in North Carolina: A New Civil Procedure* (2d ed. 2012)

Ronald F. Wright

MEDIA

- Winston-Salem Journal interviews for criminal justice stories, Jan. 11 and Feb. 12, 2013
- Reuters News Service, interview for story on John Edwards campaign finance trial, April 22, 2012
- Fox News (national) interview for story on John Edwards campaign finance trial, April 12 and 23, 2012

PRESENTATIONS

- "Comparative and Quantitative Evaluation of Defense Counsel After Lafler and Frye," symposium presentation at Duquesne University School of Law; March

2013 in Pittsburgh, Pa.

- "Defense Counsel Moneyball: A Demonstration Project," symposium presentation at Washington and Lee University School of Law; November 2012 in Lexington, Va. (with Ralph Peeples).
- "Frisks and the Long Arc of Police Regulation," presentation to the Federalist Society at Duke University School of Law; October 2012 in Durham, N.C.
- "The Wickersham Commission and Local Control of Criminal Justice," symposium presentation at Marquette University School of Law; October 2012 in Milwaukee, Wis.
- "Prosecution Office Culture as the Link Between Inputs and Outputs," presentation to the University of Virginia; September 2012 in Charlottesville, Va.

PUBLICATIONS

- Entry for "Plea Bargaining" in *Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice* (2013)
- Review of "The Machinery of Criminal Justice" at Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books, (July 2012)
- A Criminal Law Atheist Teaching in the Seminary, 10 Ohio St. J. Crim. Law (2012)
- Prosecution in 3D, 102 J. Crim. L. & Criminology (2012)
- Community Prosecution, Comparative Prosecution, 47 Wake Forest L. Rev. 361-372 (2012)
- Persistent Localism in the Prosecutorial Services of North Carolina, in *Prosecutors and Politics* (Michael Tonry, ed., 2012)



John C. Martin



Nick Fountain



Robert L. Burchette



Joseph T. Carruthers



Joslin Davis



Gaither Keener

1962

Herb Brown participated in the Ironman World Championship at Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, with a finishing time of 16:45:02. He competed in the 75 to 79 age group.

Murray C. Greason was honored by the Central N.C. Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society with the Norman Cohn Hope Award for his leadership in raising public awareness and funds for the fight against MS.

1964

Larry Sitton is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in business litigation.

1966

Rhoda Billings is a former chief justice of the N.C. Supreme Court and a retired professor from the Wake Forest School of Law, having taught from 1973 until 2003. She received the 2013 Medallion of Merit, the highest honor given by Wake Forest. She received the John B. McMillan Distinguished Service Award for demonstrating exemplary service to the legal profession and also the N.C. Bar Association's highest award, the John J. Parker Award.

William K. Davis is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in business litigation.

James T. Williams Jr. is a partner with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, N.C. He received the N.C. State Bar Association's John B. McMillan Distinguished Service Award.

1967

A. Doyle Early Jr. is a partner with Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler LLP in High Point, N.C. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in family law. He was also named the Greensboro Area Best Lawyers 2013 Family Lawyer of the Year.

John C. Martin is a court of appeals chief judge in Raleigh, N.C. He is president-elect of the Council of Chief Judges of the State Courts of Appeals.

1968

John N. "Nick" Fountain is with Young Moore and Henderson PA in Raleigh, N.C. He has been appointed inaugural chair of the Historic Resources and Museum Advisory Board, recently created by the Raleigh City Council. He has also been named a N.C. Super Lawyer.

1970

Mike Lewis of Mike Lewis Attorneys in Winston-Salem, spoke to the law clinical trial class at Wake Forest about "How to Find a Job in Today's Marketplace." He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in personal injury litigation and eminent domain.

1971

G. Edgar Parker is a senior partner with Crumpler Freedman Parker & Witt in Winston-Salem. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in family law and divorce, and also a N.C. Super Lawyer.

Walter W. Pitt Jr. is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in bankruptcy and creditor/debtor rights.

1972

Richard T. Stange has retired as senior vice president and general counsel of life companies after 40 years with Jefferson Pilot/Lincoln National Corp. He continues to practice law as a consulting expert in insurance cases. He and his wife, Judith Bebeau Stange, live in Greensboro, N.C. They have four children and four grandchildren.

1973

John L. Pinnix is a founding partner of Allen Pinnix & Nichols PA in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in immigration law.

1974

Beverly T. Beal has retired as a superior court judge in North Carolina after more than 21 years. He served as the senior judge for N.C. District 25A for the last 10 years, presiding over courts in Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Lincoln, Cleveland, Gaston and Mecklenburg counties. He received the N.C. Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

Richard V. Bennett, Bennett & Guthrie PLLC in Winston-Salem, has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in personal injury defense, medical malpractice.

R. Michael Wells Sr. has been elected president of the N.C. Bar Association for 2012-13.

1975

Vernon Glenn, The Clore Law Group in Charleston, S.C., and **Jodi Hildebran** ('08), Allman Spry Leggett & Crumpler PA in Winston-Salem, have joined with other counsel to try a products liability case against Novartis Pharmaceutical.

PARTNERS DOUG AND PEGGY ABRAMS DEVOTED TO HELPING CHANGE LIVES OF OTHERS

Doug ('79) and Peggy Abrams ('80) have devoted their lives to two ideas: the power of the law to change lives and the importance of using their success to help extend justice to some of society's most marginalized members.

They are partners in the firm of Abrams & Abrams PA in Raleigh, which specializes in catastrophic personal injury cases involving plant explosions, defective products and vehicle wrecks. Their son, Noah, (WFU '05) works with them.

Last year they established the Abrams Law Clinic Fellowship Fund, which provides an income supplement for young lawyers who undertake indigent criminal defense work.

The fund pays tribute to Joe Cheshire ('73), a nationally known criminal defense attorney at Cheshire Parker Schneider & Bryan in Raleigh, and James Cooney III, a criminal defense attorney at Womble Carlyle in Charlotte. In 1994, they also endowed a scholarship in their names.

"One of the things Wake Forest School of Law instills in its students is the importance of using their legal education to make the world a better place," Peggy Abrams said.

The Abrams (WFU '76) met as undergraduates at Wake Forest University and married their senior year.

Doug Abrams grew up with a father who was a lawyer in downtown Greenville, S.C. His father worked seven days a week and his office was near the curb market.

"He would put people in chairs in the waiting room and you took your turn," Abrams said. "Rich and poor sat nose-to-nose. People thought well of him.



They would say, 'Your dad is a good man.'

"The power of an idea hit me very early; if your face is turned to social justice, you can change society."

Peggy was studying English in graduate school, but was led to law school when she began helping Doug read cases.

Both of the Abrams found an outlet for their interests at the School of Law. Professor Charley Rose taught Peggy Abrams the importance of good writing.

"I use the things I learned from him every single day," she said. "He taught us to think, research, and write like lawyers, but to talk like real people."

Rose said that Peggy Abrams was his research assistant and he remembers her as a calm, self-assured person who carried a sense of peace with her.

Doug Abrams was a very focused student.

"He came with a passion for the law and worked hard as a law student and had pretty clear goals for himself," Rose said.

Doug Abrams decided to specialize in personal injury as a teenager.

"With this, you can really make a huge impact on a person's life," he said. "You can make their life better. That struck me as an incredible privilege that few people have."

Supporting young criminal defense attorneys who represent the working poor is another way to make a difference. The Abrams' son, Elliot, practices with Cheshire.

"Social justice is not a nine to five thing," Doug Abrams said. "It's a way of life. It's a way of looking at the world. We want to make sure that Wake Forest under Blake Morant continues to shape the law school for the 21st century."



M. Jackson Nichols



William W. Walker



David P. Shouvin



Joseph W. Williford



Rudy L. Ogburn



David M. Duke

W. Douglas Parsons was appointed by N.C. Gov. Bev Perdue as the senior resident superior court judge for Judicial District 4A and was subsequently elected to an eight-year term.

D. Clark Smith is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in personal injury defense, medical.

James P. Weaver is senior U.S. legal adviser for Grant International, a London-based group serving the designer clothing and fragrance industry.

William E. Wheeler is with Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler LLP in High Point, N.C. He has been named a Law

and Politics Super Lawyer and one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite.

1976

Robert L. Burchette is a partner with Johnston Allison & Hord PA in Charlotte, N.C. He has made presentations at seminars on changes to the North Carolina lien and public bond law and is a speaker regarding legal updates in the construction industry. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America for construction law.

Thomas Hill Davis Jr. is a partner with Poyner Spruill LLP in Raleigh, N.C., practicing construction and commercial litigation. He is president of the Wake County Bar Association and the 10th Judicial District Bar Association.

1977

Joseph T. Carruthers has joined Wall Esleeck Babcock LLP in Winston-Salem establishing a litigation practice area.

Joslin Davis is with Davis Harwell & Biggs PA in Winston-Salem. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in family law, one of the Top 100 Super Lawyers and one of the Top 50 Women Super Lawyers for the seventh consecutive year.

Gaither Keener is chief legal officer with Lowe's Companies in Mooresville, N.C. He received the 2012 Professional Achievement Award from Western Carolina University, where he received his history degree in 1972.

M. Jackson Nichols is a partner at Allen Pinnix & Nichols PA in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in administrative law.

William W. Walker is with Craig Brawley Liipfert & Walker LLP in Winston-Salem. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in civil litigation and appeals.

1979

David P. Shouvin is with Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP in Columbus, Ohio. He has been named an Ohio Super Lawyer in business litigation.

1980

Howard L. Borum is with Carruthers & Roth PA in Greensboro, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in real estate law and recognized by the N.C. State Bar for 25 years as a board certified specialist in real property law.

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DAVID FURR ('80, '82) CREDITS WAKE FOREST FOR MUCH OF HIS JOURNEY FROM NASCAR TO EUROPE

When he was growing up in southern Mecklenburg County, David Furr had two choices – get educated or stay on the farm.

After attending a Boys State program on the Wake Forest University campus, Furr ('80, '82) fell in love with the campus. He chose Wake Forest as the place where he would receive his education.

As a partner in Gray, Layton, Kersh, Solomon, Furr & Smith, P.A. in Gastonia, Furr's career has taken him from NASCAR's pits to business ventures in Europe, South America, Asia and Africa. He credits Wake Forest for much of that journey, and he has worked to see that others have the same chances.

"Wake Forest teaches you to dream, to think big and to really believe in yourself," Furr said.

"You have to return some of what you've been given. I want to make sure there's someone else out there who has the opportunities I did, because it's been fabulous."

Furr has made a leadership commitment to the building campaign and set up a scholarship at the School of Law for first-generation students who have an interest in business law.

The transformation of the Worrell Center is crucial to the School of Law's success in attracting the best and brightest students.

"If you want to be a top law school, you have to have the best professors and you have to look like the best law school," he said.

As the former outside counsel to Dale Earnhardt, Furr also puts it in more



down-to-earth terms: "If you want to look like a Cadillac, you can't have a Kia body."

For the former farm boy, Wake Forest opened up new worlds. The foundation that Professors Joel Newman, David Shores and Don Castleman laid in tax and business law classes, served Furr well when he earned a masters degree in taxation from the University of Florida.

After graduation from Wake Forest, a chance meeting led Furr to Dale Earnhardt. "Everybody needs a break and that was mine," he said. "It was one of those wonderful experiences that you hope for in life."

Furr describes Earnhardt as a genuine man whose family and fans were the two most important things in his life.

During the 10 years that he was associated with Earnhardt, Furr was also one of the early advisers/financiers of Action Performance Company, a company that gave drivers a professional market for their merchandise. The company did \$16 million in sales its first year. By the time

the company was sold, the business was worth more than \$500 million.

When Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) was passed in 2008, Furr partnered with Capgemini, a French firm based in Paris that provides consulting, technology and outsourcing services. That partnership, now in its fifth year, resulted in Capgemini opening an office in Charlotte in 2011.

"I decided I could become part of the solution rather than be frightened like everyone else," he said.

Furr credits Wake Forest's pro humanitate mission as driving his many opportunities in life.

"The Wake Forest experience and its Pro Humanitate focus has instilled in me a sense of global understanding of this small place we call our planet," he said.

"Whether it has been a business deal or a humanitarian cause, I have been able to experience a full and successful life with clients and business partners from all continents."

LAW ALUMNI DEFINE PRO HUMANITATE THROUGH LIFE-SAVING GIFTS

When alumni talk about Wake Forest University's pro humanitate orientation, they mention the law school's emphasis on pro bono work and its encouragement of public service.

"A lot of law schools are incredibly cutthroat," said Duncan Wilson ('09 JD,MBA). "Wake Forest is competitive, but it's not nasty. It's collegial. They are there to better themselves and the world."

Wilson is among at least three other Wake Forest Law alumni who are living testaments to what the university's founders may have envisioned. Each has donated organs or bone marrow to sick friends, family and strangers.

They shun such words as "hero." Some of them have been reluctant to tell their stories for fear of making themselves look like attention-seekers or of breaching the recipient's privacy. But increasingly, their desire to encourage others to consider organ donation has overcome their reluctance.

Wilson grew up with a father who believed in community involvement. "I think giving back and doing for others was always a part of life with our family," Wilson said. "Wake Forest opens your mind and it broadens you and it pushes you to be a better person."

In 2011 Wilson was working as a Certified Financial Planner at Sterling Financial Group. He heard a story on the radio about an 8-year-old girl who had leukemia and needed a bone marrow transplant.

"It struck a chord with me."

The girl was about the same age as his niece and Wilson was moved to register

his bone marrow. Six months later, Wilson learned he was a perfect match for a child with a rare bone disease in Washington, D.C., and he donated marrow.

"I'm fine now and I know that there's a child out there alive because of me."

A CULTURE OF GIVING TO OTHERS

When she was growing up in Ware, Mass., Nicole "Colie" Dupre's family used to visit a hospital for the developmentally delayed and hand out chocolates to the staff and residents at Christmas. "That was part of our holiday tradition," she said. "I can't remember a time when we didn't do that."

Dupre ('10) works in the Forsyth County District Attorney's Office. Before attending law school, Dupre worked at an orphanage in Africa, where she cared for children with HIV. "Maybe Wake Forest attracts a certain type of person and reinforces those qualities."

In May 2011, Dupre was working at Horton & Henry when she learned that Sarah Mathis, a mother from South Carolina, was looking for a kidney. After a year of tests and deliberations, Dupre was told that she was a match.

Dupre explained Mathis was someone who crossed her path and needed something that Dupre could provide.

"I'm not that special," she said. "If I can do it, anyone can do it. I made one decision one time to help one person. Firefighters make a decision to help people every day."

"I KNOW THAT THERE'S A CHILD OUT THERE ALIVE BECAUSE OF ME."

DUNCAN WILSON ('09)

Dupre found the organ donation process frustrating at times, because there was little information for organ donors. Most of the information is geared to organ recipients.

That's why she established Carolina Kidney Connection, an organization that connects donors and prospective donors, with an emphasis on helping donors understand what's involved in the process, physically and emotionally.

TOUGH DECISION, HAPPY OUTCOME

Like Dupre, Betsy Jones Walsh ('94) was frustrated by the lack of information available to donors when her sister, Judy Jones Tisdale, was told that her chronic renal failure would necessitate a new kidney in 1995.

Walsh is vice president and deputy general counsel for Novant Health and has served on the board of the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), the nonprofit that manages the country's organ transplant system.

Five of Walsh's family were tested and Walsh was the closest match. Her doctors' support throughout the process helped her through what was considered major surgery at the time. "It was not an easy decision for me," Walsh said, "but I'm grateful that I could do it."

Walsh was in her first year as an associate in the firm then known as

Golding, Meekins, Holden, Cospers & Stiles. She worried how the partners would react when she told them she would need at least six weeks off.

"Many of them are Wake Forest grads," she said. "They supported me in a way that I don't think another law firm would."

Today her sister is healthy and Walsh's work on the UNOS board has encouraged her to talk about her experiences.

"I realized other living donors needed to hear from me and know that it is natural to have concerns and doubts about donation," she said. "I am also committed to advocating for increased data collection and research on living donation so that physicians and potential donors can be well informed about all the risks involved."

FRIENDSHIPS IN CLASS AND BEYOND

For Chris Beechler ('01), one of the most memorable aspects of law school was the close relationships between students and faculty.

"It was rare to go down a hall and not see a door open and go in and visit," he said. "That's important because you've established a relationship with your professors and subconsciously you want to do well for them."

David Pishko, an adjunct professor in private practice in Winston-Salem, taught a course in pre-trial civil litigation, and was among the professors who made an impression on Beechler.

After graduation, Pishko became a mentor to Beechler, who is a criminal lawyer in private practice in Winston-

Salem. When the two men were having one of their routine lunches in the fall of 2012, Pishko told Beechler that he had polycystic kidney disease, a hereditary condition that can cause kidney failure, and that he was looking for a kidney donor.

"I said, 'Hey, I'll get tested,'" Beechler said.

Within a month Beechler learned he was a match for Pishko.

Beechler had the surgery in December and both men are doing fine. "It's become bigger than me," Beechler said. "This is something that's going to affect a lot of lives down the road. I have a chance to be part of that. I'd like to see Dave as a grandfather."



Nicole "Colie" Dupre ('10) and Chris Beechler ('01)



Craig Minegar



David M. Warren



John Babcock



J. Dennis Bailey



Clifford Britt



Richard Lafferty

Rodney A. Guthrie is a partner with Bennett & Guthrie PLLC in Winston-Salem. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America and has been invited to join the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance.

1981

Terri L. Gardner is a partner with Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP in Raleigh, N.C. She has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in business bankruptcy law and recognized in Chambers & Partners USA for bankruptcy and restructuring law.

Joseph W. Williford, Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, N.C., has been named an N.C. Super Lawyer.

Robert Wilson Jr. is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in health care law.

1982

Rudy L. Ogburn is with Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer.

Gerald R. Roach is with Smith Anderson Blount Dorsett Mitchell & Jernigan LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named a Best Lawyers 2013 Lawyer of the Year, Raleigh Corporate Law.

Mike Sabiston has retired as a chief district court judge in North Carolina after more than 20 years on the bench.

He plans to serve as an emergency judge and mediator, travel, and spend time with a Pro All Stars Series auto racing team and with his wife and four grandchildren. He lives in Troy, N.C.

Eric Richard Spence is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in real estate law.

1983

Bill Wilcox is an attorney with Nexsen Pruet LLC in Greensboro, N.C. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in business law.

1984

J. Stanley Atwell is with Carruthers

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LAW SCHOOL ALLOWED CHARLIE TREFZGER ('84) TO PURSUE LIFE PASSION

When Charlie Trefzger ('84) was a teenager, his maternal grandmother gave him a portrait of a starchy Victorian gentleman she had found in the attic and said, "This is the last lawyer in the family, and you are the next." His grandmother gave him the mandate to become a lawyer, but Trefzger said it was Wake Forest University School of Law that gave him the education to not only pass the bar, but to pursue his many passions in life.

"Once you enter Wake Forest, it becomes part of your life forever," he said. "It taught me discipline. It taught me to sit and focus and work through a challenge and come up with a creative solution."

Trefzger, who is the founder and chief executive officer of Meridian Senior Living, has given generously to the Wake Forest Fund for the School of Law. His gifts have been unrestricted, but he has a special interest in career services.

"I try to help kids understand that when you go to law school, it doesn't mean you have to practice law," he said. "Law is a vocational skill. It prepares you to think critically, constructively, dynamically every day, like you have to do in the real world."

In fact, Trefzger thinks so highly of the law school that he sent his daughter Eleanor ('10) there. His son, Henderson, will graduate from Wake Forest University with a bachelor's degree this spring.

"I think the direction of the school is spot on," he said. "We've got a great faculty and a great set of deans and we're poised for outstanding results."

Former professors describe Trefzger as

a creative person who pursued his own course in law school, and in life.

"Charlie has always been willing to think for himself, and to think outside the box," said Professor Ralph Peeples. "He is a natural when it comes to dealing with people."

Professor Butch Covington, a close friend, mentor and godfather to Trefzger's oldest son, said that



while in law school, Trefzger and a classmate, Kevin Black, formed a home improvement company and built Covington a deck.

"Being part of the mainstream didn't matter to Charlie. He had his interests and he pursued them," he said.

Covington said that Trefzger has developed condominiums in Asheville and once bought a golf course in Hickory — activities far outside the range of most lawyers.

"He's a happy risk taker," Covington said. "He just looks at something and says, 'Hey, let's go for it.'"

Trefzger earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Virginia Commonwealth University. He began his career as a tax attorney at Ernst & Whinney in Winston-Salem, but changes to the tax code in 1986 made the field less appealing to him.

He went on to work as general counsel for the Brian Center Management Corp., which owns and operates senior housing.

As he watched his grandmother's health decline, Trefzger realized that developing senior living and nursing facilities was a growth opportunity and a chance to contribute to the common good.

"We try to take care of people who can't take care of themselves with dignity and passion, on a tight budget," he said.

The field is challenging but his Wake Forest professors left him well-prepared.

"They taught me to take what I knew and apply the rules to make things work in real life situations."



Joe E. Austin Jr.



Edwin Williamson



Rodney E. Pettey



Laura B. Burt



Scott A. McLaren



Bruce Thompson

& Roth PA in Greensboro, N.C. He was named a N.C. Super Lawyer in estate planning and probate law.

John Connor Jr. has a private practice and coaches high school basketball and track. He has been elected city judge for the City of Hudson, N.Y.

David M. Duke is with Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer.

Craig Minegar is an attorney with Winderweede Haines Ward & Woodman PA in Winter Park, Fla. He has received his Florida Bar recertification in real estate law.

David Senter is an attorney with Nexsen Pruet LLC in Greensboro,

N.C. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in construction law.

David M. Warren is a partner with Poyner Spruill LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He was recognized by Chambers USA with the highest ranking in bankruptcy/restructuring law and was named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

1985

John Babcock is with Wall Esleeck Babcock LLP in Winston-Salem. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite.

J. Dennis Bailey has joined Wall Esleeck Babcock LLP in Winston-Salem establishing a litigation practice area.

John Bryson is a partner with Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler LLP in High Point, N.C. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in criminal law.

1986

Clifford Britt practices with Comerford & Britt LLP in Winston-Salem. He has been named a Best Lawyers 2013 Lawyer of the Year in personal injury litigation-plaintiffs. He is one of four attorneys selected in North Carolina.

1987

Richard Lafferty has been named a partner with Poyner Spruill LLP and is based in Charlotte, N.C.

Michael A. Usan was elected to a

ALUMNI BRIEFS

Professor Beth Hopkins and **Kristina Wolf ('13)** were among nine Wake Forest women recognized at the 2012 Women of Justice Awards reception at the Raleigh Marriott City Center on Nov. 15, 2012. North Carolina Lawyers Weekly hosted the reception that recognized women across the state who have demonstrated leadership, integrity, service, sacrifice, and accomplishment in improving the quality of justice and exemplifying the highest ideals of the legal profession. Lisa Bell received the Women of the Year Award at the inaugural event. Bell is the Chief District Court Judge for Mecklenburg County, where she focuses more on treatment than punishment. Professor Hopkins,



director of Outreach for the School of Law, received the Legal Scholar Award, while Wolf, president of the Pro Bono Project Student Executive Board, received the Leaders of Tomorrow Award. **Patricia Holland ('79)**, who is a litigator and employment law

attorney in Cary with Jackson Lewis, received the Citizenship Award and **Jill Wilson ('82)**, received the Business Practitioner Award. Wilson, who lives in Greensboro and is with Brooks, Pierce, McLendon, Humphrey and Leonard, serves as general counsel to three boards



Hillary D. Whitaker



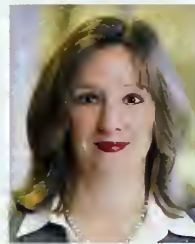
Sarah Thornburg



Michael V. Lee



Julian P. Robb



Elizabeth Pharr
McCullough



Jason D. Newton

six-year term as a circuit court judge in the 17th Judicial Circuit of Florida. He currently presides over a criminal felony trial division.

1988

Robert J. King III practices litigation and environmental law with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, N.C. He has been inducted as a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers.

1989

Joe E. Austin Jr. is with Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer.

Edwin Williamson completed a five-year assignment in Shanghai for Eastman Chemical Co. He has returned as vice president and assistant

general counsel at Eastman's corporate headquarters in Kingsport, Tenn.

Charlot F. Wood is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in civil litigation defense.

1990

John M. Flynn is with Carruthers & Roth PA in Greensboro, N.C. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in environmental law.

Rodney E. Pettet is with Yates McLamb & Weyher LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer, one of the Best Lawyers in America and an ALM Top Rated Lawyer.

Anne Sprague has been appointed a federal administrative law judge at the Office of Disability Adjudication and Review in Roanoke, Va.

1991

Laura B. Burt has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in family law. She and Stacy C. Cordes ('91) have formed Burt & Cordes PLLC in Charlotte, N.C.

Scott A. McLaren is in the real property and commercial litigation group of Hill Ward Henderson PA in Tampa, Fla. He has received board certification by The Florida Bar in business litigation and named the 2013 Tampa Real Estate Litigation Lawyer of the Year by Best Lawyers in America.

of education. Patricia Shields, is with Troutman Sanders in Raleigh and just completed a term as president of N.C. Association of Defense Attorneys. She received the Litigation Practitioner Award. **Elizabeth Trosch ('02)**, who is a District Court Judge in Mecklenburg County, received the Judicial District Award, while her classmate, Kathleen **Quinn DuBois ('02)**, who is with Crumley Roberts in Winston-Salem, received a Rising Star Award. Another Rising Star Award recipient was **Rebecca Lindahl ('06)**, who is with Katten, Muchin, Rosenman in Charlotte.

Eight Wake Forest Law alumni and a law professor were admitted and sworn in to the United States Supreme Court Bar on Monday, March 25.



The alumni are **Dan Boone ('80)**, **Kathryn Eyster ('03)**, **Kristin Garris ('08)**, **Shaida Horner ('99)**, **Robert Humphries ('81)**, **Erika Karnaszewski ('07)**, **Justin Nifong ('07)** and **Bradley Roehrenbeck ('05)**. The professor is Mark Rabil, director of

the law school's Innocence and Justice Clinic. In addition to being sworn in, the group had the opportunity to meet Justice Samuel Alito before the swearing in ceremony and to listen to two oral arguments.



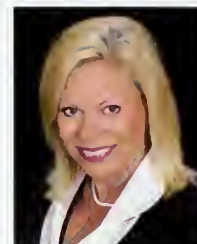
Ryan M. Shuirman

Kristen Scott
Nardone

Craig Taylor



Karonnie Truzy

Roberta King
Latham

Jill Raspet

1992

Erika B. Grubbs practices construction, land use and development and real estate law with Winston & Cashatt in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She, her husband and two children live in the mountains of North Idaho and would love to hear from alumni in the area.

William Franklin Johnson Jr. is celebrating his 20th year as senior partner of Johnson & Cooper Investment Advisory Group in Charlotte, N.C. He is also senior vice president and senior investment advisor of Morgan Stanley.

1993

J. Gregory Hatcher of Hatcher Law Group PC in Charlotte, N.C., has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer for the fourth consecutive year.

Andrew Kent McVey is the managing partner of Murchison Taylor & Gibson PLLC in Wilmington, N.C. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in litigation. He has run 20 marathons and is training for his first Ironman triathlon.

1994

Bruce Thompson is a partner with Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named to the Campaigns & Elections Influencers

500 list and named one of the top 10 political influencers from North Carolina.

1995

Hillary D. Whitaker is with Wishart Norris Henninger & Pittman PA in Burlington, N.C. She has been certified by the N.C. State Bar as a specialist in family law.

1996

John F. Morrow Jr. has been appointed head of the intellectual property litigation practice group of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice LLP in Winston-Salem. He and his wife, Amy, have three sons, Jack (11) and twins Will (9) and Ford (9).

ALUMNI BRIEFS

Francie Scott ('04) has been named the new Associate Director for the Office of Career & Professional Development (OCPD). Scott joined the Office of Career & Professional Development as assistant director in August 2011. She replaces Kala Taylor who resigned from the position in early January. In addition to her law degree from Wake Forest, Scott earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy and French from the University of Virginia and a master's degree in social work from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. "Her drive, commitment, and understanding of the career and professional development processes make her a valuable asset to the office, and we look forward to her continued leadership on the OCPD team," says Kim Fields, director of the Office of

Career & Professional Development, which helps students conduct their job search and match them to careers that dovetail with their interests. Of her three alma maters, Scott said she has always felt the most connected to Wake Forest. She met her husband, Bryan Scott ('04) of Kernersville, at Wake Forest and they have two young boys. Her husband practices with Spilman Thomas & Battle PLLC in Winston-Salem. "I felt like the professors, the staff and the dean's office all gave us a lot of attention and were concerned about us," she said.

Bruce Thompson ('88, JD '94) has been named as one of North Carolina's Top 10 political influencers by Campaigns & Elections magazine. The magazine described Thompson as a "top lobbyist" in North Carolina. The publication's "Influencers 500"

list was chosen by a national panel who determined the most influential players in each state. Thompson was chosen based on his state and federal lobbying practice, his key role in advising the state's top Democrats, and his involvement in Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's 2008 presidential campaign. "I was honored to receive this award and be recognized for the work I do for my clients," Thompson said. "Lobbying allows me to incorporate a lifelong interest in politics into my legal practice. I find that very rewarding both personally and professionally. My professors at Wake Forest prepared me for this work by teaching me how the intersection of law and public policy can have a profound impact on our lives." Thompson received both his undergraduate degree and JD degree from Wake Forest University. He is



David M. Fothergill



Matthew J. Gray



Scott E. Bayzle



Susan J. Ryan



Kim House



Toni Peck

Sarah Thornburg is with McGuire Wood & Bissette PA in Asheville, N.C. She has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite.

Kenneth G. Trinder II is CEO of EOS Surfaces LLC in Norfolk, Va. His company partnered with Cupron Inc. and they were recognized by the Governor of Virginia for an innovative, antimicrobial material to control hospital-acquired infections. His invention, EOS 3cm, received an Innovation Award (eos-surfaces.com).

Allison Overbay Van Laningham, Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, N.C., has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in general litigation.

1997

Brett T. Hanna is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in real estate law.

Norman F. Klick Jr. is with Carruthers & Roth PA in Greensboro, N.C. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in litigation and a N.C. Super Lawyer in personal injury defense.

Michael V. Lee practices real estate law with Lee Law Firm PLLC in Wilmington, N.C. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America and a N.C. Super Lawyer.

1998

Robert Kidwell is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyers Rising Star in business/corporate law.

Julian P. Robb is a partner with Craig Brawley Liipfert & Walker LLP in Winston-Salem. He practices residential and commercial real estate law.

1999

Shaída J. Horner has been named assistant vice president for gift planning and marketing in the Gift Planning Office of the Wake Forest Office of University Advancement. She

currently a partner in the Raleigh office of Parker Poe Adams and Bernstein LLP. He concentrates his practice in governmental and regulatory activities, as well as focusing on economic development initiatives. Along with his partnership, he also serves as the leader of the Firm's Government and Public Policy practice group.

Neal Robbins ('07) has been appointed to North Carolina's Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) new leadership team as director of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs. DENR Sec. John E. Skvarla III selected a team, according to The Winston-Salem Chronicle, that was formed to help aid Skvarla in his mission to make the agency "more customer-service friendly." In Robbins' current

position as director of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, he will be working with members of the General Assembly on environmental legislation and constituent issues. He will also coordinate DENR's periodic reports on the General Assembly. "I am very excited about working for two leaders who I believe can reinvigorate North Carolina, Gov. Pat McCrory and Sec. John Skvarla," Robbins said. According to his law firm's website, Robbins was born and raised in North Carolina. He earned his undergraduate degree in chemical engineering from N.C. State University and then received his JD/MBA at Wake Forest University. Prior to law school, Robbins was employed as a chemical engineer at one of the nation's largest privately held companies. He is currently a member of the Wake Forest Law's Young Alumni Board.

Wake Forest Law professor emerita **Rhoda B. Billings ('66)** received the university's highest honor, the Medallion of Merit, during the Founders' Day Convocation on Thursday, Feb. 21, 2013. The annual event, held in Wait Chapel, celebrates the University's founding in 1834 and the accomplishments of faculty and alumni in teaching, research and service. The Medallion of Merit is presented to a person who has rendered outstanding service to the University. Billings received the award for her outstanding engagement in the North Carolina law community and service as a professor at Wake Forest School of Law from 1973 until 2003. First in her law school class and the only woman, she became Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court in 1985 and she served as the first female president

of the North Carolina Bar Association (NCBA). “Her knowledge and ability need no other endorsement than the influential positions she was asked to hold, the decisions that she was asked to make, and the grace and professionalism that she artfully executed throughout her career,” said Wake Forest President Nathan O. Hatch. “Her service to jurisprudence is both historic and significant.” A native of Wilkesboro, N.C., Billings earned her undergraduate degree in 1959 from Berea College in Berea, Ky., where she majored in English. She practiced law with her



husband, Don Billings, from 1966-68, and served as a U.S. Bankruptcy Chapter 13 Trustee from 1966-67. When the District Court system was established in North Carolina in 1968, she was one of five successful candidates and the only woman elected to serve in Forsyth County. She joined the law school faculty at Wake Forest in 1973, serving one year as an assistant professor of law and from 1974-79 as an associate professor of law. She held the rank of professor from 1980-2003. While on leave from August 1984-January 1987, Billings practiced with Billings, Burns and Wells, chaired the N.C. Parole Commission, and served on the N.C. Supreme Court from 1985-86 and as chief justice in 1986. Billings also has served on the North Carolina Bar Association throughout her distinguished career. In 1981, she became the founding chair of the Criminal Justice Section. And from

2008-12 she served as founding chair of the Judicial Performance Evaluation Committee. Billings also served on the NCBA Board of Governors from 1982-84.

Robert J. “Bobby” Higdon (’85, JD R’89) hears heart-wrenching stories every time he visits Kosovo, where he is helping rebuild the country’s judicial system after decades of internal strife and war. Higdon, an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Raleigh, N.C., spearheads an ongoing U.S. Department of Justice initiative to develop criminal and civil procedures in Kosovo, a part of the former Yugoslavia which declared its independence in 2008. Higdon and **Frank Bradsher** (’82), also an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Raleigh, visit Kosovo frequently to train prosecutors, judges, defense attorneys and police officers. In the last three years, they’ve made about a dozen trips each to teach investigative techniques and legal procedures and to offer advice on ongoing investigations and trials. The program is the only one of its kind between a U.S. Attorney’s Office and a foreign country, Higdon said. “We are so fortunate to live in a country where the rule of law is respected,” Higdon said. “We benefit so much from a court system and criminal justice system. It’s not perfect, but it functions really well and keeps us safe.

“In Kosovo, they don’t have that or they haven’t had that for so long. We feel it is incumbent to share what we can to help them. Otherwise there’s no explanation for why a couple of prosecutors from North Carolina get invited to go over to Europe to teach people in a country that’s existed a lot longer than ours.”

Seventeen LL.M. alumni attended Wake Forest Law’s first International Graduate Programs Reunion held Nov. 9 – 11 in Winston-Salem. **Weibke Holzapfel** (’03), an associate at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP in Frankfurt, Germany, said, “I thoroughly enjoyed being back at Wake Forest, seeing old friends and making new ones. The reunion was a big success and calls for a da capo.” Holzapfel was among the alumni who traveled from Bolivia, China, Germany, Italy, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, and Switzerland to attend the reunion along with current LL.M. students and SJD candidates. One of the notable attendees was **Francesco Ferrini** (’98), a member of the inaugural LL.M. class. Ferrini is an attorney at IuraPlus Studio Legale in Milan, Italy, where he specializes in banking law, capital markets law, and international financial operations. “I really enjoyed the LL.M. reunion,” Ferrini said. “I had the opportunity to meet LL.M. alumni and they shared with



Bobby Higdon (second from right) with law school associate dean Dick Schneider (far left) and U.S. Department of Justice official Carl Alexandre (third from left) with Kosovo students Shqipdon Fazliu (’13), Kreshnik Radoniqi (’13) and Valon Kurtaj (’13).

me their experiences about graduate coursework at Wake Forest as well as their current working experience in their home country. Indeed, the reunion was an opportunity to make new friends and to develop new professional and social relationships. Also, the LLM reunion gave me the opportunity to meet again, after almost 14 years, with faculty and staff and most important, it made me feel like I am part of this university.” The alumni gathered at the welcome dinner at the Millennium Center on Friday night, where they reunited with each other and former Wake Forest law professors. Other reunion activities included a family picnic in the law school’s courtyard, a campus tour, a trip to Old Salem, and a farewell brunch.

A tough-talking former federal prosecutor and Wake Forest law school alumni who wants to slash spending and shrink debt will represent Wilson County in the U.S. House. Republican **George Holding** (’96) defeated Democrat Charles Malone in the race to represent the 13th Congressional District. The Associated Press declared Holding the winner with a 60-40 advantage as votes were still being counted during the November 2012 election. The race ended with Holding securing 57 percent of the vote. “Clearly, the No. 1 issue for everyone is the economy and how we’re going to turn the economy around,” Holding said. “My philosophy is you’ve got to get a handle on government debt and you need to empower small businesses.” Holding said his message of responsible government spending has resonated with voters in Wilson and surrounding counties.

Gaither M. Keener (’77), chief legal officer of Lowe’s Companies Inc., is the recipient of the 2012 Professional Achievement Award from



Western Carolina University. During his remarks, Keener credited his WCU professors with deepening his thinking. “They didn’t tell you what to think, but challenged you on what you thought,” he said. “They exposed you to new thought patterns.” Keener joined McElwee Hall McElwee in North Wilkesboro after earning his law degree. His law experience includes litigation in 14 states, including criminal and civil cases in N.C. district and superior courts; the N.C. Court of Appeals and Supreme Court; and U.S. District Court, U.S. Court of Appeals and U.S. Supreme Court. Keener joined Lowe’s Companies Inc., a Fortune 50 international retailer, in 1985. He has earned a superior rating from legal information services company Martindale-Hubbell and in 2011 was recognized by his peers, as published in *Business North Carolina*, as the state’s best business lawyer and deserving of “elite lawyer status.” Keener, a veteran of the U.S. Marines, is active in veterans affairs, providing pro bono counsel to a veterans organization and traveling to Washington and Raleigh to seek additional funding for veterans. He also is the judge advocate for the American Legion Department of North Carolina and is a senior member of the national American Legion finance committee.

Lieutenant Commander Robert L.B. Staley (’02) of Concord was presented the Distinguished Service Award on Oct. 18 by Attorney General

Eric Holder at an awards ceremony held at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. Staley was a member of a team of intelligence, Department of Justice and Department of Defense members who brought a commander to the Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula to justice. The capture was authorized by the President and the military. Staley is a native of Concord and an alumnus of N.C. State University and Wake Forest Law. He is currently serving with the Navy’s Special Operations Command. The Attorney General’s Award for Distinguished Service is the Justice Department’s second-highest award. The recipients of this award exemplify the highest commitment to the department’s mission. In presenting the award, Holder said, “I am grateful for the dedication and passion that these extraordinary public servants bring to their work, and I am honored to count them as colleagues.”



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LISA JEFFRIES CALDWELL ('86) NOT CONTENT WITH THE STATUS QUO

When Lisa Jeffries Caldwell ('86) attended the School of Law, there were no black professors and the idea of a black dean leading the school was decades away. But Caldwell and four other black women in her class — Jeanette Peace, Marsha Grayson, Carol Waldron and Joal Broun — were not content with the status quo. “What do we do? How do we make an impact?” Caldwell remembers the students asking.

Caldwell, who was a scholarship student herself, teamed with her black classmates to create the first Black Law Students Association Scholarship banquet.

Twenty-eight years later, the BLSA scholarship is receiving new attention from Caldwell and other alumni. The organization awarded three scholarships in February.

Caldwell has the satisfaction of seeing the law school led by Dean Blake D. Morant. She knows there are currently about 40 African-American students. Her son, Tyler Caldwell ('14 JD/MBA), is one of them. Professor Luellen Curry became the first of a string of black faculty members in 1989.



And Caldwell is still challenging the status quo.

The high school student who realized she would never make it as a doctor when she confronted her first corpse at The Governor's School, has not hesitated to chart new paths throughout her career.

In her current position as the executive vice president and chief human resources officer at Reynolds American and R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.,

Caldwell has worked to make human resources a mainstream part of the company, and not just the place where employees go to find out about their health insurance plans.

In keeping with Reynolds American's “transforming tobacco” strategic vision, one of Caldwell's first moves when she took over HR was to transform her own department, concentrating on attracting the best and brightest employees, whether they knew human resources or not.

previously worked at Wells Fargo as a trust and fiduciary specialist in wealth management.

Elizabeth Pharr McCullough is with Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, N.C. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyers Rising Star.

Jason D. Newton is with Yates McLamb & Weyher LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyers Rising Star.

Patti West Ramseur is with

Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, N.C. She has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in employment law and a N.C. Super Lawyer in employment and labor law.

Ryan M. Shuirmann is with Yates McLamb & Weyher LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyers Rising Star.

2000

Matthew Cunningham is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Raleigh,

N.C. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyers Rising Star in business/corporate law.

Chris Trebilcock is a deputy practice group leader in the employment and labor group of Miller Canfield in Detroit. He has been named one of Crain's Detroit Business 40 Under 40.

2001

Gregory D. Habeeb is with Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore LLP in Roanoke, Va. He has been named one of The American Lawyer's Top Rated Lawyers

“We really emphasize employee development,” she said.

“It’s the people, after all, who drive the business. My team has worked to broaden HR’s role in today’s business environment. I believe HR is the place to focus on the employees’ total well-being — their career well-being, financial well-being, physical well-being and social/community well-being.”

She does not hesitate to help people who have passion and drive advance. Nor, Caldwell said, does she let someone who doesn’t pull his or her weight be a drain on the company.

In a panel discussion at the WFU Schools of Business in Charlotte, she told students that they should not fear constructive criticism.

After the discussion, a young man approached her and told her that he was going back to reconsider some feedback that had made him defensive and see if he could view it in a more helpful light.

Before coming to Reynolds, Caldwell worked at Womble Carlyle Sandridge

“FEEDBACK IS A GIFT. PEOPLE DON’T LIKE TO GIVE FEEDBACK. IF THEY’RE BRAVE ENOUGH TO GIVE YOU THAT, YOU NEED TO CONSIDER IT. IF YOU DO THE SAME THING OVER AND OVER, AND NO ONE CORRECTS YOU, IT BASICALLY ENDS YOUR CAREER.”

LISA JEFFRIES CALDWELL (‘86)

& Rice and West and Banks, both in Winston-Salem.

In reconnecting with the BLSA and seeing a new generation of students leave the School of Law, Caldwell said she values the training she received.

“I think law school is about a lot more than being a lawyer in a large law firm,” she said.

“There’s a level of self-confidence you gain in looking at a problem and analyzing it through the lens of your position and your opponent’s position.”

From Professor David Logan’s tort classes, she learned that it’s good to

have fun while you’re working. She has encouraged having fun in the workplace because it makes for a better work environment.

And from Professor George Walker, she learned to think on her feet, whether speaking to employee groups or in a board meeting.

“You learn how to be OK with being put on the spot,” she said. “If you don’t know the answer, don’t wing it. Just be yourself. Say what’s on your mind. Don’t try to be something you’re not.”

in commercial litigation, general practice and products liability.

Emily Meyers Munn has a solo practice in Norfolk, Va., concentrating on criminal defense and family law. She was recognized by Inside Business as a Top 40 Under 40.

Kristen Scott Nardone is a partner practicing bankruptcy law with Davis Nardone PC in Concord, N.C. She and her husband have twin daughters and live in Huntersville, N.C.

Stacey Bailey Pharr is with Pharr Law PLLC in Winston-Salem. She has been named one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite in construction law.

Craig Taylor has been named in-house general counsel for the Carruthers & Roth PA long-time firm client Kisco Senior Living based in Carlsbad, Calif. He will remain in Greensboro, N.C., and be a special counsel to the firm.

Karonnie Truzy is a personal injury attorney with Crumley Roberts LLP in Charlotte, N.C. He has been named

a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum.

2002

Roberta King Latham is a partner with Bennett & Guthrie PLLC in Winston-Salem. She has been named a N. C. Super Lawyers Rising Star in civil litigation defense.

Jill Raspet is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Wilmington, N.C. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyers Rising Star in estate planning and probate.

YOUNG ALUMNI PROFILE: CLARA COTTRELL ('07)

Clara Cottrell ('07) started giving back to Wake Forest Law even before she graduated.

In spring 2007, she and John Mitchell co-chaired the law student fundraiser, better known as the 3L Campaign, to support the Law Fund. Since then, she has served on the Board of Visitors and is currently serving on the Young Alumni Board.

Cottrell, who is an associate attorney at Smith Moore Leatherwood, deals with intellectual property and general corporate law. Giving back is her way of showing her appreciation for her law school experience.

"Wake Forest has given us so much," she said. "It's not just the education we receive, but it's about the connections we have made, the good feelings we have, the community that we are able to build around the common denominator of

Wake Forest University, and the School of Law in particular."

Another unappreciated aspect of law school philanthropy, according to Cottrell is that it's fun, even for law students.

"As a student you're looking for ways to be involved and network and meet people," she said.

"I really enjoyed my time at Wake Forest and felt very fortunate that I had the opportunity to go to Wake Forest for law school in part because of the Wake Forest Law alumni I met through working on the 3L Campaign and later as I continued to give back."

Philanthropy was not necessarily a part of Cottrell's childhood in West Virginia. There was not a lot of money left over for financial donations, but her parents encouraged her to take advantage of

the opportunities she was given and to appreciate what she had.

"I think that volunteering and helping was something we did," she said. "It was just always the right thing to do, more than anything else."

Cottrell earned her bachelor's degree in biochemistry from North Carolina State University. She was attracted to Wake Forest Law because of its sense of community, small class size and attentive professors.

"I really thought Wake Forest would give me a greater opportunity," she said, "and more choices in where I was going to go."

As one of the few in her age group to support the law school financially, Cottrell said she understands that there can be a bit of a perception problem. People who have recently finished paying their law school tuition tend to feel that the school must certainly have plenty of money, given what they know they've spent.

Cottrell said she has come to understand how much goes into not just keeping the law school running, but keeping it in the top ranks – such things as retaining the school's much-loved professors and running the clinics that provide students with such important real world experience.

"Wake Forest has given me so much and I feel like I've taken a lot from Wake Forest," she said. "Really, giving back financially is not that hard."





David D. Jones



Elizabeth H. Halsey



Katherine T. Heath



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Davis Roach



Heath Tripp

Eric Trosch is a partner with Conrad Trosch & Kemmy PA in Charlotte, N.C. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in family law and a N.C. Super Lawyers Rising Star.

Brandon A. Van Balen has been elected to a three-year term on the School of Law Young Alumni Board. He is an associate focusing on commercial lending matters with Hunton & Williams LLP in Atlanta. He has also been elected to a four-year term on the alumni board of directors for Gettysburg College.

2003

David M. Fothergill has been named a partner at Yates McLamb & Weyher LLP in Raleigh, N.C.

Matthew J. Gray is with Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyers Rising Star.

Monica R. Guy is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in family law.

Whitney Sedwick Meister practices employment litigation and is licensed in Arizona and Colorado. She has been named director of Fennemore Craig PC, a law firm with offices in the Southwest.

Michael D. Phillips is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in business litigation.

Michelle Lowder Walker is an assistant district attorney in Rowan County. She and her husband, Ryan, and twin sons live in China Grove, N.C.

2004

Leigh C. Bagley is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in banking.

Courtney Coates Britt is a partner practicing civil litigation with Teague Campbell Dennis & Gorham LLP in Raleigh, N.C. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyers Rising Star and one of the Best Lawyers in America for workers' compensation - employer.

Christina M. Crockett is a tax associate with Hunton & Williams LLP in Richmond, Va. She has been awarded the John S. Nolan Fellowship by the American Bar Association Tax Section in recognition of her service on the employee benefits committee. She is vice chair of the subcommittee on Self-Correction, Determination Letters and Other Administrative Practices.

J. Cory Falgowski has been named a partner in the worldwide financial industry group of Reed Smith LLP in Wilmington, Del.

Heather White is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Charlotte, N.C. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyers Rising Star in business litigation.

2005

Scott E. Bayzle is a partner practicing in the antitrust, business torts and white-collar group of Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLC in Raleigh, N.C.

Susan J. Ryan is a partner with Craig Brawley Liipfert & Walker LLP in Winston-Salem. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyers Rising Star in civil litigation and domestic law.

2006

Abdulrahman Alkanhal (LLM) received his SJD from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in Indianapolis. He has returned to Saudi Arabia as a legal adviser at the Saudi Royal Court.

Chad Brown is a commercial real estate and lending attorney with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice LLP in Winston-Salem. He serves on the local executive committee and board of directors for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Benjamin M. Fehrman is a foreign-service officer with the U.S. Department of State. He and his wife, Nicole Lee, and children, Emma Sophia (8) and Alex (6), will be relocating to Dhaka, Bangladesh.

2007

Clara Cottrell is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, N.C. She has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in the Young Guns Best Under 40 category and a N.C. Super Lawyers Rising Star in intellectual property law.

Patrick Kane is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyers Rising Star in civil litigation defense.

2008

Kim House is an associate in the Philadelphia office of Rawle & Henderson LLP. She practices catastrophic personal injury and general casualty matters.

Toni Peck is an associate in the health care practice group of Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Raleigh, N.C.

Lu Zhang (LLM) passed the New York Bar. She is an associate in the banking and finance group of King & Wood Mallesons in Beijing.

2009

Martin Rinscheid (LLM) passed the New York Bar and is an attorney at Taylor Wessing in Frankfurt, Germany, handling general corporate and litigation matters for international clients from the U.S., U.K. and India.

Ruilu Wang (LLM '09, '11) has relocated from New York to work on mergers and acquisitions with a firm in Shanghai, China.

2011

Liubov Ebralidze (LLM) is head of the legal department at Ulyanovsk Nanocenter in Russia.

Olivett Ihama (LLM) completed the legal practice course at the College of Law in Bristol, England. She is an international legal trainee at AGCO Ltd. in Kenilworth, U.K.

David D. Jones is an attorney in the bankruptcy group of Moore & Van Allen PLLC in Charlotte, N.C.

2012

Philipp Campestrini (LLM) is a junior associate at a business law firm in Zug, Switzerland.

Elizabeth H. Halsey practices commercial real estate and development and lender representation in the transactional group of Blanco Tackabery & Matamoros PA in Winston-Salem.

Katherine T. Heath practices renewable energy law and finance with the transactional group of Blanco Tackabery & Matamoros PA in Winston-Salem.

Thierry Huber (LLM) is a junior associate for a law firm in Zurich, Switzerland.

Donavan J. Hylarides practices family law with Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler LLP in High Point, N.C.

Jessica L. Kimble is an associate attorney with Spilman Thomas & Battle PLLC in Winston-Salem. She works in various areas including financial, corporate law and shale gas industry matters.

Liam McClure (LLM) is an interviewer with the American Institute For Foreign Study, a company providing cultural exchange and educational opportunities for work and study in the United States.

Dan Murdock has joined the law firm of Teague Campbell Dennis & Gorham LLP in Raleigh, N.C.

Joseph W. Norman is an attorney with K & L Gates LLP in Charlotte, N.C.

Kopkej Oupapatig (LLM) is a government corruption officer at the Office of the National Anti-Corruption Commission in Bangkok, Thailand.

Janine Reder (LLM) completed a course in tax law and works at Allianz SE in Würzburg, Germany.

Davis Roach has joined Smith Anderson Blount Dorsett Mitchell & Jernigan LLP in Raleigh, N.C., practicing in the commercial and corporate area.

Heath Tripp has joined Smith Anderson Blount Dorsett Mitchell & Jernigan LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He practices corporate and securities law and mergers and acquisitions.

Marriages

Terri L. Gardner ('81) and Francis Anthony Monaco Jr. 5/27/12 in Wilmington, N.C. They live in Wilmington, Del., and Raleigh, N.C.

Births/Adoptions

Meredith Taylor Berard ('98) and J. Michael Berard, Raleigh, N.C.: a son, Remy Linton. 10/3/12. He joins his brother, John Austin (21 mos).

Eric Envall ('99) and Erica Envall, Washington, D.C.: a son, Turner James. 9/16/12. He joins his brothers, Spencer Thomas (4) and Parker Harris (2).

James Drury Lewis ('00) and Paula Kesler Lewis, Wilmington, N.C.: a son, Jackson Drury. 10/20/12. He joins his brother, Max (3).

Paul Joseph McNamara ('03) and Emily Hoagland McNamara, Wilmington, N.C.: a daughter, Smith Eleanor. 2/9/13. She joins her sisters, Madeleine and Anna.

Christopher James Meister ('03) and **Whitney Sedwick Meister ('03)**, Phoenix: a daughter, Sedwick Maeve. 5/13/12. She joins her brother, Henry (3).

Michelle Lowder Walker ('03) and William Ryan Walker, China Grove, N.C.: twin sons, Landon Baxter and Noah Ray. 5/23/12

Chad Brown ('06) and Caroline Thomas Brown, Winston-Salem: a daughter, Sarah Louise Summers. 2/21/13. She joins her brother, Henry Sheffield (2).

Chris Sanders ('08) and Laura Lahti Sanders, Minot, N.D.: a daughter, Katharine Lane. 9/26/12

Joseph W. Norman ('12) and Amy R. Norman, Charlotte, N.C.: a daughter, Elizabeth Reynolds. 11/30/12

Deaths

Janes W. Clontz ('41), Dec. 14, 2012, High Point, N.C. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army during World War II. Clontz was an assistant solicitor in Guilford County before opening his law office in High Point in 1946. He

practiced law for more than 50 years and was a founder of the N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers and served as its first president. Clontz was a member of the Samuel Wait Legacy Society.

George McClintock Anderson ('50), Feb. 14, 2013, Raleigh, N.C. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II and was in the U.S. Army Reserves. Anderson opened a private law practice in Raleigh in 1951 and served as assistant solicitor of Wake Superior Court. He was appointed a U.S. attorney, chief federal lawyer for the Eastern District of North Carolina in 1977 by President Jimmy Carter and served until 1981.

John C.W. Gardner Sr. ('56), Dec. 25, 2012, Mount Airy, N.C. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Gardner practiced law in Mount Airy with his brother, the late **Carroll F. Gardner** ('60), and his son, **John Jr.** ('84) with Gardner & Gardner. He was town attorney for Mount Airy and the Town of Dobson and his firm represented the City of Mount Airy for nearly 50 years. In 2005 the N.C. Bar Association inducted Gardner into the General Practice Hall of Fame. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Pansy, in 2004. Gardner is survived by his wife, Joy; a daughter, **Terri L. Gardner** ('81); a son, **John C.W. Gardner Jr.** ('84); and two granddaughters.

Jefferson Davis Batts ('57), Feb. 5, 2013, Rocky Mount, N.C. He practiced law in Rocky Mount from 1957 until 2010. Batts served on the School of Law Board of Visitors and Alumni Council as well as other areas in community and public service. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Stanley Batts; a daughter, Amy Batts Bell; two sons, **Michael Stanley Batts** ('87) and **Jeffrey Arthur Batts** ('86); and 11 grandchildren.

Wade Martin Hobson Sr. ('58), Oct. 10, 2012, Boonville, N.C. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a tax preparer for many years. Hobson was a breeder of show cattle.

Alonzo Hill "Sonny" Gainey, Jr. ('59), Jan. 17, 2013, Oak Island, N.C. He served in the U.S. Army and was a partner in the law firm of Frink Foy Gainey & Yount for 37 years. Gainey is survived by six children; 24 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Lon Hugh West Jr. ('61), Oct. 5, 2012, Statesville, N.C. He practiced law in Statesville for 49 years and retired in 2011. West served in the U.S. Army and for 22 years on the Iredell County Board of Elections. He received the James Iredell Award in 1992 and The Order of the Long Leaf Pine from the State of North Carolina in 2011.

David Caldwell Barefoot ('65), Sept. 8, 2012, Raleigh, N.C. He served in

the U.S. Navy. Barefoot practiced law in Wilmington, N.C., for 46 years, finishing his legal career with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP. He was preceded in death by a sister and three brothers, including Graham Ballard Barefoot Jr. and **Napoleon Bonaparte Barefoot** ('58). He is survived by his wife, Becky; four children; eight grandchildren; and a sister.

Laurence Starr Graham ('67), Nov. 17, 2012, Greenville, N.C. He was a certified elder law attorney and practiced law in Greenville for most of his career. Graham was a past chairman of the N.C. Bar Association's section on elder law and was appointed by Gov. Jim Hunt to serve on the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws from 1978 to 1985. He was a city attorney and legal counsel to the National Athletic Trainers' Association and served as a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve Retired, Intelligence Command.

Larry William Pitts ('67), Jan. 2, 2013, Newton, N.C. He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and served in the U.S. Army's Ranger Corps before coming to Wake Forest. Pitts had a practice in Newton for 45 years. He was appointed legal counsel for the City of Newton in 1989 and held that post for 23 years.

**As of March 1, 2013*



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Wake Forest Law alumni had myriad opportunities to get together during Fall 2012 and Spring 2013. Highlights included the annual Partner's Gala in September and the U.S. Supreme Court Bar Admission Ceremony in March. Alumni also gathered for receptions in Asheville, Atlanta, Fayetteville, Raleigh, Richmond and Washington, D.C.







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