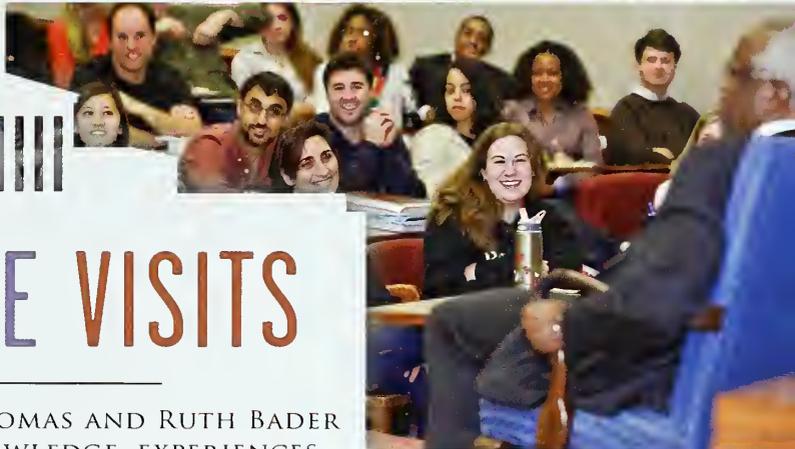


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**Bethany Corbin ('14)**



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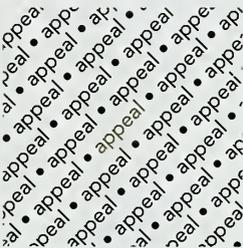
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This 118th year of study officially has commenced at the Wake Forest University School of Law and exciting changes are clearly evident. Throughout the years, the School of Law has met the needs of both a transitional, legal marketplace and the students seeking to make their way in that now volatile market. This year continues that trend.

Addressing changes in the market, the law school now offers a new, one-year Master of Studies in Law (MSL) program that commenced with the inaugural class this fall. The MSL program offers an integrated understanding of law as it relates to variant professional settings. Through an innovative curriculum that explores core concepts of law, students in this exciting program gain new perspectives on contemporary business, political, and societal institutions. The MSL degree will further the ambitions of graduates in myriad professional fields.

Other events have contributed to the excitement experienced by the law school this year. Not one, but two U.S. Supreme Court justices shared with our community this year. Justice Clarence Thomas visited the law school in the spring, participated in our "Conversation With" series and met in various fora with students and alumni. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg guest lectured in the classes of our study abroad programs in Venice and Vienna and delivered public lectures in both locations. You may read more about the justices' respective visits in this issue of the Jurist.

Successful recruitment efforts have led to the hiring of six new professors. Our new colleagues add exciting new dimensions to our educative mission, while simultaneously maintaining the highest standards for which Wake Forest is known. The winter issue of

the Jurist will contain more information about these exciting, new additions to our community.

Our students continue their impressive track record of excellence. As this issue of the Jurist was being put together, I received the news that the American Bar Association's Law Student Division bestowed our student-led Veterans Advocacy Law Organization the 2012 Judy M. Weightman Memorial Public Interest Award. This significant achievement fills us with pride and symbolizes the pro humanitate spirit that is indicative of Wake Forest students.

Plans to transform the Worrell Professional Center into the exclusive home of the law school continue as the Schools of Business prepare to move to its new building. Three major objectives guide our vision: identity, community, and educational experience. Commencing with a new law commons and other innovations that ensure the educative ethos for which Wake Forest is known, the transformation of the Worrell Professional Center ensures the law school's prominence for years to come.

Despite challenges born of difficult economic times and the criticisms of American legal education, Wake Forest moves forward with a resolve to build upon its storied history of focused, student-centered education. We look forward to enlisting our supporters, including alumni and friends, to work with us as we respond to the demands of the market. We greatly appreciate the support received thus far, and I personally extend gratitude to you for ensuring the success of this exceptional law school.





# SUPREME VISITS

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In separate visits to Wake Forest law school, Justices Clarence Thomas and Ruth Bader Ginsburg shared their knowledge and experiences with students, faculty and alumni. Justice Thomas spent two days in March engaging in a "Conversation With ...," chatting with members of the law school community and visiting classes. In April, Justice Ginsburg participated in the Journal of Law and Policy's Spring Colloquium, "Gender and the Legal Profession: The Rise of Female Lawyers." She then guest lectured for two weeks in the law school's summer study abroad programs in Venice and Vienna, where she also gave public lectures and spent time visiting museums and dining with students and faculty.



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# 'CONVERSATION WITH ...' U.S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE CLARENCE THOMAS

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas says he enjoys visiting law schools around the country and talking with students because they raise very human questions. Conversely, his March visit to Wake Forest law school made the associate justice more human to students.

"I like hanging out with students because, believe it or not, I invariably go back thinking about something I hadn't thought about in a certain way," he told

an audience of more than 350 people during his "Conversation With ..." Marc Rigsby ('12), who was Thomas's neighbor in Washington, D.C., and served as his interviewer.

"Since I have been here, for example, there are things that I am thinking about that students raised this morning that get you thinking about something else," Thomas said.

"They are not esoteric things. They are

just very human questions, and very important parts of the calculus of a decision-making process."

Originally from Savannah, Ga., Thomas seemed more than at home among the captivated students.

"I would stay for two hours, if I could, but I would probably be the only one in the room!" Thomas pronounced, drawing a chuckle from the crowd.

The notion that Thomas gained valuable insight from his interaction with Wake Forest law students was just one of the many ways the justice's authenticity, humility and humanity came strikingly across.

Students were thrilled with the chance to interact with the justice.

"He made himself seem really human," Rachel White ('12) said.

"In class, we just read cases and hear their positions about an issue. We don't really see them as a person. He was really inspiring...such a jovial, humble person to hear talk."

Indeed, Thomas referenced his modest beginnings in Savannah, where he was





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born in 1948. “Think about it: What the heck did I have to look forward to?” Thomas asked, peering at his rapt audience thoughtfully.

“I was wandering the tenements of Savannah, raw sewage, unpaved roads, and then you have segregation in full swing. What did I have to look forward to?”

Thomas asked today’s law students to be encouraged despite the economy.

“You don’t know the future, and I didn’t know the future. I have no idea how I

wound up on the Supreme Court of the United States. One day, I was running around in Georgia barefooted, and the next day, I was on the Supreme Court!”

Thomas’s ability to relate to students by sharing the story of his success was certainly a highlight of the talk, especially when he touched upon his experience right after graduation.

“The job market now is the same job market when I was getting out of school. I had student loans, a kid, and no job. And I became obsessed with it, and thought it was the end of the world.”

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But it was Thomas's insistence that perseverance and positivity can bring anyone through adversity that truly hit home for students.

"To hear something like that, from such an amazing man?" said Kelly Amell ('12). "To me, that was just so inspiring."

Anthony Keys ('14) said what he took away from the justice's talk was the importance of being positive, and letting that optimism seep into his life.

"I think that it is really hard to do that," Keys added. "It's always easier to be negative about things, to be mopey or what not. It's really hard to stay positive when you have people in the background saying you can't do this, or you can't do that."

Thomas's influence on the students who had the opportunity to interact with him was palpable. Compounding the effect, of course, was Thomas's clear enthusiasm for forming a connection with the next generation of law professionals.

"Each time I come out to a law school, each time I meet with students, it encourages me, too. It encourages me to go back and do the job in a way that keeps in mind that this is your country. It is your Constitution, and it is your future."



# Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas spends day at Wake Forest law school



U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas says he likes hanging out with law students because he invariably returns to the high court thinking about things in a different way.

"I love the questions from students," he said. "For me, I come away invigorated."

Thomas met with students, faculty and alumni throughout the day, even visiting a class and lecturing on professional responsibility.

The highlight of his visit was the "Conversation With ..." presentation.

During his talk, Thomas told the students that his favorite law school experience was graduation, which drew an appreciative laugh.

"Law school was a mystery to me except for the code courses in tax and bankruptcy," he explained. "It had its challenges, but in the end it was good for me to be there."

He talked about growing up in

Savannah, Ga., his grandfather's influence and why he chose to enter the law after leaving the seminary.

"My grandfather was a hard man," Thomas explained. "His motto was, 'Do what I do,' and he was consistent. That's a hard thing to do."

After being on the Supreme Court bench for two decades, Thomas said it's a wonderful place to work. "All the people are really nice," he said. "I wish I could take each one of you in and show you how the place really is instead of what you are being told."

Justice Thomas accepted an invitation from Dean Blake Morant to visit the law school when a group of Wake Forest law alumni were inducted into the U.S. Supreme Court Bar in spring 2011.

Kelly Amell ('12) said having Justice Thomas visit the law school was an unbelievable experience and that he offered some sound advice for students facing a tough job market.

"It was very inspiring and we are

really honored to have him here today," she said.

"A lot of the things he said hit home with third-year law students. He didn't have a job when he graduated and he took a chance on the one he was offered."

Anthony Keys ('14) said he was surprised at Justice Thomas's sense of humor.

"My perception of him was very different," he said. "I thought he was very stern and serious."

Winston-Salem attorney H. Lee Davis Jr. ('77), who is chairman of the law school Board of Visitors, also found Thomas to be different from how he is portrayed on the high court.

"Justice Thomas is nothing like his public persona or the persona created by the media; rather, he is personable, engaging, delightful and charming. He is the kind of person with whom you would enjoy spending a relaxed evening."



# WAKE FOREST LAW STUDENTS STUDY WITH U.S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG IN VENICE AND VIENNA

For 30 years, Wake Forest's Study Abroad program has offered law students iconic sights, stimulating discussions and lifetime memories.

But for many of the students who attended a 2012 summer program, the highlight did not lie along a canal in Venice or on a street in Vienna, but

they idolize. The Supreme Court justices – they're my superheroes," she said. "To get to see Ginsburg, to hear her speak was amazing. She was so wise and had so much advice to offer."

During the week of July 9, Ginsburg visited the law school's Venice program, where she gave a public

Richard Schneider and Professor Tanya Marsh.

Ginsburg's association with the law school dates back to annual alumni trips to the swearing in ceremony at the U.S. Supreme Court. That led to Ginsburg's first campus visit in 2005 when she was part of the law school's "Conversation With..." series. During that visit, Executive Academic Dean Suzanne Reynolds interviewed Ginsburg about her career. Ginsburg is known for her early advocacy of women's rights.

In the summer of 2008, Ginsburg and her late husband, Marty Ginsburg, a law professor at Georgetown University, served as guest lecturers in the law school's Venice program. At the time, that too was viewed as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for those who were there.

But as Ginsburg reminded Dean Blake Morant on her most recent trip, she knew then she wanted to return.

"I could have gone to many places in the world for the summer," Ginsburg said, "but I had such great memories of the last time I was here with you in 2008 and I think I proposed to you that I'd come back."

Whether in London, Vienna or Venice, law students are able to see the American legal system clearer against the backdrop of centuries of European

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in their daily contact with Associate Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

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lecture, served as a guest lecturer in several classes, ate dinner with students and took in the sights with Dean Blake Morant and his wife, Paulette, and Professors Joel Newman and Ralph Peeples and their wives, Jane and Faith.

Then Ginsburg hopped on a plane to Vienna. There she repeated her program for the students and faculty, International Programs Dean



legal traditions. Just as important as the knowledge students gain in study abroad courses, is the chance to see the humanity beneath the black robes of a Supreme Court justice.

“More and more we are becoming a global community, which is one of the reasons why we really encourage our students to take advantage of these programs,” explained Dean Morant, while in Venice. “The world is more global now, even if you practice law in a small town, it can have an international dimension. The other thing I hear from partners at firms and alumni is that they want students who are going to be those who seek out different experiences.”

From telling students about the potato chip and champagne socials with the media that follow the appointment of a new justice to the circus of protests, press conferences and prayer circles that preceded arguments on the Affordable Healthcare Act, Ginsburg showed herself to be a keen observer of the humanity

that surrounds her in Washington, D.C., as well as the larger world.

Some of the U.S. students who had attended a session of criminal court in Venice noticed that there seemed to be little or no plea bargaining in Italy. They wondered how Ginsburg felt about that.

Ginsburg said that the volume of cases in the U.S. makes plea bargaining a necessity. “It’s inevitable. Our trial courts couldn’t operate if all of the cases had to be tried,” she said. “So, whether you like it or not, plea bargaining is here to stay.”

For Ginsburg, the question also provided a teachable moment about the differences between judicial careers in the United States and Continental Europe.

Judicial careers in Italy begin early and potential judges climb the career ladder quickly, resulting in more judges being available to hear cases. Judges in the United States tend to be appointed

when they’re closer to 50 years old.

“Our model comes from the U.K., from the British model of choosing the judges from among the most skilled barristers,” she said.

Ginsburg is acutely aware, and sometimes troubled by, public perceptions of the Supreme Court, she told students. She struck at the popular media’s portrayal of the court as sharply divided along political lines as an example. During the past term, Ginsburg said that the court split five to four in just 15 of its 65 opinions. That comes out to a 23 percent sharp disagreement rate. In 25 of the 65 opinions, the court was unanimous in its bottom line judgment.

“Despite the impression you might get from the press,” she said, “we agree much more often than we sharply disagree.”

Such labels as liberal and conservative can be deceiving when you look at the court, she said. “Some people think, if

you were appointed by a Democratic president then you're liberal," she said, "and a Republican president, you're conservative."

During most of her years on the court, the most "liberal" justice was John Paul Stevens. He was appointed by President Gerald Ford.

Despite being appointed by President Bill Clinton in 1993, Ginsburg said that during her time on the court, she has voted most often with Justice David Souter, who was appointed by the first President George Bush.

"I think it's good that the press should gain an accurate understanding," she said. Reporters have a press room at the court where they can work and when a new justice is appointed, reporters throw a champagne and potato chip party, which the other justices are invited to attend. Ginsburg said at the end of the term, she generally honors some reporters' requests to talk with her about the term.

Ginsburg said that one of the strengths she saw in Venice was the way the Italian and American students learned from each other.

"They not only learn with, but live with, Italian students," she said. "So, I think expanding their horizons beyond the local community, beyond the United States... more and more we are going to

be a global community."

Leopoldo DeMaria, a law student at University of Padua, said he loves the American approach to teaching law compared to the Italian approach, which is much more formal. "The American professors are like mates and they are students at the same time," he said. "I love the conversations we share during class. We are from different countries and different worlds but we find similarities in different situations and that is amazing."

For Leslie Evans ('14) taking Professor Newman's Comparative Tax class in Venice with Italian students was a chance to understand how other countries fund their governments. Such experiences ultimately will help connect her to people whose work and travel takes them beyond the confines of their firm or city in which they practice.

"On upcoming interviews, or when I have a job in a firm, I'll have more of a world knowledge and I can use that experience from studying abroad," she said, "and apply it to my legal career."

No time spent with a Supreme Court justice would be complete without gaining a little inside information that might be useful to students when they think about arguing a case before the court.

Ginsburg said that they are sometimes

disappointed to learn that their briefs are not the first thing justices look at.

"They think we pick their brilliant briefs first. We don't. We read the opinions of the trial court and the court of appeals and then we turn to the lawyers' briefs," she said. "We like to use the time to put to counsel the questions on which the case may turn."

When a student asked Ginsburg if oral arguments are important, the justice said that she hoped she hadn't given that impression. Oral arguments seldom determine the case.

"It may lead us to decide the case on a different ground," she said. "It may reveal a procedural impediment, but most of the time, people leave the oral argument just where they were when they came in."

Greta Maier, a law student at the University of Vienna, chose the Wake Forest program because of the chance to meet American students, practice her English and enrich her understanding of the two very different legal systems.

"It's really great being able to talk to them and discuss these things in such an easy way – not to really have to worry about, 'I hope I'm not stepping on anyone's toes or offending anybody.' We're just really having good, grown-up conversations."



# Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg describes experiences of gender discrimination

With the help of WebEx, members of the Wake Forest law school family and visiting justices received a rare look inside the council chambers of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg in April.



Ginsburg served as the keynote speaker at the Journal of Law and Policy's Spring Colloquium, "Gender and the Legal Profession: The Rise of Female Lawyers." She talked about the types of discrimination that female attorneys, jurors and clients have received in the court system over the years and the work that has been done to reverse the trend.

Ginsburg recalled multiple cases where she helped women receive equal rights.

She said a 1971 case placed parents on the opposite side of the aisle after the death of their son. Ginsburg said the mother, Sally Reed, wanted to be the executor of the will, but since the couple was separated, the Idaho Probate Court sided with Cecil Reed. The court argued that "males were preferred over females" in appointing administrators to estates.

Ginsburg said Sally Reed thought this was wrong and considered it a set

back for women's rights. Ginsburg said she wrote a brief on the case that explained to the court why this was gender discrimination, and the Supreme Court later overturned the decision after determining that it was "unconstitutional" to give preferential treatment to someone as the executor of a will based on their gender.

Another discrimination case that Ginsburg argued was the 1979 case *Duren v. Missouri*. Ginsburg said the case involved discrimination during the jury selection process.

She said jury duty was optional for women at that time in Missouri, which meant that women would

receive automatic exemptions if they asked. Ginsburg argued that jury duty should not be optional for women because their service was just as valuable as men's service. She also argued that it limited the rights of a defendant to have a trial by a jury that is chosen from a cross section of the community.

Ginsburg said that case overturned Duren's conviction of first-degree murder and first-degree robbery. Five other cases in Missouri also were decided based on the same argument.

Ginsburg said she experienced some discrimination when she first joined the Supreme Court, but it wasn't

## THE SUPREME COURT & WAKE FOREST

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Associate Supreme Court Justice **Ruth Bader Ginsburg** reflects on her life during a "Conversation With..."

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Chief Justice **John Roberts** judges Moot Court Competition

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from the other judges. She explained that she and Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor had to wear certain shirts so people wouldn't get them confused. Ginsburg, chuckling a little, said she couldn't understand how people could confuse the two of them but not the men.

Ginsburg also noted that one of the first changes that had to be made at the Supreme Court upon her arrival was the addition of a second bathroom.

"Things have definitely changed during my time," Ginsburg said. "Women are all over the bench now, and we are very active."

Ginsburg encourages women to work hard and pursue their dreams of being successful attorneys and justices. She said strides that women make today will continue to make things better for future generations.

The justice added that she encourages women to live balanced lives because she believes that the best attorneys are the ones that are multi-dimensional.

"Anything you think you can do, yes you can," Ginsburg said. "Today there are no artificial barriers in your way. Find out what is your passion and work to achieve what you can."

## Supreme Court clerk to guest lecture in study abroad program

Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States William K. Suter will guest lecture in the Wake Forest law school Study Abroad Program in summer 2013. Suter is the 19th Clerk of the Supreme Court, a position he has held since 1991. Suter is a retired major general in the United States Army. At the time of his retirement from the Army in 1990, he had served for over a year as the acting Judge Advocate General. He had previously served as the Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Army, Chief Judge of the U.S. Army Court of Military Review (now called the U.S. Army Court of Criminal Appeals), Commander of the U.S. Army Legal Services Agency, and Commandant of the Judge Advocate General's School. During his military service, General Suter was awarded the Bronze Star for his service during the Vietnam War and the Distinguished Service Medal. Suter obtained a bachelor's degree from Trinity University and his law degree from Tulane University. He was admitted to the bar in 1962.

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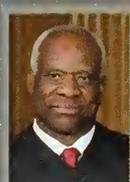


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Justice **Clarence Thomas** speaks with students about his career during a "Conversation With..."



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Justice **Ruth Bader Ginsburg** guest lectures in study abroad programs

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## Child Advocacy Clinic rewarding for students while benefitting Piedmont children

Bob Rosenberg ('11) describes his semester with the inaugural class of the Child Advocacy Clinic in Fall 2010 as the most rewarding experience he had at Wake Forest law school. As the result of his team's efforts, a young child was permitted to remain in the custody of his grandmother, in a nurturing and drug-free home.

"My partner and I worked on behalf of a 2-year-old boy stuck in the middle of a high-conflict custody case," Rosenberg said. "We conducted interviews with witnesses and even had the opportunity to testify in court." He continued, "The CLC staff did a tremendous job not only teaching us the relevant law, but also helping us to make valuable connections throughout the courthouse. I would recommend the Child Advocacy Clinic to any student wanting to gain practical experience outside of the classroom."

The Child Advocacy Clinic, which began in August 2010, is the law school's newest clinic. The clinic is designed to teach students the best practices of representing children's interests in high-conflict custody cases, civil domestic violence actions and in issues involving

the public school system. According to Director Iris Sunshine ('89), who is also the executive director of the Children's Law Center of Central North Carolina (CLC), clinic students have worked more than 2,010 hours on behalf of the best interests of more than 50 children in the community to date.

"The Child Advocacy Clinic offers students invaluable real-world legal training and experience while enabling the CLC to expand its reach and serve more children," Sunshine said.

The Children's Law Center of Central North Carolina was founded in 2005 by Penny Spry ('82) and Amy Kuhlman as a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization. Sunshine joined the CLC in November 2008.

"Our mission is to provide children with quality legal advocacy focusing on domestic violence issues, high-conflict custody cases, and ensuring access to education," Sunshine said.

"Our ultimate goal is to enable children to grow up in safe environments and to become emotionally healthy adults."

The CLC is the only nonprofit organization in North Carolina representing the best interests of children in domestic violence cases in the courtroom, according to Sunshine.

The Child Advocacy Clinic is housed at the CLC and typically enrolls six to eight students a semester working under the supervision of CLC attorneys to provide a voice for children embroiled in Chapter 50B domestic violence cases and Chapter 50 high conflict custody cases. District Court judges appoint CLC staff to act as Guardians ad Litem (GAL) for these children. Sunshine explained that "students in the Child Advocacy Clinic serve as the voices of the children in the courtroom and act as the eyes and ears of the Court."

Sunshine said law students in the clinic may also have the opportunity to represent children in issues involving the public school system. Parents contact the CLC if their child is not receiving necessary services from the schools particularly if they have an Individualized Education Program for meeting special needs. In addition, some parents may reach out to the CLC for help if they believe their child has been wrongfully suspended or expelled from school.

The clinic consists of two components: field work and the seminar. Students study the various models for representing children and analyze the ethical issues raised in the various settings.

They also study the procedural and substantive law involved in deciding the custody issue in both the family law and the domestic violence settings and in representing children in the educational setting. Students work in teams of two on cases that have been referred from the District Courts.



Former clinical student Tara Tannehill ('11) described serving as a Guardian ad Litem for children in cases of domestic violence and high conflict custody situations as very rewarding.

"As I observed court proceedings, it became abundantly clear that appointing GALs to represent the best interests of children involved in situations of domestic violence and high-conflict custody disputes was a very valuable resource for the court," she said.

"In addition to the satisfaction of knowing that I advocated on behalf of children who would not otherwise be represented in court, my internship at the Children's Law Center provided a great deal of exposure to the district court system... That sort of firsthand experience was invaluable for helping to improve my own advocacy skills."

In order to work on a case, students must complete GAL training.

"It is the same training that we use for attorneys, such as those from Kilpatrick Townsend, who volunteer their time to the CLC for the high-conflict custody cases," Sunshine said. "Students are required to observe the domestic violence courts and juvenile court, in order to better understand what it is that we do, and why we do it. Then, students will work with a teammate on a case in conjunction with any one or more of our staff at the Children's Law Center."

Sunshine added that students do what staff attorneys at the Children's Law Center do; work a case from the ground up. Students learn how to prepare and file an order, interview children, review civil and criminal records pertaining to the parents, interview the parties, conduct home visits, and prepare a written report for the court with their findings, concerns and recommendations.

"Students interview teachers, relatives, neighbors, friends, pediatricians, therapists, DSS workers, law enforcement officers, coaches, among others; it just really depends on each case as they are all quite different," Sunshine said.

"The students need to be prepared to make an oral report to the court because the judge will often ask for only an oral report or for additional comments to a written report. Some students have had the opportunity to testify in court regarding their investigation.

"Through their work with the CLC, the clinic students are exposed to a wide variety of situations and people including judges, lawyers and other professionals that will actually make them more marketable when they go out in to the work place."

Nigel Vanderford ('12) worked on four Chapter 50B domestic violence cases during the Fall 2011 semester.

"I want to work in family law, and I got

a better understanding of what exactly it means to figure out the best interests of the child, and that will really help me going forward," he said. "I've got all kinds of things I can rely on and make an argument for my client, for what the child's best interest is in that situation because I have seen so many different levels. It really helps you gain confidence in the court room, because there is so much experience working with the attorneys and the judge to hammer out a custody arrangement for this child. I can't speak highly enough about the class."

Students become vested in their cases and want to see the outcome, Sunshine added. "Some of our cases are not resolved during the course of the semester yet the students will return for court hearings and even to testify," she said. "The law students truly enjoy their work and are committed to advocating for the children in their case."

In addition to teaching students about the law involving custody disputes and domestic violence and the practical application of what they have learned in law school, Sunshine explained that the Child Advocacy Clinic has another goal.

"Our hope is that after taking this course and working with the Children's Law Center, the students will be inspired to continue to advocate for children. We encourage the students as they launch their careers to consider serving as a *pro bono* attorney with a nonprofit organization or for an individual in an area about which they are passionate."

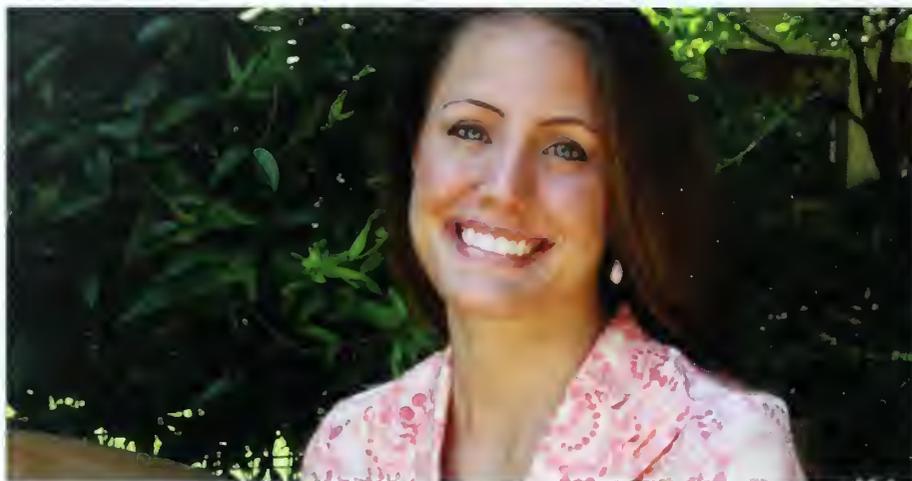
Executive Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Suzanne Reynolds describes the Child Advocacy Clinic as the latest component of the law school's larger effort to enrich experiential learning opportunities available to students.

"We hope the new Child Advocacy Clinic will expand the collaborative learning experiences and match the law school's goal of a more integrative learning experience," Reynolds said.

"The Child Advocacy Clinic offers students invaluable real world legal training and experience while enabling the Children's Law Center to expand its reach and serve more children."

**Iris Sunshine ('89),**  
Child Advocacy Clinic director

## Community Law and Business Clinic's work with food systems helps spur rural economic development



Jess Kimble ('12) grew up on a farm in rural Ohio where she canned food and sold green beans to her aunt's grocery store for 69 cents a pound.

She left Ohio for Wake Forest law school because she was impressed with the number of clinics the school offered — and the opportunities available in a larger city.

She soon found herself up to her elbows in the legal intricacies involved in setting up a cannery in rural Virginia. The experience that brought her back to her roots also highlighted the difficulties of making rural life economically viable for people who love country living. But Kimble didn't mind. "I had firsthand experience," she said. "This was something near and dear to my heart."

Virginia Food Works is a nonprofit food processing center in Prince Edward County, Va. It is one of about 30 projects pertaining to food systems that the law school's Community Law and Business Clinic has worked on over the past four years, said Clinic Director Steve Virgil. The food processing center allows farmers to can, freeze or preserve their produce for personal or commercial use.

Such projects are engines of economic

development for rural areas, where the population is aging, capital for business start-ups is scarce and the infrastructure is often crumbling, Virgil said.

"My work is a real opportunity to help our students think more broadly about their own practices and to think about the societal and historic forces that shape the places where we live," he said. "Getting food from the farm to the table involves a whole range of relationships that involve legal issues."

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**Steve Virgil**, director of the Community Law and Business Clinic

Pilot Mountain Pride Center, which opened in 2010, was another project for law students. The center connects farmers to local people and retailers. It's also a corporation with an extensive network of contracts with farmers, consumers and distributors. The students helped the market register its trademark, set up articles of organization for the Secretary

of State's office and oversaw contracts and IRS compliance.

Chris Knopf, the assistant county manager for economic development and tourism in Surry County, said that without the law students' help, Pilot Mountain Pride would have had a hard time opening its doors.

"They were outstanding, responsive, knowledgeable, and their tasks were always carried out in a timely manner," Knopf said. "I have recommended their services to countless small businesses and nonprofits over the past couple of years."

Virgil estimated that the law school provided about \$50,000 worth of legal services to the center.

"There are a range of challenges, but in another sense, there's not another sector that's as important as agriculture for the longterm interests of society," he said.

For Kimble, who comes from a family of small business owners, the logistics

involved in helping ventures like the cannery and farmer's market succeed require creativity and an entrepreneurial spirit. "I like the idea that I can be involved with these projects and help people make business decisions that are tied to real people and real things," she said.

# Appellate Advocacy Clinic students complete four briefs in state and federal appeals in three weeks

Rising third-year law students in the Appellate Advocacy Clinic were very busy over the summer, completing briefs in four different appeals, including three in one week.

“It’s unusual and also very exciting that we have had so many brief deadlines fall during the summer,” said Clinic Director John Korzen (’91).

“By completing so many briefs over the summer, we will be better able to focus on upcoming oral arguments and other aspects of appellate practice once classes begin. Each student pair did a great job researching and drafting the briefs we have filed in the past three weeks.”

On May 29, the Clinic filed a reply brief on behalf of the plaintiff-appellant in *Bridges v. Parrish* in the North Carolina Court of Appeals. Rory Agan and Laura Esseesse researched and drafted the brief.

The issue on appeal is whether the allegations in the complaint allege a duty under North Carolina’s common law of negligence. The trial court dismissed the complaint under North Carolina Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b) (6). A panel of appellate judges met on June 6 to decide the case without oral argument, and an opinion is expected in August.

On June 18, the Clinic filed a brief of appellant in *Waldburger v. CTS Corp.* in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

The appeal involves statutory interpretation, specifically whether Congress intended in CERCLA to preempt all state limitations periods or only state statute of limitations and not

statutes of repose. The trial court held that CERCLA does not preempt North Carolina’s statute of repose and allowed the defendant’s motion to dismiss under

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**John Korzen (’91),**  
director of the  
Appellate Advocacy  
Clinic

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b) (6). Hillary Kies and Emma Maddux researched and drafted the brief.

On June 20, the Clinic filed a brief of appellant in *United States v. Fugit*, a federal habeas case in the Fourth Circuit.

The appeal involves both statutory interpretation — specifically does “sexual activity” in 18 U.S.C. § 2422(b)’s prohibition against enticing a minor to engage in “sexual activity” require physical contact — and whether Fugit’s trial attorney was ineffective for advising him to plead guilty when his conduct did not involve physical contact but only online chatting and telephone calls that

were not about physical contact. The trial court denied Fugit’s motion for relief under 28 U.S.C. § 2255. Melissa Evett (’13) and Mary Beth Usher (’13) researched and drafted the brief.

On June 21, the Clinic filed a reply brief in *Estep v. Ballard*, a state habeas case in the Fourth Circuit. Estep, like Fugit, involves ineffective assistance of counsel. Estep’s trial attorneys failed to object when the State introduced evidence of the murder victim’s good character, which under Rule 404(b) was inadmissible.

The main issue on appeal is whether their failure to object prejudiced Estep, meaning whether there was a reasonable probability that the jury would have given him “mercy” (the possibility of parole down the road, versus the life without parole “no mercy” sentence he received). The trial court denied Estep’s motion for relief under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 while observing that the issue is “a close call.”

Kelley Chan (’13) and Morgan McCall (’13) researched and drafted the brief. Oral argument was scheduled for the Sept. 18-21 session.

The Appellate Advocacy Clinic is a two-semester course for third-year law students who have completed Appellate Advocacy.

The Elder Law Clinic co-hosted an elder investment fraud and financial exploitation prevention program for health care providers on March 23 at the Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. The event, "Recognizing and Reporting Suspected Financial Abuse in Your Older Patients," which was free, was co-sponsored by the N.C. Secretary of State, the N.C. Bar Association Elder Law Section, and the Wake Forest School of Medicine Gerontology and Geriatrics Section. Held in conjunction with the Investor Protection Trust (IPT) group, the program was held as part of a national effort to train medical professionals to spot financial abuse of older patients, and will help train elders in basic principles of investment and saving, according to Elder Law Clinic Director Kate Mewhinney.

Dean Blake D. Morant was honored with the Chief Justice John Marshall Life Achievement Award by

the Judge Advocates Association and Judge Advocates Foundation on May 15. The Chief Justice John Marshall Lifetime Achievement Award is the Judge Advocate Foundation's highest award. The Foundation established the Award commemorating Chief Justice Marshall to honor an individual who once served as a judge advocate, left active duty military service, and subsequently made great contributions and achievements outside the military legal system. Both organizations commended a number of active duty and past JAG officers at the event held at the Army Navy Club in Arlington, Va. Dean Morant was recognized for his exemplary service and outstanding contribution to the military and civilian legal profession. "I can only hope to live up to the standards set by such a magnanimous recognition," said Dean Morant in response to his award. In addition to serving in the Army's Judge Advocate General Corps, Dean Morant

has been elected to the Association of American Law Schools Executive Committee for a three-year term. He has also served in numerous other positions in the American Association of Law Schools and the American Bar Association.

Natalie Scruton ('10), along with three others at DLA Piper Global Law Firm, authored the ABA Amicus Brief in the *Miller v. Alabama* case. The Supreme Court in June ruled in their favor and held that mandatory life in prison without the possibility of parole is unconstitutional for those younger than 18. Following is an excerpt from SCOTUSBlog.com regarding the decision: Justice Kagan announced the opinion for the Court in *Miller v. Alabama* and *Jackson v. Hobbs*, holding, in a five-to-four vote, that "the Eighth Amendment forbids a sentencing scheme that mandates life in prison without possibility of parole for juvenile offenders." The Court has previously

## CHARLEY ROSE SELECTED AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2012 JURIST EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Professor Charley Rose has been selected by the third-year class to be honored with the Wake Forest University School of Law Student Bar Association's 2012 Jurist Excellence in Teaching Award. Dean Blake D. Morant made the announcement during the law school's Hooding Ceremony on May 20, 2012. Litigation Clinic Coordinator Ann Robertson was chosen as "Staff Member of the Year." Rose is one of the favorite law teachers of generations of

Wake Forest graduates. This latest honor makes him a 10-time winner of the Jurist Excellence in Teaching Award. He was also awarded the Joseph Branch Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2005. Rose originated the successful "Conversation With..." program, designed to bring experienced lawyers to the school as role models to share their stories in an informal setting with the students. He also served for 20 years as the advisor to the National Moot Court Team, including advising the team that won the National Championship in 1986. Rose taught at the University of Akron Law School prior to joining the Wake Forest faculty, and he has been a visiting professor at the Duke Law School and the University of Puget Sound School of Law. He serves as an Elder and Clerk of Session for the Shallowford Presbyterian Church. Before entering law school teaching, Charley served as Staff Attorney at the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, Ohio, and as instructor in the United States Army JAG School and the United States Army Infantry School.



Charley Rose

shown leniency to juveniles, holding in *Roper v. Simmons* (2005), that juveniles cannot be sentenced to death, and in *Graham v. Florida* (2010), that juveniles cannot be sentenced to life without parole for non-homicide offenses. This case continues that trend.

The Wake Forest law school website ranked among the top five in an annual Georgetown Law survey. For this year's annual survey of law school home pages, Roger Skalbeck, Associate Law Librarian for Electronic Resources & Services at Georgetown Law Library, applied 24 criteria across three broad categories to evaluate all ABA-accredited law school website home pages for his ranking of the 10 best law school home pages. Wake Forest's web site tied for fourth with the University of New Mexico School of Law and the University of Texas at Austin School of Law.

Wake Forest law school has the top bar passage rate among top tier law schools in North Carolina for students who took the N.C. Bar exam in July 2012. Ninety-two percent of Wake Forest graduates taking the state bar exam for the first-time passed, according to the N.C. Board of Law Examiners. That's compared with a 79 percent first-time bar exam passage rate for all North Carolina law schools. Of Wake Forest's 71 first-time bar exam takers, 65 passed and 100 percent of the law school's repeat takers also passed, giving the law school an overall pass rate of 92 percent. "The exemplary bar passage rate is a testament to our students' hard work and determination," said Dean Blake D. Morant. "I would like to express special appreciation to Tracey Coan, who, as our director of academic support, has led the effort to ensure that our students have the guidance and preparation necessary to succeed as they prepared to take the exam." A total of 1,194 graduates took the North Carolina bar exam. For those taking the exam for the first time, the state pass rate was 79 percent; for repeat takers, the pass rate was 40 percent. The overall pass rate for all takers of 2012 July

Bar was 73 percent.

Kaitlyn Girard ('12) has been named a Clifton W. Everett Sr. Community Lawyer Fellow by Legal Aid of North Carolina. Girard, along with Meghan

Melo, a 2012 University of North Carolina School of Law graduate, launched a two-year-long effort to aid poverty-stricken residents of rural Richmond County at a swearing-in ceremony on Sept. 10 at the county courthouse. Girard has already

## WFU LAW STUDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR HANDS-ON TRAINING



Eighteen Wake Forest law students were honored April 23 for completing intensive training in professionalism. The Applied Legal Theory - Law in Action Program at Wake Forest law school is designed to give students hands-on experience and skills that will prepare them for the practice of law. This includes curricular opportunities for learning the law in a real-world context through courses that emphasize practical lawyering skills, as well as opportunities for students to participate in *pro bono* legal efforts in the Winston-Salem community.

For the Career and Professional Development component of the program, students worked closely with career advisors at the law school on resume development and interviewing skills, participated in workshops and lectures focusing on professionalism, and engaged with practicing attorneys to seek career advice. This component is designed to help students develop essential professional skills, such as networking, proper client communication, business etiquette and civility, among others, that will carry over into long term success in their careers.

"We are delighted to honor this group of students, who, in addition to meeting rigorous academic demands, completed all the requirements to receive this certificate," said Dean Blake D. Morant. "It is a testament to their perseverance and their personal recognition of the value of professionalism that they were able to do so." The 18 first-year law students receiving the professionalism certificate were recognized during a reception at the law school.

demonstrated a serious commitment to social justice. While at Wake Forest law school, Girard served as executive director of the school's *Pro Bono* Project, coordinating public service efforts to benefit community organizations and

individuals in need. She also participated in a spring break service trip to LANC's Pembroke office to work on elder law issues, and interned at the Children's Law Center of Central North Carolina in Winston-Salem and Rappahannock

Legal Services in Virginia. "The depth of Kaitlyn and Meghan's dedication to social justice at this point in their careers is truly impressive and bodes well for their ability to make a meaningful difference in Richmond County," says

## SCHOOL OF LAW INTRODUCES MASTER OF STUDIES IN LAW PROGRAM

The Wake Forest law school began offering a one-year Master of Studies in Law (MSL) program in the Fall 2012 semester. The MSL program offers an integrated understanding of law useful in many professional settings. Through an innovative curriculum that explores the core concepts of law, students gain new perspectives on contemporary business, politics and society.

Like other graduate programs, the MSL program requires a thesis (or seminar paper) under the supervision of a faculty adviser. Although MSL graduates do not practice law, 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.

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, nonprofit 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.

Find more information on the Wake Forest MSL program, including curriculum, faculty, tuition/financial aid, and admissions process at [msl.law.wfu.edu](http://msl.law.wfu.edu).



David Richardson, a LANC staff attorney supervises the fellows. The fellowships are awarded annually by Legal Aid of North Carolina and funded by the board of trustees of the North Carolina State Bar's Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts (IOLTA) program. Everett Fellows serve as legal aid staff attorneys in rural settings.

The third annual Wake Forest law school Public Interest Retreat was deemed a success by students and faculty alike. "I am very pleased with the turnout and to see the level of interest grow again this year," said Retreat Director Amanda Oliver ('12) about the March 2 event. "My only complaint about the day is that we didn't have more time," added Beth Hopkins, director of outreach. "I wanted to hear more from all of our panelists, especially Mr. (Francisco) Negron." Negron, associate executive director and general counsel to the National School Board Association, kicked off the day with a discussion about education law and its impact on a variety of national issues. He spoke about his passion for nonprofit work and the satisfaction he receives from helping students and educators all across the country. He also discussed the value of working in the public interest arena and the opportunities it provides aspiring lawyers. Negron talked about the value of being passionate about whatever arena of public interest law someone wants to pursue, and that same spirit carried over into the four breakout sessions. Representatives from various nonprofit agencies and state and federal governmental agencies discussed the ability to handle a large case load and the skill sets that are most important for success.

The Wake Forest Journal of Business and Intellectual Property Law hosted "Avenue of the Arts: Connecting Creativity, Economics and the Law" on March 23 in the Worrell Professional Center. Inspired by Winston-Salem's reputation as the "City of the Arts & Innovation," this year's symposium focused on the intersection of intellectual

property law practice and the arts, with special attention on the employment of artistic ventures as engines for economic development in local communities. In the field of the arts, intellectual property law provides artists and entrepreneurs with the tools to protect their original works, while the business-end of the industry deals with the monetization of such ventures, according to Greer Bengel ('12), symposium editor. "By exploring the intersections of these forces at work within the arts, we can come to a better understanding as to how to facilitate artistic expression in a way that both protects creators and disseminates the work to a large audience for maximum economic benefit," she said. Panelists, including community leaders, attorneys, and legal and cultural scholars, presented on a variety of issues, including extension of protection for copyrighted works that have fallen in the public domain, the reach of personal liability for infringement of artistic works under the doctrines of contributory and vicarious liability, intellectual property issues related to public organizations, and programs designed to employ arts as an engine for economic development.

The Wake Forest Law Review hosted its 2012 spring symposium, "The Asymmetry of Administrative Law: The Lack of Public Participation and the Public Interest" on March 30 in the Worrell Professional Center. The symposium, under the guidance of Professor Sidney Shapiro, focused on a troubling trend in governmental administrative process: a steady decline in participation by special-interest groups. The 1970s saw a "reformation" of administration, as a more inclusive procedure was designed to allow participation by the public in the form of public interest groups. It was assumed, in short, that the participation of public interest groups would ensure that the administrative process would not tilt in favor of regulated entities. However, recent research has suggested that this is not in fact the case. Empirical evidence suggests what has long been commonly known to objective observers: such



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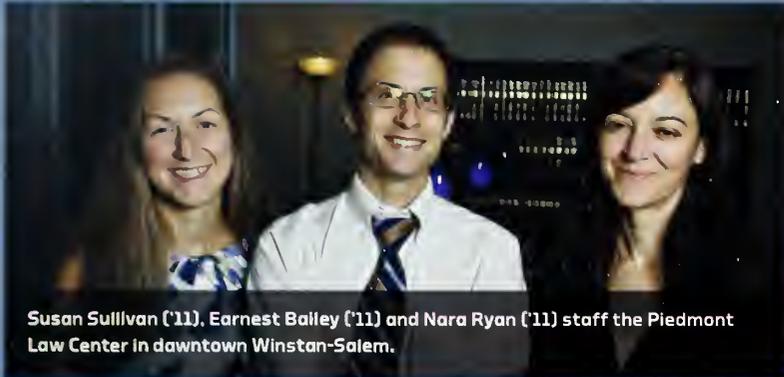
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groups simply do not have the resources to effectively participate in all but a few of the current administrative proceedings. It has also been shown that public interest groups are often overwhelmed by the interests of regulated organizations in the administrative process. This symposium considered the short and long-term effects of the decline of participation by these groups, according to Symposium Editors Matthew Antonelli ('12) and Wade Sample ('12).

The Wake Forest law school has created five new professorships, hired six new faculty members and promoted three to full professors. The new professorships recognize the contributions these faculty members make to the legal community and to Wake Forest University: John H. Knox, Henry C. Lauerman Professor of International Law; Alan Palmiter, Howard L. Oleck Professor of Business Law; Wendy Parker, James A. Webster Professor of Public Law; George Walker, Dean's Research Professor of Admiralty and International Law; and Ronald Wright, Needham Yancy Gulley Professor of Criminal Law. The law

## PIEDMONT LAW CENTER OFFERS LEGAL SERVICES AT REDUCED RATES



Susan Sullivan ('11), Earnest Bailey ('11) and Nara Ryan ('11) staff the Piedmont Law Center in downtown Winston-Salem.

Four years of a bad economy show in their clients' teary phone calls, desperate text messages and the weight they carry on their shoulders. But for the three recent graduates of the Wake Forest law school who staff the Piedmont Law Center, there is a comfort in working with people who might not be able to access legal services without their help.

"You're scared, you don't understand the system. You're afraid people are taking advantage of you," said Susan Sullivan ('11), of her clients. "We step in and tell people what they can do."

Sullivan, along with Earnest Bailey ('11) and Nora Ryan ('11) staff the Center, which provides recent graduates with a chance to develop their skills. The Center offers legal services at a reduced rate to low and moderate income families. Many of the Center's cases deal with child custody, landlord tenant relations and employment matters.

The center has two goals, said Community Law and Business Clinic Director Steve Virgil. "We have graduates in a job market that's one of the most challenging in a couple of generations," he said. "And you have people who have lost a lot of income over the last four years who can't afford to hire an attorney, but still have legal needs."

Work at the center gives recent graduates a chance to take a more entrepreneurial approach to their careers, Virgil said. "As a recent graduate, the worst thing you can do is to stop your professional development," he said, "to sit at home for a year looking for the perfect job."

The newly developed Center evolved from the Low Bono Project, which began in 2009, under Virgil's direction. The Low Bono Project offered free legal services to nonprofits and entrepreneurs. Since then, 10 School of Law graduates have worked at the Center.

school also adds to its accomplished list of scholars six new professors. These new professors bring a wealth of knowledge and experience in areas that include legal research and writing, environmental law, tax law and innocence and justice. The new professors are Christopher Knott, Hal Lloyd, Emily Hammond Mezell, Rebecca Morrow, Abby Perdue and Mark Rabil. In addition, the law school congratulates Kami Chavis Simmons, Omari Simmons and Steve Virgil on their promotions to full professor with tenure as of July 1, 2012. For faculty profiles, visit [law.wfu.edu/faculty/](http://law.wfu.edu/faculty/).

Graduates of the University of Texas who enter private practice enjoy the best standard of living in the nation, while Wake Forest law school ranks 24th, according to an exclusive study by National Jurist magazine. To determine standard of living, The National Jurist used median starting salaries, average debt payments, estimated federal and state taxes and cost of living adjustments for the regions where graduates were employed. The National Jurist first did the standard of living study in 1999 and reported that graduates who entered private practice at six law schools at that time had a lower standard of living than they did as students. Since then, salaries have increased dramatically, improving the standard of living at almost every law school in the nation. Debt repayment options also improved in 2009 with a new federal law.

## VETERAN ADVOCACY LAW ORGANIZATION RECEIVES ABA PUBLIC INTEREST AWARD



The American Bar Association Law Student Division has announced that Wake Forest law school's Veteran Advocacy Law Organization is the recipient of the 2012 Judy M. Weightman Memorial Public Interest Award.

"The Division commends VALOR for its dedication to addressing the legal needs of veterans seeking benefits from the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, providing legal assistance in civilian legal matters, and promoting awareness of issues facing veterans and service members," Tremaine Reese, 2011-12 Chair of the ABA Law Student Division, wrote in a letter to Dean Blake D. Morant.

"The ABA Law Student Division appreciates the contributions of your students and school to improve the legal profession."

According to the ABA website, the Law Student Division Public Interest Award serves as a testament to Professor Judy M. Weightman of the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii who, before losing her battle with breast cancer in 1998, demonstrated her passion for justice and tirelessly advocated on behalf of minorities and the poor.

This award recognizes law students and law schools who have made outstanding contributions to

underrepresented groups or public interest causes outside the law school and/or in public service at the law school.

Dean Morant responded, "Receiving the 2012 Judy M. Weightman Memorial Public Interest Award constitutes a significant achievement, of which we are all very proud. You should know that Professor Beth Hopkins, director of Outreach and Diversity, works very hard to ensure the quality of our programming. Much of the credit for this award goes to her and, of course, the wonderful students who volunteer their time to this effort."

Kathryn Hatcher ('13) gathered the materials and was instrumental in VALOR being recognized in part for a free legal clinic it sponsored for 30 area veterans on Feb. 3. With attorney oversight, student volunteers provided workshops for wills and powers of attorney, rights upon police encounters, and landlord/tenant issues. Veterans also received information from the United Way regarding housing for the homeless, from the N.C. and U.S. Departments of Veterans Affairs regarding State and Federal benefits, and from a National Service Officer regarding V.A. benefits claims and appeals.

After lunch that was donated by a local veteran, Army Major Gen. Gill Beck recognized two local wounded warriors.



CAROL B. ANDERSON



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### Carol B. Anderson

#### PRESENTATIONS

- Panelist, "I Was a Juror in *United States v. Johnny Reid Edwards*," Kilpatrick Townsend in Winston-Salem, June 27, 2012.
- "Opening Statement and Closing Argument," Womble Carlyle, June 16-17, 2012.

#### ACTIVITIES

- Conducted a workshop for all trial practice adjunct professors on July 12, 2012.

#### MEDIA

- Interviewed by WFMY, Channel 2 News in Greensboro about the John Edwards Trial.
- Interviewed by WFDD in Greensboro about the John Edwards Trial.

### Jonathan Cardì

#### PUBLICATIONS

- Casebook: Christie, Sanders & Cardì, *The Law of Torts* (West 5th ed.).
- "Net Negligence: A Framework for Understanding Claims for Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress in the Modern Era" as a chapter in a book in France.
- "Does Tort Law Deter Individuals' Risky Conduct?" in the *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* (with Albert

- Yoon & Randy Penfield).
- "The Hidden Legacy of Palsgraf: Modern Duty Law in Microcosm", 91 *B.U. L. Rev.* 1873 (2011).
- "The Taxpayer's Burden from Product-Related Harm", 21 *Kan. J. L. & Pub. Pol'y* 121 (2011) (with Ruth Ruttenberg and Estye Fenton).

#### PRESENTATIONS

- "Net Negligence at the Remedies Roundtable", in Mainz, Germany.
- "The Civil Jury: An American Ir/resolution" at a conference sponsored by the University of Poitiers in Paris, France.
- "Does Tort Law Deter Individuals" at the faculty development series at The Georgia State School of Law.

#### ACTIVITIES

- Served as a commenter at the Southeastern Junior/Senior Scholarship Conference, at Wake Forest University.
- Moderated a panel at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools conference, in Hilton Head Island, S.C.

### Don Castleman

#### PRESENTATIONS

- "Effect of a Down Economy on Trusts and Estates" at SEALS Aug. 1, 2012 in Amelia Island, Fla.

### Jennifer Collins

#### ACTIVITIES

- Graduated from the HERS 2012 Bryn Mawr Summer Institute.

### Michael Curtis

#### PUBLICATIONS

- "A Unique Religious Exemption from Anti-discrimination Laws in the Case of Gays? Putting the Call for Exemptions For Those Who Discriminate Against Married or Marrying Gays In Context." 47 *Wake Forest University Law Review* 173 (2012).
- "The Fraying Fabric of Freedom," 44 *Texas Tech Law Review* 89 (Fall, 2011) (part of symposium on Criminal law and the First Amendment (published in 2012)).
- "Undaunted Radical, the Selected Writing of Albion Tourgee" *Journal of Southern History* (2012).
- "Rethinking the Judicial Settlement of Reconstruction": Cambridge University Press, 2011, 1 *American Political Thought* 161 (2112).

#### PRESENTATIONS

- Debate with Professor Mark Hall on the Affordable Care Act at Wake Forest University School of Medicine, April 26, 2012.

## Michael Curtis published "The Fraying Fabric of Freedom."



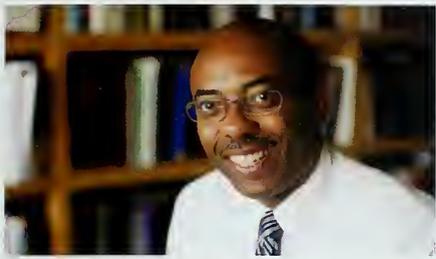
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JENNIFER COLLINS



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TIMOTHY DAVIS

### Timothy Davis

#### ACTIVITIES

- Chaired meeting of the Contracts Drafting Committee of the National Conference of Bar Examiners, New York, N.Y., March 1-4, 2012.

#### PRESENTATIONS

- “Using the Case Method to Teach Sports Law,” 2012 Sport, Physical Activity, Recreation and Law Conference, Greensboro, N.C., March 3, 2012.
- “Taking Stock of Title IX’s 40th Anniversary, Panel Discussant, AALS Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., Jan. 5, 2012.
- “NCAA Rules Compliance and Enforcement,” Triad WFU Alumni Reception (with Dr. Todd Hairston) Nov. 10, 2011.
- “Anatomy of A Bar Exam: How NCBE’s Tests Are Developed, at National Conference of Bar Examiner’s Academic Support Conference, Madison, Wis., Oct. 2, 2011.

#### PUBLICATIONS

- “Foreword to Symposium Issue, Losing to Win: Discussions of Race and Intercollegiate Athletics,” 2 Wake Forest J. L & Pol’y 1 (2012).

### Shannon Gilreath

#### PUBLICATIONS

- “Trans/Sex in Ius Inkarri” (Spanish Language, Universidad Ricardo Palma).

#### Presentations

- “The End of Straight Supremacy: Realizing Gay Liberation” (Florida Atlantic University).
- “The Repeal of Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” (William and Mary College of Law).
- “Equality and Speech: The Gay Liberationist Perspective” (University of San Francisco School of Law).

#### APPOINTMENTS

- Permanent Joint Appointment to the



SHANNON GILREATH

Wake Forest University Department of Women’s and Gender Studies.

### Laura Graham

#### PRESENTATIONS

- “Pre-Writing: What, When, Where, How, and Why” at the Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, Palm Springs, Calif., May 30, 2012.

#### PUBLICATIONS

- “Grammar & Punctuation: Lessons From Aristotle,” 22 N.C. Lawyer 34 (N.C. Bar Association.), May 2012.

### Michael Green

#### ACTIVITIES

- Inaugural member of the World Tort Institute and member of its Executive Council.
- Secretary of the Wake Forest Faculty Senate.

#### AWARDS

- Awarded (with W.C. Powers) the 2012 John G. Fleming Memorial Prize for Torts Scholarship.

#### PRESENTATIONS

- Presented a paper on “Admissibility Versus Sufficiency” at a workshop on “Uncertainty and Mass Torts: Causation and Proof,” at the University of Girona, Spain.
- Spoke about the Reference Guide on Epidemiology at the annual meeting of American Association for Justice in Chicago.
- “Restating on Both Sides of the Atlantic,” at the Eleventh Annual European Torts Conference in Vienna.
- “Pessimism About Milward” at a Symposium titled “Science on Trial: Toxic Tort Litigation After *Milward v. Acuity Specialty Products*,” sponsored by the Center for Progressive Reform and the Wake Forest Journal of Law and Public Policy in Washington, D.C.
- “Teaching Causation,” at the workshop



MARK HALL

on Torts, Environment and Disaster, 2012 AALS mid-year meeting in Berkeley.

#### PUBLICATIONS

- “The Federal Employers’ Liability Act: Sense and Nonsense about Causation”, 61 DePaul L. Rev. 503 (2012).

### Mark Hall

#### ACTIVITIES

- Wrote an amicus brief for the Supreme Court in the Affordable Care Act case, on behalf of 104 health law professors.
- Attended the oral arguments in the case, and spoke and wrote extensively about the decision.
- Advised the N.C. Department of Insurance and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services about implementation of health insurance reforms.

#### PUBLICATIONS

- “The Health Care Safety Net in a Post-Reform World,” (Rutgers University Press, 2012).
- Constitutional Mortality: Precedential Effects of Striking the Individual Mandate, 75(3) L. & Contemp. Prob. 107 (2012).
- Regulating Stop-Loss Coverage May be Needed to Deter Self-Insuring Small Employers from Undermining Market Reforms, 31 Health Aff. 316-323 (February 2012).
- Overbilling and Informed Financial Consent – A Contractual Solution, 367 New Eng. J. med. 396 (2012).
- The Costs and Adequacy of Safety Net Access for the Uninsured in Genesee County, Michigan, 23 J. Health Care Pool & Underserved 327-338 (2012).

### Elizabeth Johnson

#### PRESENTATIONS

- “Putting your feet to the pavement: Strategies for effectively teaching legal research and writing starting

## A 'CONVERSATION WITH' PROFESSOR JOHN KNOX



Professor John Knox opened his Spring 2012 "Conversation With" with a disclaimer: He thought his interview might seem lackluster, fresh off the law school's recent "Conversation With" U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. But listening to Knox elaborate on his impressive and extensive career, culminating in his most recent accolade, a United Nations appointment, it soon became apparent that Knox is anything but uninteresting.

Born in Chapel Hill, N.C., Knox spent most of his youth growing up in Arlington, Texas, the child of a history professor father and a social worker mother. Despite an obvious early exposure to the public interest sector, Knox admits having little prior knowledge of law during his childhood. What he did know? It was a field he wanted to pursue.

"We didn't know any lawyers, no lawyers in the family, so that may have helped in a way because lawyers to me were like Perry Mason and people like that," he explained. "Yes, from a pretty early age, I thought being a lawyer would be a good idea."

Of course, despite his dreams of becoming a lawyer, Knox's first major career move was actually working at Six Flags...the original one in Texas, he is quick to point out.

From there Knox went on to graduate from the Stanford Law School, and clerk for Judge Joseph T. Sneed of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco. By that time, Knox explains, he had decided International Law would become his primary focus.

From 1988 to 1994, Knox served as an attorney-adviser at the U.S. Department of State, where he dealt primarily with international claims and disputes.

"It was a great time to be at the State Department," he explained. "The world was changing all around us. The Soviet Union and the Soviet Empire were falling apart, Germany ended up being re-united, and there were major changes going on in the U.N. For the first time, the U.N. Security Council seemed like it was going to work the way it was supposed to: Iran invaded Kuwait, and it seemed like the U.N. was actually going to respond."

Though one of his earliest positions, Knox explains that his work at the State Department was both engaging and demanding.

"I was basically doing international litigation. I was handed cases and told these are mine. If you go to work for a government job right out of law school, you are going to be given experience and responsibility right away."

From the State Department, Knox went on to four years of private practice in Austin, Texas, where he focused mainly on environmental issues. In one memorable case, Knox said he and his firm were able to settle a suit over emission testing between a private company and the state of Texas for a \$10 million contingency.

Smiling at the memory, Knox jokes, "It was a 'people running down the halls throwing money in the air' moment."

Indeed it was, for shortly thereafter, Knox and his wife, Julie, were able to re-locate to Pennsylvania, where they would remain for eight years while Knox was a professor at Penn State University.

In 2006, Knox joined Wake Forest law school where he teaches and writes about environmental protection, international trade and human rights. In fact, much of his scholarly and *pro bono* work is centered on the intersection between those two interests. He is also currently contributing to a book on human and environmental rights in international law, while simultaneously advising multiple interest bodies, including U.N. groups and the island-nation

Maldives, on the relationship between the two fields.

Knox's passion for the intersection between environmental and human rights comes through pointedly when describing his experience lobbying for the protection of the Maldives. He reminds us, "You take for granted the fact that you can enjoy your human rights because you have a place to enjoy them."

In July, Knox was appointed as the "Independent Expert on the human rights obligations related to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment" by the Human Rights Council of the United Nations.

Created by the Council in its last mandate in April 2012, the position is meant to serve as a means of heightening pressure on countries to both clarify and abide by their human rights obligations. While serving, Knox is responsible for urging States to understand the impact environmental degradations have on the lives and the fundamental rights of people around the world, while simultaneously seeking to strengthen international recognition of the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment.

"Human rights has become more developed in the past 25 years, and more of a body of law that people can focus on in different ways," Knox says. "So, it makes sense for the U.N. to take stock of where it has developed over the past 25 years, and where it is going."



ELIZABETH JOHNSON



JOHN KORZEN

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## Mark Hall wrote an amicus brief for the U.S. Supreme Court in the Affordable Care Act case.

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on day one", Liz McCurry Johnson, Barbara Lentz, and Steve Garland at the Eleventh Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference in Phoenix, Ariz., March 23-24, 2012.

- "Amping Up Library Orientation," Liz McCurry Johnson, Kate Irwin-Smiler, Ashley Moye (Charlotte School of Law), and Shari Berkowitz Duff (ReedSmith LLP) at American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Boston, Mass. July 20-25, 2012.
- "Dropbox as a Collaboration Tool," Cool Tools Cafe, AALL, Boston, Mass. July 20-25, 2012.

### ACTIVITIES

- Chair, Gen X/Gen Y National Caucus of AALL, 2012-2013.

### PUBLICATIONS

- "Rules of Dating and How You Can Successfully Court Your Faculty" forthcoming, AALL Spectrum, (Vol. 17, No. 3, December 2012).

### John Knox

#### APPOINTMENT

- Appointed to a three-year mandate as the first United Nations Independent Expert on Human Rights and the Environment, July 2012.

#### PUBLICATIONS

- "Evaluating Citizen Petition Procedures: Lessons from an Analysis of the NAFTA Environmental Commission" (with David L. Markell), 47 Texas International Law Journal 505 (2012).
- "North American Free Trade

Agreement", Berkshire Encyclopedia of Sustainability (2012).

#### PRESENTATIONS

- "Forging Stronger Cooperation Between Human Rights and Climate Change Communities: Assessing the Impacts of Climate Change on Human Rights," UN Human Rights Council Seminar to Address the Adverse Impacts of Climate Change on the Full Enjoyment of Human Rights, Geneva, Switzerland, Feb. 24, 2012.

### John Korzen

#### ACTIVITIES

- Appeared with third-year law students before a Seventh Circuit panel that included Judge Richard Posner.
- Appeared with third-year law students before a Fourth Circuit panel on an issue of first impression for any circuit.
- Coached teams in the Billings, Exum and Frye National Moot Court Competition held at Elon University School of Law.
- Filed briefs in five appeals in three different appellate courts.
- Served as law school representative for University Arts Council campaign.

#### APPOINTMENTS

- Appointed to serve a two-year term on the General Statutes Commission of the State of North Carolina.
- Appointed to serve a three-year term on the Appellate Committee of the North Carolina State Bar Board of Legal Specialization.

#### PRESENTATIONS

- "Fourth Circuit Update Plus Practical

## PROFESSOR LAURA GRAHAM ('94) IS NEW PRE-LAW ADVISER, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF LEGAL ANALYSIS, WRITING AND RESEARCH

Professor Laura Graham ('94) is the new Wake Forest University pre-law adviser as well as assistant director of Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I & II.

"In addition to her energy and passion, Laura brings valuable experience with law school admissions, and connections to events and resources at the WFU Law School," said Christy M. Buchanan, professor of Psychology and WFU Associate Dean for Academic Advising. "Her research addresses obstacles to student success in legal analysis and how to help them be successful."

Law Professor Chris Coughlin ('90), director of Legal Analysis, Writing and Research, added: "I am excited and honored to have worked even more closely with Laura Graham in this new role. Her knowledge about how to best help students entering law school succeed and her commitment to students, to her teaching, to the LAWR program and to the University have always been inspirational. She will be particularly helpful in integrating the LAWR program further with other programs offered by the law school, most particularly the Academic Success Program."



Law Professor Tracey Banks Coan, director of the law school's Academic Success Program, says that Graham has been a tremendous asset to ASP.

"I am thrilled that Laura is going to be the pre-law adviser for the university and an assistant director of the LAWR program," she explained.

"Having Laura in this dual role will provide invaluable guidance and assistance to students from the time they apply to law school to the time they graduate. I'm looking forward to building on Laura's work with bar exam preparation to strengthen and

expand the connection between LAWR and ASP. I'm confident that we'll be able to work together to further integrate academic support for students at every stage of their legal education."

In addition to being available in the law school, Graham will have drop-in office hours in Reynolda Hall (Office of Personal and Career Development, Suite 230). For this fall, her hours are Tuesdays 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. and Fridays 1:30 – 3 p.m.

Graham will be working closely with the Office of Academic Advising and others to maintain and build the pre-law advising program. "We congratulate Laura, and wish her success in this new endeavor," Buchanan said.

Graham succeeds Barry Maine, professor of English, who has taken on the duties of Judicial Liaison for academic honor cases.

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Tracey Banks Coan, director, Academic Success Program

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Winner of the first Graham Award for Excellence in Teaching Legal Research and Writing, which was instituted in her name, Graham has been teaching Legal Analysis, Writing and Research and Appellate Advocacy at Wake Forest since 1999. Her research and speaking interests center on how to maximize beginning law students' early success in legal writing.

Graham recently co-authored a book with retired Professor Miki Felsenburg ('91) called, "The Pre-Writing Handbook: A Step-by-Step Guide," which will be available for purchase from Carolina Academic Press in Spring 2013. She also pens a regular column for North Carolina Lawyer about legal writing.

Prior to joining the faculty, Graham served as judicial clerk for Judge Ralph Walker ('63) of the North Carolina Court of Appeals and was in private practice in Jacksonville, N.C., specializing in domestic law and appellate practice.

Graham is a Double Deac, graduating summa cum laude from Wake Forest University with a bachelor's of arts in 1986. She was the recipient of the 1994 Outstanding Woman Law Graduate Award. She and her husband, Joseph, a retired Naval officer, are the parents of a daughter, Ellen. Graham is active in her church ministries, especially the children's music program, and enjoys singing, reading, and spending time with her family.



EMILY MEAZELL

Advice on Appeals and What to Expect at Oral Argument," annual Federal Criminal Practice Seminar sponsored by Federal Public Defender for the Middle District of North Carolina.

### Harold A. Lloyd

#### APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Professor of Legal Writing and Analysis, Wake Forest University School of Law Editorial board member of *The Second Draft*.

#### ACTIVITIES

- Co-planner (with Professor Tanya Marsh) of NCBA October 2012 Advanced Real Property CLE, Cary.

#### PRESENTATIONS

- "Career Paths in Employment Law: In-House or Outside Counsel?" Wake Forest University School of Law Oct. 26, 2011.
- "Preparing Law Students for Evolving Client Relationships" hosted by the Journal of Law and Policy at Wake Forest University School of Law Feb. 15, 2011.

#### PUBLICATIONS

- "A Right but Wrong Place: Righting and Rewriting Citizens United", 56 South Dakota Law Review 219 (2011).
- "Let's Skill All the Lawyers: Shakespearean Lessons in Law and Rhetoric", 6 Acta Iuridica Olomucensia 9 (2011) (Also simultaneously printed in part in 11 Vera Lex 33).

### Emily Meazell

#### ACTIVITIES

- Served as Hearing Examiner for maximum annual yield determination for sole-source aquifer by Oklahoma Water Resources Board, May 2012.

#### PUBLICATIONS

- "Energy, Economics, and the Environment: Cases and Materials" (Found. Press, 4th ed., forthcoming 2014) (with Fred Bosselman et



KATE MEWHINNEY

al.): author of chapter on nuclear energy; co-author with Jim Rossi of introductory chapter.

- "Civil Remedies, in Global Climate Change and U.S. Law" (2d ed., Michael B. Gerrard & Jody Freeman, eds.) (with David L. Markell) (forthcoming).
- "Energy Sources for Electricity, in Global Climate Change and U.S. Law" (2d ed., Michael B. Gerrard & Jody Freeman, eds.) (with David B. Spence) (forthcoming).
- "Presidential Control, Expertise, and the Deference Dilemma", 61 Duke L.J. 1763 (2012) Dialogue, Deferred and Differentiated, 112 Colum. L. Rev. Sidebar 185 (2012).

#### PRESENTATIONS

- "Specialized Agencies and Courts", Southeastern Association of Law Schools 2012 Annual Conference, Amelia Island, Fla., July 31, 2012.
- "Petitions, Procedural Justice, and Legitimacy", Columbia Law School Administrative Law Roundtable, New York, N.Y., April 13, 2012.
- "Developing Deference and Dialogue", Columbia Law Review Author Talk, New York, N.Y., April 12, 2012.
- "The Deference Dilemma", University of Maryland College of Law Faculty Colloquium, Baltimore, Md., March 29, 2012.
- "Oklahoma's 21st Century Water Challenges", Moderator, Oklahoma Law Review Symposium, Norman, Okla., March 9, 2012.
- "Presidential Control, Expertise, and the Deference Dilemma", Duke Law Journal 42d Annual Administrative Law Symposium, Raleigh, N.C., Feb. 24, 2012.
- "Yucca Mountain: A Case Study in Stakeholder Engagement", Florida State University College of Law Environmental Certificate Seminar, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 6, 2012.

## MICHAEL GREEN

In legal circles, Wake Forest Law Professor Michael Green is known as one of the country's most respected experts in the area of tort law.

As the Bess and Walter Williams Distinguished Chair, Green currently serves as a Co-Reporter for the Restatement (Third) of Torts: Liability for Physical Harm, a publication of the prestigious American Law Institute. He is a co-author of one of the best selling Torts casebooks and has authored four other books and dozens of articles and chapters in books. He is a co-author of the Reference Guide on Epidemiology in the National Academy of Sciences and the Federal Judicial Center's Reference Manual on Scientific Evidence, which serves as a reference on scientific disciplines for federal and state court judges.

What some may be surprised to learn is that Green is an angel. Literally. A private pilot, Green volunteers for an organization called Angel Flight.

This summer, one of Green's passengers was a young man with cerebral palsy who is wheelchair bound and who needed a lift home after visiting Camp Victory Junction, located south of Greensboro.

"He was a 12-year old who was here for a week for Camp Victory Junction, and I was flying him back to his home in South Carolina," Green explained. "I've done a number of those routes."

In his spare time, he flies with Matthew Phillips ('06) and his colleague, Professor Mark Hall, who just earned his private pilot's license. "Once, Matthew and I both picked up a young girl in Tennessee and then flew her to Greensboro to a week-long camp on the front-end," Green said.



Professor Michael Green and Matthew Phillips ('06)

Phillips was having dinner at Green's home during Phillip's third year of law school when he expressed an interest in learning how to fly, Green said. "I said well if you do it, then let me know. It was one of those things where as an old wizened pilot you say, oh I'll help you. Like teaching, you know, you want to pass along the knowledge you've gained, and pilots love to talk flying. So I talked with him a lot as he was going through the pilot training and he's become a great pilot. He's very meticulous, and I learn things from him, as it should be, you should take things from your students."

In addition to the cost of using the plane he co-owns, Green donates the gasoline and, of course, his time when he makes these Angel Flights.

"There are very few charities I support that I get personal pleasure from doing as I do with flying for Angel Flight," he said. "This allows me to combine doing something I really enjoy with doing something to help other people. It's a wonderful marriage of my hobby and doing some good for others."

Because of his busy academic schedule and the weight constraints

of his plane, a 4-seat Cirrus, Green doesn't get to make as many Angel Flights as he would like. "When I can fly, I'm there," he said.

In addition to the Angel Flights, each year Green donates a flight and dinner to Charleston, S.C., to help raise money for the Public Interest Law Organization auction.

Green and his wife, Carol, have two sons and a daughter. But Carol doesn't fly with her husband. Never has, never will.

"I've been flying for 18 years and she's never been up with me," he said. "My kids have, but she doesn't. She didn't want to fly initially because she didn't want her children to be orphans, and now I think she just doesn't like the idea of it. And she has stuck to it. I have to give her credit."

Green added that he thinks the law school needs to have its own airplane. "I'd like to apply for the job of Law School pilot," he said with a laugh. "I contemplate getting to an age where it may be time to hang up the license, but I am certainly not ready to do that now."

Green recently flew across the country,

this time commercially, to accept the John G. Fleming Memorial Prize for Torts Scholarship. He, along with co-winner University of Texas President and Law Professor William C. Powers Jr., jointly delivered the Second Fleming Lecture at Berkeley Law on Nov. 5. Green and Powers were honored, among other things, for their outstanding work as American Law Institute co-reporters for two core portions of the new Restatement (Third) of Torts. As co-reporters, they produced both the Restatement (Third) of Torts: Liability for Physical and Emotional Harm (2005 & 2012) and Apportionment of Liability (2000).

In his generation, Berkeley Law Professor John Fleming was the world's leading comparative law tort scholar and long-time editor-in-chief of the American Journal of Comparative Law. In 1998 when he died, two books were published in his honor and proceeds were used to create the Fleming Prize, to be awarded every other year to a torts scholar from any country.

When the Fleming family endowed the Fleming Lecture, it was decided to have the Fleming Prize winner deliver the Fleming Lecture, to be held bi-annually at Berkeley. Bob Rabin (Stanford University, United States), and Green's torts casebook co-author, the most recent winner of the Fleming Prize, was the first Fleming Lecturer. Green says the award is one of two torts awards that holds the most significance internationally.

"I am very pleased and I am very honored," he said. "It's a very nice thing. I am lucky to be at Wake Forest. It gives me the opportunity to do all of these things."

- "Political Control, Expertise, and the Deference Dilemma", Florida State University College of Law Faculty Colloquium, Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 6, 2012.
- "Climate Change Adaptation: A Risk Perception Perspective", AALS Section on Natural Resources, AALS Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., Jan. 6, 2012.

### Kate Mewhinney

#### PUBLICATIONS

- Book chapter, "State-of-the Art Problem-Solving: Mediation of Guardianship Disputes," for an upcoming book, Comparative Perspectives on Adult Guardianship, Kimberley Dayton, ed. (Carolina Academic Press) Forthcoming 2012.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Sponsored the Elder Investment Fraud and Financial Exploitation Prevention program (EIFFE).

#### ACTIVITIES

- Became an accredited attorney by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

### Blake D. Morant

#### AWARDS

- Honored with the Chief Justice John Marshall Life Achievement Award by the Judge Advocates Association and Judge Advocates Foundation.

#### PRESENTATIONS

- "The Declining Prevalence of Trials as a Dispute Resolution Device: Implications for the Academy" 38 WILLIAM MITCHELL L.REV. 3 (2012). Symposium – Contemporary Issue in Outcomes-Based Legal Education).
- "Sir Thomas Moore's Dilemma of Conscience: Understanding the Conflict Between Personal Beliefs and

Professional Expectations", Bruce C. Hafen Lecture, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, March 15, 2012.

### Joel Newman

#### PUBLICATIONS

- "Joel S. Newman on Indoor Tanning Taxes: Health Care Reform and the Exise Tax on the Artificial Suntan" in Lexis Federal Tax Journal Quarterly June 2012.
- "Joel S. Newman Asks: Did the Tax Laws Torpedo the Paxton Phoenix Steam Car?" in Lexis Federal Tax Journal Quarterly March 2012.

### Gregory Parks

#### PUBLICATIONS

- Matthew W. Hughey & Gregory S. Parks, The Right and Race in the Age of Obama (NYU Press, under contract).
- Gregory S. Parks, Judging Racism, \_\_\_ Cardozo L. Rev. de novo \_\_\_ (2012).
- Gregory S. Parks & Jeffrey J. Rachlinski, Implicit Bias, Election '08, and the Myth of a Post-Racial America, 37 Fla. St. U.L. Rev 659 (2010), reprinted in Critical Race Theory: The Cutting Edge (Richard Delgado & Jean Stefancic eds., Temple University Press 2012).
- Gregory S. Parks & Shayne E. Jones, "Nigger": A Critical Race Realist Analysis of the N-word within Hate Crimes Law, 98 J. Crim. L. & Criminology 1305 (2008), cited in *Gerald v. Locksley*, No. CIV 10-0721 JB/LFG, 2011 WL 3510845 (D.N.M. Aug. 1, 2011).
- Black Fraternal Organizations (special issue), J. Afr. Am. Stud. (2012). (Matthew W. Hughey & Gregory S. Parks, guest eds.).



BLAKE D. MORANT



JOEL NEWMAN



CAROL B. ANDERSON



SIDNEY SHAPIRO

## Jonathan Cardi co-authored a casebook “The Law of Torts.”

- Gregory S. Parks, Black “Greek” Hazing Tied to Leadership Behavior, *HuffingtonPost* (July 19, 2012).
- Gregory S. Parks & Matthew W. Hughey, Too Soon for a Black President?, *HuffingtonPost* (Nov. 7, 2011).
- Gregory S. Parks & Stefan M. Bradley, The King Memorial and the Ideals of Brotherhood, *HuffingtonPost* (Aug. 24, 2011).

### PRESENTATIONS

- “Gregory S. Parks, Post-Civil Rights and Post-Racial: Teaching and Training the Next Generation of Advocates”, presentation at South Eastern Association of Law Schools (Aug. 3, 2012).
- “Gregory S. Parks, Brotherhood and the Struggle for Civil Rights”, presentation at South Eastern Association of Law Schools (Aug. 3, 2012).
- “Gregory S. Parks, What Higher-Education Based Organizations Might Tell Us about Bias and Civic Activism, panel on Education Law & Policy”, symposium on the Historical Origins of Civil Rights and Human Rights Organizations, presentation at Harvard Law School (June 14, 2012).
- “Gregory S. Parks, Belford V. Lawson: The Life of a Civil Rights Litigator”, panel on the Historical Origins of Civil Rights and Human Rights Organizations, presentation at Law & Society Association Annual Meeting (June 5, 2012).
- “Gregory S. Parks, Discussant on Jeannine Bell’s Hate Thy Neighbor: Racial Violence and the Persistence of

- Segregation in American Housing”, presentation at University of California at Irvine Law School (April 21, 2012).
- “Gregory S. Parks, The Evolution of Interracial Taboo and Law”, panel on Rethinking Harper Lee’s “To Kill a Mockingbird” Fifty Years Later: Critical Race Perspective on Atticus Finch, Tom Robinson and Maycomb County, Alabama, presentation at Seattle Law School (March 9, 2012).
- “Gregory S. Parks, Thinking about a Career in Law Teaching?": Learn Strategies for Law School and Beyond, presentation at Cornell Law School (March 7, 2012).

### MEDIA

- Interview with Kathy Lohr, All Things Considered, “Hazing Hard To Prosecute In Fla. Despite Tough Laws,” National Public Radio (May 4, 2012).
- Interview with Larry Copeland, Arrests in Fla. Hazing Death Renew Scrutiny of Violent Rite, *USA Today* (May 3, 2012).

### ACTIVITIES

- National Bar Association, Law Professors Division Committee Member (2012 – present).

### Simone Rose

#### PRESENTATIONS

- Participated in “When Technology Disrupts Law: How do IP, Internet, and Biolaw Adapt?” on June 8-12.
- “Why a Secured Transactions Course is an Excellent Method for Enhanced Student Learning.” for a SEALS panel.
- Forthcoming: “The Supreme Court Revives Section 101 s Patent-Eligible Subject Matter: A Balanced

“Postmodern” Vision of Progress.”

### Sidney Shapiro

#### PRESENTATIONS

- “A Pragmatic Perspective on Democracy and Regulation,” at the Fourth Biennial Conference of the European Consortium on Political Research, Standing Group on Regulatory Governance, Conference on New Perspectives on Regulation, Governance and Learning, University of Exeter, Exeter, United Kingdom, June 27, 2012.
- “Public Participation Without a Public: The Challenge for Administrative Policymaking,” at the Administrative Law Discussion Forum, University of Luxembourg Law School, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg, June 5-6, 2012.
- “The Sources of Change in Administrative Procedure, Law, Policy and Politics,” at Université de Poitiers, *Le Droit américain contemporain: Identité, Mutations et Débats*, Paris, France, June 1, 2012.
- “Regulatory Science in Regulation and Tort: Unifying The Weight of the Evidence Approach,” at the Wake Forest Law and Policy Journal Symposium, Implications of Toxic Tort Case: *Milward v. Acuity Specialty prProducts*, Washington, D.C., May 17, 2012.
- “A Pragmatic Perspective on Democracy and Regulation,” Public Lecture, University of Padova, Padova, Italy, April 19, 2012.
- “The Enlightenment of Administrative Law: Looking Inside the Agency for Legitimacy,” at the Wake Forest Law Review Symposium, The Asymmetry of Administrative Law: The Lack of Public Participation and the Public Interest, Winston-Salem, N.C., March



MARGARET TAYLOR



GEORGE WALKER



RONALD F. WRIGHT

30, 2012.

- “A Pragmatic Perspective on Democracy and Regulation,” University of Tel Aviv, Faculty Paper Series, Tel Aviv, Israel, March 19, 2012.
- “A Pragmatic Perspective on Democracy and Regulation,” Environmental Discussion Group, Oxford, University, Oxford, England, Feb. 28, 2012.
- “A Pragmatic Perspective on Democracy and Regulation,” Regulation Discussion Group, Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, Oxford University, Oxford, England, Feb. 15, 2012.
- “A Pragmatic Perspective on Democracy and Regulation,” University of Leeds Law School, Leeds, England, Feb. 14, 2012.

**PUBLICATIONS**

- “Regulatory Capture: The Complexity of Diagnosis and Remediation”, 17 *Rog. Williams L. Rev.* 101 (2012).
- “Politicized Judicial Review in Administrative Law: Three Impossible Responses”, 19 *Geo. Mason L. Rev.* 319 (2012) (with Richard Murphy).
- “Cost-Benefit Analysis: An Organizational Design Perspective”, 19 *NYU Env’tl L. Rev.* 102 (2012).
- “The Truth About Torts: Defensive Medicine and the Unsupported Case for Medical Malpractice ‘Reform,’” *CPR White Paper* 1203 (March 8, 2012) (with Thomas McGarity, Nicholas Vargas & James Goodwin).

**ACTIVITIES**

- Visiting Scholar, University College,

Oxford University, Oxford, England, January-July, 2012.

- Visiting Professor, University of Tel Aviv Law School, Tel Aviv, Israel, March 8 – 23, 2012.

**Margaret Taylor**

**MEDIA**

- Signed a letter advising President Barack Obama that the executive branch has the authority to defer deportation of young immigrants.
- Interviewed by Fox News regarding the Dharun Ravi webcam spying case.

**PRESENTATIONS**

- Immigration Law Professors Biannual Conference, Moderator, Hot Topics Panel, Hofstra University School of Law, June 2, 2012.

**George Walker**

**ACTIVITIES**

- Participant, 2012 Annual Conference, Cyberwar and International Law, International Law Department, Naval War College, Newport, R.I., June 25-27, 2012.

**PUBLICATION**

- General editor, “Definitions for the Law of the Sea: Terms Not Defined by the 1982 Convention” (Nijhoff 2012), Final Report of the International Law Association (American Branch) Law of the Sea Committee.

**Robert Walsh**

**APPOINTMENTS**

- Elected President of the Chief Justice Joseph Branch Inn of Court for 2012-

2013.

**Ronald F. Wright**

**APPOINTMENTS**

- Named the Needham Y. Gulley Professor of Criminal Law, July 2012.

**MEDIA**

- Quoted in Wall Street Journal news article about pretrial diversion programs on Jan. 20, 2012.
- Quoted in Fox News online article about search warrants on Jan. 31, 2012.
- Quoted in New York Times article about plea bargaining on March 23, 2012.
- Interviewed by Fox News Network about John Edwards trial on April 12 and April 23, 2012.
- Quoted in Winston-Salem Journal news stories about criminal justice on Jan. 13 and March 24, 2012.

**PRESENTATIONS**

- Statistics and Faculty Involvement in the Admissions Process, presentation to the annual meeting of the Law School Admissions Council; June 2012 in Boca Raton, Fla.
- Prosecution in 3D, presentation for the University of Arizona law faculty; February 2012 in Tucson, Ariz.

**PUBLICATIONS**

- “Portable Minimalism in Sentencing Politics”, 32 *Cardozo L. Rev. de-novo* 9-22 (2011).
- “2011 Supplement for Sentencing Law and Policy: Cases, Statutes, and Guidelines” (Aspen Publishers 2007) (with Nora Demleitner, Doug Berman, and Marc Miller).
- “2011 Supplement for Criminal Procedures – Cases, Statutes, and Executive Materials” (Aspen Publishers 2011) (with Marc Miller).

**Emily Meazell published “Presidential Control, Expertise, and the Deference Dilemma” in the Duke Law Journal.**

The Wake Forest law school conferred hoods on 165 graduates on Sunday, May 20, in Wait Chapel. The law school's 38th annual hooding speaker, Senior Justice of the Virginia Supreme Court Elizabeth Bermingham Lacy, told the graduates and their families and friends: "This profession of ours is one filled with boundless ways of using this degree. You are well prepared. Now it's up to you to open the many doors that law degrees will." Commencement exercises were held Monday, May 21, at Hearn Plaza. Dean Blake Morant told the graduates to remember their law degree is an investment for a lifetime and that the Wake Forest law school is always with them. "Your relationship with Wake Forest will travel with you no matter where you go and you will always be a very big part of the Wake Forest brand." Retiring Professor Miki Felsenburg ('91) conferred the hoods. The ceremony, which included the bestowing of numerous awards, was followed by the Dean's Hooding Reception at the Forsyth Country Club.







Larry B. Sitton



Thomas M. Grady



Nick Fountain



Richard V. Bennett



William S. Cherry Jr.



D. Clark Smith

### 1943

**James Nello Martin** is a former district court judge and a decorated officer with 26 years of service in the U.S. Navy. He was honored by Sampson County with the unveiling of his portrait by his three children, Kathryn Martin Venancio, James Nello Martin Jr. and Darrell Shelton Martin. Chip Patterson, executive director of planned giving in University Advancement, and Jon McLamb, assistant dean for development in the School of Law, made special presentations on behalf of Wake Forest.

### 1960

**Ronald C. Dilthey** is with Patterson Dilthey LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer, listed as one of the Best Lawyers in America and elected to Business North Carolina's Legal Elite. He has been honored by Wake Forest, the N.C. Bar Association and the Wake County Bar Association for his 50-plus years of service. He is in his 35th year of teaching at Campbell University School of Law.

### 1961

**Robert Morton Weinstein** is principal of Weinstein Law Offices in Greensboro, N.C. The N.C. State Bar honored him at its 50-Year Lawyers Luncheon for his 50th anniversary of practicing law.

### 1962

**Charles Bennett Deane Jr.** has retired after 49 years with Deane Williams & Deane in Rockingham, N.C. His son, Jason, and Kelly Williams continue the practice. He is a member of the Wake Forest Half Century Club and served on the

board of trustees of N.C. Baptist Health.

### 1964

**Sidney S. Eagles Jr.** is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been listed as one of the Best Lawyers in America in appellate practice and arbitration.

**Larry B. Sitton** is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Charlotte, N.C. He was recognized by Chambers USA in litigation and general commercial law and listed as one of the Best Lawyers in America in antitrust, bet-the-company and commercial litigation.

### 1966

**Thomas M. Grady** is with Hartsell & Williams PA in Kannapolis, N.C. He has been inducted into the N.C. Bar Association's General Practice Hall of Fame.

**Maurice Horne** retired from his judicial position in the federal government in 2011 after 45 years in legal work. He was a member of the first undergraduate class to enter Wake Forest after the move to Winston-Salem. He has returned to his first love and his undergraduate degree, music, and launched a new website of 11 music CDs and a television interview that shows him working with his keyboards ([mauricehorne.com](http://mauricehorne.com)).

### 1968

**Nick Fountain** is with Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer.

### 1973

**Catharine Biggs Arrowood** practices law with Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in Raleigh, N.C. The International Centre for Dispute Resolution has reappointed her to its International Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators and she has been named one of Triangle Business Journal's Most Influential Business Leaders.

**Riley Hollingsworth** retired as chief of enforcement in the amateur radio service of the Federal Communications Commission in 2008. He is a contributing editor for CQ magazine, a publication devoted to radio communications and technology.

### 1974

**Richard V. Bennett** is with Bennett & Guthrie PLLC in Winston-Salem. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in personal injury defense: medical malpractice. He received the 2012 J. Robert Elster Award for Professional Excellence, the highest honor given by the N.C. Association of Defense Attorneys.

**Roger S. Tripp** has been with Biesecker Tripp Sink & Fritts LLP in Lexington, N.C., since 1974. He is serving his second three-year term as councilor for Judicial District 22-B of the N.C. State Bar Council and serves on the ethics, administrative and legislative committees.

### 1975

**William S. Cherry Jr.** has been elected a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, an honorary organization for those demonstrating outstanding dedication to the

## STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT: JIM SWISHER ('62)

Jim Swisher's love for the Wake Forest University campus is not the result of his lawyer's mind objectively weighing the pros and cons of his years there.

It's a visceral love that dates to the summer he first visited the newly opened campus in Winston-Salem, with its spindly trees and patches of red clay left by the recent construction.

Swisher ('62) came as an undergraduate and was admitted to the School of Law during the second semester of his junior year – a tribute not so much to his extreme intelligence, he said, but to Dean Carroll Weather's flexibility toward an eager student. "The law school is the joy of my life," he said. "I'm so grateful I had the pleasure of being there. I can't praise them enough."

Swisher, a partner in Cahoon & Swisher in Greensboro, has served on the Board of Visitors and he has been a major contributor to the transformation of the Worrell Professional Center. His gift will go toward the creation of the new boardroom. His reason for that

particular gift? The School of Law asked him. "The law school has done so much for me," he said. "Whatever they asked me for, I would have done."

He remembers his years at the School of Law as golden ones, full of the excitement of being on a new campus, a sense of fellowship and a wonderful cadre of professors. "The professors knew you, they knew your name, they knew who you were," he said. "It was a real close-knit group."

Professor Robert E. Lee was one of the school's characters and a man Swisher describes as having a tremendous personality.

On his second day at the law school, Lee pulled Swisher aside after his class in domestic law. Lee had written the textbook for the course and Swisher was the only student who had not yet bought the book.

"Mr. Swisher, do you plan on passing my course?" Lee said. "You best buy my book."

Shortly before graduation, his professors steered Swisher's course

by putting him in contact with Robert Cahoon ('42), the man who would

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Jim Swisher ('62)

become his partner, until Cahoon's death in 2006.

"He's probably the smartest man I've ever been associated with," Swisher said. "He knew how to communicate with everyone and his level of intellect was unbelievable."

He and Cahoon maintained a general law practice, which fit in perfectly with his liberal arts background, interest in the community and Wake Forest training. His brother, the late Roger Swisher, served the town of Kernersville as mayor for more than 20 years. "You get to meet everybody," he said. "There's a new adventure every moment."

He was able to hit the ground running with his School of Law degree, Swisher said. It's important that Wake Forest enable a new generation of students to do the same in a field that is rapidly changing and increasingly complex.

"They're doing everything they can to train the young lawyers to walk out and engage in any legal undertaking," he said. "How they accomplish that is going to take a lot of support. Those who've been blessed with a legal degree need to help."



## REAR ADMIRAL DANIEL O'TOOLE ('80) LOOKS BACK ON HIS EXTRAORDINARY CAREER



Wake Forest law alumni at Admiral O'Toole's promotion and retirement ceremony: Anne Connolly O'Toole ('80), assistant counsel, NCIS; Captain Brian Lansing ('92), U.S. Navy Reserve; Rear Admiral Select Mike Quinn ('85), Assistant Judge Advocate General; Rear Admiral Dan O'Toole ('80); WFU Law Professor Charley Rose; Retired Captain Jeff Sherman ('80); and Carson Carmichael ('80), partner, Bailey & Dixon LLP of Raleigh.

When Daniel O'Toole ('80) graduated from Wake Forest law school, he knew about the dreams young lawyers share: representing one of the largest organizations in the world, judging a high-profile trial, designing part of a legal system, becoming a top trial lawyer, and starting a new law firm. The last one consumed his energy after graduation. The other dreams would have their moments.

Together with Anne Connolly ('80), Jeff Sherman ('80), and Marc Van Nuy ('80), O'Toole opened a new law firm immediately after passing the bar exam. The four young lawyers, who set out on their own because they wanted to be working in court, not in supporting roles, did a broad range of work, from domestic relations to bankruptcy. "That was just as bold a move in 1980 as it would be today," noted Professor Charley Rose. "It took extraordinary courage, and the four of them demonstrated exceptional skill."

The firm was successful enough

that near the end of their first year they moved to larger space. About six months later, the firm started evolving: Sherman left private practice to join the U.S. Navy's Judge Advocate General's Corps. Before long, Sherman was recruiting his former partner, O'Toole.

"Jeff was fascinated by his new work, and he remarked that since I had gone to Catholic school, the discipline would be no problem," O'Toole remembered. "Part of what we liked about our own firm was a diversity of work, and the Navy was a way to keep that breadth for our entire careers."

O'Toole followed his former partner to the Navy in 1983. The beginning of O'Toole's legal career would be the model he continued to follow, and he would fulfill each of those other legal career dreams in unlikely and extraordinary ways.

After building a strong reputation as a criminal and civil litigator in the Navy, he was assigned as one of the first staff judge advocates

for a carrier battle group, working on the staff of an admiral aboard the USS John F. Kennedy, where he would be responsible for advice on international and operational law.

"George Walker's international transactions class made it possible for me to assimilate and do my job in the battle group," O'Toole noted.

In addition to his legal role, he spent a few weeks qualifying as a battle group watch officer, and then rotated through the watch positions, monitoring threats and other developments for the carrier and its retinue of strike and support ships. It turned out the battle group needed a lawyer. O'Toole briefed classified rules of engagement to the flight crews on the Kennedy in January 1989 when two of the ship's F-14 Tomcats shot down Libyan MiG fighters over the Gulf of Sidra.

O'Toole had another tour at sea as carrier JAG on the USS Theodore Roosevelt, where he managed the equivalent of a small law firm serving the needs of more than

5,000 sailors in addition to offering command counsel. Back on land, the Navy offered O'Toole a chance to specialize.

"I had enjoyed my time in the Navy so far, but I wanted to choose a specialty that would be marketable, or perhaps help me begin a career as a teacher, after the Navy, so I chose environmental law."

After earning an LL.M. from George Washington University, he became the first regional counsel for the Navy with jurisdiction covering EPA Region 3 (the mid-Atlantic region) and then became the environmental lawyer for the Atlantic Fleet. He returned to the life of a trial lawyer after 18 months and served as chief prosecutor in Norfolk, then managed the JAG civil litigation division. Clearly a jack of all trades, he garnered further success directing management and plans for JAG headquarters before moving to what he assumed would be the last post of his Navy career.

"The common theme for all those years and all those diverse things he did was that he did them really well," said Vice Admiral James Houck, recently retired judge advocate general of the Navy. "On the carrier, he was the No. 1 lieutenant commander. In the litigation division, he was the No. 1 litigator. When he was in management and plans, Tim Young, retired Navy assistant judge advocate general, said 'he's the best guy we've ever had do this job in my entire memory of the JAG corps.'"

Meanwhile, the friendships from the law firm remained strong. Van Nuys had joined the Air Force JAG Corps. Sherman and O'Toole were both now senior Navy lawyers. A romance had kindled between O'Toole and Connolly, and they married in 1999.

Connolly moved to the Washington, D.C., area and became the fourth former member of the firm to work for the government: she is an assistant general counsel for the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, or NCIS. "It's handy that there are TV shows to help our kids explain what we do," Dan O'Toole quipped.

Now promoted to Captain, O'Toole was appointed executive assistant to the general counsel of the Navy, making him a top corporate lawyer for the United States Navy, which would be the 18th largest company in the world by revenue. In his new role, O'Toole worked on some of the largest contract disputes in the world, classified programs, and billion-dollar litigation cases.

"I've had wonderful chances to work on the parts of the law that everyone holds dear but most lawyers never touch," O'Toole said. "I took Constitutional Law from Professor Jim Bond because I thought it would be interesting, but I have used it constantly."

In 2004, after 24 years as a lawyer, O'Toole became a trial judge. "It was the best job I've ever had," he added.

Along with his bench in Norfolk, O'Toole was appointed as a trial judge for military commissions in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, presiding over the trials of enemy combatants. He would later serve on the U.S. Court of Military Commission

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This was no ordinary corporate law position. In the wake of Sept. 11, 2001, the military was holding new kinds of prisoners and desperately seeking new kinds of information. Strong voices were advocating for "enhanced interrogation" techniques, and the general counsel of the Navy became the point person for arguing against enhanced interrogation in military circles. As the general counsel's right hand, O'Toole leveraged the quiet but extensive network of executive assistants throughout the Pentagon to coordinate the efforts of the uniformed Judge Advocates General and the Navy General Counsel as they advocated against this powerful trend.

Review as well — the intermediate appellate court with jurisdiction over military commissions.

Now that Admiral O'Toole has retired, he's been replaced as the third-ranking member of the Navy JAG Corps by Captain Michael Quinn ('85), assistant judge advocate general for civil law. "Before I retired," O'Toole noted, "two of four one-star leadership positions in the JAG Corps were held by Wake Forest graduates."

*Editor's Note: Read more about Admiral O'Toole's extraordinary career at [go.wfu.edu/56h](http://go.wfu.edu/56h)*



Joslin Davis



Charles T. "Chip"  
Hagan III



Bettie Kelley Sousa



Joe Williford



Gary Joyner



Rudy Ogburn

welfare of their communities and to the highest principles of the legal profession. He is a partner with Poyner Spruill LLP in Raleigh, N.C.

**Richard DeWitte Sparkman** is a certified bankruptcy law specialist and Superior Court mediator in Holly Springs, N.C. He has been named one of the Top 100 N.C. Super Lawyers, a Business North Carolina Legal Elite, one of the Best Lawyers in America and a Corporate Counsel Top Lawyer.

**D. Clark Smith** is in the litigation practice group of Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, N.C. He has been appointed to the N.C. Judicial Nominating Commission by Gov. Bev Perdue. He has also been listed as one of the Best Lawyers in America in medical malpractice law and personal injury litigation.

**Geoffrey L. Chase** has retired after 31 years as in-house counsel for Air Products and Chemicals in Allentown, Penn. He has two children, Kristi (28) and Greg (26).

### 1976

**Daniel R. Taylor Jr.** is with Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP in Winston-Salem. He has been named one of the Top 100 N.C. Super Lawyers.

### 1977

**Joslin Davis** is with Davis Harwell & Biggs PA in Winston-Salem. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer, a Top 100 N.C. Lawyer, one of the Top 50 N.C. Women Lawyers and one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite.

**Jim Dorsett** is a partner with Smith Anderson Blount Dorsett Mitchell & Jernigan LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been elected president of the Eastern North Carolina Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

**Charles T. "Chip" Hagan III** is with Hagan Davis Mangum Barrett & Langley PLLC in Greensboro, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer.

### 1980

**Howard L. Borum** is with Carruthers & Roth PA in Greensboro, N.C. He has been listed as one of the Best Lawyers in America in land use and zoning and real estate law.

**Carole W. Bruce** is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, N.C. She has been listed as one of the Best Lawyers in America in trust and estates.

**Fritz Richter III** practices employee benefits, ERISA and executive compensation with Bass Berry & Sims in Nashville, Tenn. He has been named co-vice chair of the Fiduciary Responsibility/Plan Investments Subcommittee of the Employee Benefits Committee of the American Bar Association's Tax Section.

### 1981

**Bettie Kelley Sousa** is a partner with Smith Debnam Narron Drake Saintsing & Myers LLP in Raleigh, N.C. She received Business Leader magazine's Woman Extraordinaire Award and has been named chair of the American Board of Certification.

**Joe Williford** is with Young Moore

& Henderson PA in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer.

**Robert L. Wilson Jr.** is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer and listed as one of the Best Lawyers in America in health care law.

### 1982

**Gary Joyner** is a managing partner with Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named to Triangle Business Journal's Most Influential Business Leaders.

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

**Gerald F. Roach** is with Smith Anderson Blount Dorsett Mitchell & Jernigan LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been recognized by Chambers USA with the highest ranking in the division of corporate mergers and acquisitions.

**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 and listed as one of the Best Lawyers in America in real estate litigation and law.

**David S. Yandle** is with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC in Charleston, S.C. He has been named a S.C. Super Lawyer in employment and labor law.

### 1983

**Drew Williamson** is an attorney at

## KEN HOWARD ('82) COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING WAKE FOREST LAW

After five years at the helm of the N.C. Museum of History, Ken Howard ('82) is known as a skilled fundraiser.

He credits his Wake Forest University School of Law training for helping him craft convincing arguments to potential donors.

"With development, it's Sales 101," he said. "Why should you invest your hard-earned dollars in my museum?"

When it comes to supporting his alma mater, he builds his case with lawyerly finesse.

"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."

In 2001, Howard and his wife, Martha, established a scholarship in their names. With the cost of a legal education rising in a continuing tough economy, Howard knows more and more students need extra help.

The Howards have committed nearly half a million dollars to the Building and Law funds and to scholarships over the years.

Howard has talked about using part of his Building Fund contribution to create an area of the law building that displays the history of the Wake Forest University School of Law. He also serves on the Board of Visitors.

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.

Howard spent only one year working as a lawyer, yet he said his law

anything," Peeples said. "In many ways, it's a continuation of a liberal arts education. Ken had the wisdom to realize that he should pursue his own passions and not be burdened by

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school education has helped him in his various positions in sales, management and development.

He started his business career as a sales representative with a start-up company that automated doctor's office records. He liked the people contact in sales and the chance to get out of the office.

"Wake Forest taught me to think like an attorney. There are two sides to everything," he said. "What are the facts on each side? How can I make my story stronger? Though the competition may have better facts, how can I get you to buy my product as opposed to someone else's?"

Professor Ralph Peeples, who taught Howard's classes in business organizations and bankruptcy, said that Howard was a serious student and he is delighted at the course he has taken.

"I'd like to think that a law degree prepares a person for just about

the expectations of his classmates."

Howard said that law school also taught him to think creatively. The state's budget is limited, so he is constantly looking for new ways to generate revenue and bring people into the museum. He recently put an ATM in the museum and charges the supplier rent, he said.

And like the polished fundraiser he is, he can't resist one more argument in favor of supporting the school that prepared him for his multi-faceted career.

"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."

Williamson Dean Williamson & Sojka in Laurinburg, N.C. He has been named a member of the Laurinburg City Council.

### 1984

**J. Stanley Atwell** is with Carruthers & Roth PA in Greensboro, N.C. He has been listed as one of the Best Lawyers in America in trusts and estates.

**Stephen R. Berlin** is with Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP in Winston-Salem. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite and chair of Winston-Salem Business Inc.

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

### 1985

**David Daggett** is with Daggett Shuler in Winston-Salem. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in personal injury and received a 2012 Ebbie Award from the N.C. Advocates for Justice for his

commitment to the organization. He spoke on "The Power to Influence the Future" at the 2012 annual conference of the National Sheriffs' Association.

### 1986

**Randall D. Avram** is with Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named one of the Top 100 N.C. Super Lawyers.

**Paul T. Flick** is a managing partner of Jordan Price Wall Gray Jones & Carlton PLLC in Raleigh, N.C. He received the Business Leader of the Year 2012 Award as a top business leader in the Triangle area.

### 1987

**Erik H. Nyce** has been appointed associate judge of the District Court of Maryland for Prince George's County. He was a partner with DeCaro Doran Siciliano Gallagher & DeBlasis LLP, practicing civil and criminal litigation in state and federal courts in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

### 1988

**W. Alexander Audilet** is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, N.C. He has been listed as one of the Best Lawyers in America in antitrust, banking, finance and corporate law.

**Laurel Whitehouse Spahn** is an attorney with Legal Advocacy Service, a division of the Illinois Guardianship & Advocacy Commission in Chicago. She received The Richard J. Phelan Public Service Award from the Chicago Bar Association and Chicago Bar Foundation for her work representing people with mental illness facing involuntary civil commitment or forced treatment.

### 1989

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

**William Toole** is with Robinson Bradshaw & Hinson PA in Charlotte, N.C. He has been named Catawba Lands Conservancy's 2011 Eugene

## ALUMNI BRIEFS

The North Carolina Bar Association, in conjunction with the Citizen Lawyer Committee, has announced the **2012 recipients of the Citizen Lawyer Award**. Of the 13 honorees, four are alumni of the Wake Forest University School of Law, and one is an undergraduate alumnus. The awards were presented on Friday, June 22, at the NCBA Annual Meeting in Wilmington. The NCBA Citizen Lawyer Award was established in 2007 to recognize lawyers who provide exemplary public service to their communities. Honorees include elected and appointed government officials, coaches, mentors and voluntary leaders of nonprofit, civic and community organizations.

The 2012 alumni recipients are:

**Keith Burns ('93) of Durham** earned Scouting's supreme rank of Eagle Scout during his formative years. As an adult, he has devoted countless hours to help ensure that the opportunities provided to him through Boy Scouts of America are made available to the youth of today. That is why he has been so involved in the work of the Occaneechee Council and beyond, not only through his leadership as chair of the Durham District, but also by setting up a website to help commemorate 100 years of Eagle Scouts, and a Facebook page to celebrate Eagle Scouts in the council. Burns has also provided volunteer leadership and service to Greater Durham Chamber

of Commerce, Research Triangle Regional Partnership, Duke-Durham Neighborhood Partnership and Junior League of Durham and Orange Counties. He is a graduate of University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the Wake Forest University School of Law. Burns practices law with Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP.

**Rep. Richard Glazier ('81) of Fayetteville** has served in the N.C. House of Representatives since 2006, and is currently serving as House Minority Whip. Throughout his adult and political life, education has taken center stage. He served six years on the Cumberland County School Board, including two years as chair. As a member of the School Board



Stephen R. Berlin



David Duke



David Daggett



Paul T. Flick



Joe Austin



Fred M. Wood Jr.

O. Daniels Volunteer of the Year.

**Edwin Williamson** is vice president and managing director of operations for the Asia Pacific Region with Eastman Chemical Co. He has been with the company for 10 years and based in Shanghai, China, for the past five.

### 1990

**John M. Flynn** is with Carruthers & Roth PA in Greensboro, N.C. He has been listed as one of the Best Lawyers in America in environmental law.

### 1991

**Laura Byrd Burt** and **Stacy Chamberlain Cordes** have formed Burt & Cordes PLLC in Charlotte,

N.C. Laura practices family law and is president of the Mecklenburg County Collaborative Family Law Practice Group. Stacy practices debtor/creditor rights, bankruptcy and litigation matters.

**Fred M. Wood Jr.** is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Charlotte, N.C. He was recognized by Chambers USA in litigation and general commercial law.

### 1992

**D. Beth Langley** is with Hagan Davis Mangum Barrett & Langley PLLC in Greensboro, N.C. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer, one of the top 50 N.C. Women Lawyers and one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite.

**Luanne Lambert Runge** is with Gallivan White & Boyd PA in Greenville, S.C. She has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America for legal malpractice defense and received the Women of Achievement Award in the legal services category from the YWCA of Greenville. She is also chair of the board of directors for the Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce.

### 1993

**Paul Lancaster Adams** is a managing shareholder in the Philadelphia office of Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak & Stewart PC. His practice focuses on employment litigation and counseling, unfair competition and trade secrets and corporate investigations.

Finance Committee, he co-chaired a million-dollar school bond committee that created eight new schools and renovated 65 others. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the N.C. Public School forum, and is one of only four legislators nationally to serve on the College Completion Task Force. Glazier has provided additional volunteer leadership and service to the UNC Center for Public Television, the Cumberland County Child Advocacy Center, Fayetteville Urban Ministry and Beth Israel Synagogue. He is a graduate of Penn State University and the Wake Forest University School of Law.

**Robert (Bob) Mullinax ('77) Sr. of Newton** has followed in his father's footsteps as a prominent member

of the local business community and mayor of Newton, serving from 2003-11. He also co-founded, with his wife, the Newton-Conover Education Foundation. A lifelong public servant, Mullinax also served on the Newton Board of Aldermen and as mayor pro tem. Along with his wife, he co-founded and served as a director of the Newton-Conover Education Foundation, which provides grants to teachers for innovative classroom ideas. He is also a co-founder and has served as a director of Repay, Inc., which coordinates community service for criminal offenders. Mullinax has also provided volunteer leadership and service to the Newton Lions Club, the Catawba County Chamber of Commerce, Newton Depot

Authority and Eastern Catawba County Cooperative Christian Ministries. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the Wake Forest University School of Law. He practices law with Robert A Mullinax PLLC.

**Corena Norris-McCluney ('00) of Winston-Salem** has arranged for students at Cook Elementary School in Winston-Salem to participate in the Stories of Excellence luncheon series every month for the past five years. Inspiring speakers share their stories of success with the fifth-graders, thereby planting the seeds of success for future generations. Recent speakers include N.C. Supreme Court Justice Timmons-Goodson, WXII News Anchor Wanda



D. Beth Langley



Jill Stricklin Cox



Stephen E. Klee



Jeffrey D. Patton

Christopher R.  
CliftonRobert J. Ramseur  
Jr.

**William E. Burton III** is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, N.C. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in environmental law.

**Jill Stricklin Cox** is a partner with Constangy Brooks & Smith LLP in Winston-Salem. She practices employment litigation prevention and defense.

**Susan McNear Fradenburg** is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, N.C. She has been listed as one of the Best Lawyers in America in health care law.

**Stephen E. Klee** is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro,

N.C. He has been recognized by Chambers USA in real estate law and listed as one of the Best Lawyers in America in corporate and real estate law.

#### 1994

**Jeffrey D. Patton** is with Spilman Thomas & Battle PLLC in Winston-Salem. He co-authored the North Carolina chapter, "Employment at Will: A State-by-State Survey," in a publication of the American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law.

#### 1995

**Christopher R. Clifton** is a partner and criminal defense attorney with Grace Tisdale & Clifton PA in Winston-Salem. He has been named

one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite and a N.C. Super Lawyer.

**Benjamin R. David** is a district attorney for New Hanover and Pender counties and president-elect of the N.C. District Attorney's Association. He plans to emphasize bringing prosecutor's clinics to North Carolina law schools. He and his wife, Stephanie, have three children and live in Wilmington, N.C.

**Robert J. Ramseur Jr.** is with Ragsdale Liggett PLLC in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named to the advisory board of Band Together N.C., a nonprofit using live music to raise funds and awareness to support other local nonprofits. He has been named one of Business

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Starke, and the parents of former Wake Forest basketball player and current NBA All-Star Chris Paul. Norris-McCluney also provides volunteer leadership to the Carolina Tide Basketball Organization and Crisis Control Ministry, YMCA of Northwest North Carolina Metropolitan, Heartstrings Pregnancy and Infancy Loss Support Group, St. Paul United Methodist Church and the Winston-Salem Foundation. She is a graduate of North Carolina State University and the Wake Forest University School of Law. She practices law with Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP. Additionally, Judge Frank Whitney of Charlotte, a 1982 Wake Forest University graduate,

was named a recipient of this year's award.

#### Other honors at this year's annual N.C. Bar meeting included:

**Patti Ramseur ('99)**, a partner in Smith Moore Leatherwood's Greensboro office, received the Robinson O. Everett Professionalism Award at the North Carolina Bar Association's (NCBA) annual meeting on June 23 in Wilmington, N.C. The Young Lawyers Division (YLD) of the NCBA presented her with the award named in honor of Judge Everett, a Duke law professor and former Chief Justice of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. The award honors

a young attorney who demonstrates professional commitment through active involvement in local, state and national bar associations. "I am truly honored to receive this award, especially from the YLD, which is made up of extremely active and service-minded members," she said. "I have been very fortunate to be surrounded by great mentors, both within my firm and the NCBA, who consistently demonstrated professionalism and took the time to mentor regarding substantive issues and the many other challenges of practicing law."

**Devin Ferree Thomas ('96)** has been selected by his peers to serve on the Dispute Resolution Council of the



S. Gordon Hill



Elliot A. Fus



Norman F. Klick Jr.



Elizabeth  
McCullough



Patti Ramseur



Matt Cunningham

North Carolina's Legal Elite in real estate transactions.

### 1996

**S. Gordon Hill** is in the litigation and employment law group of Hill Ward Henderson PA in Tampa, Fla. He has been elected to the board of directors of the Hillsborough County Bar Association.

**David Inabinett** is a managing member of Brinkley Walsler in Lexington, N.C. He has been listed as one of the Best Lawyers in America in elder law, trusts and estates.

**Stephanie L. Reese** is a superior court prosecutor for the N.C. 18th Prosecutorial District. She received the Prosecutor of the Year Award

from the Carolinas Chapter of the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators.

**Allison O. Van Laningham** is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, N.C. She has been listed as one of the Best Lawyers in America in appellate practice, commercial, first amendment, personal and product liability litigation.

### 1997

**Karen McCain Borno** is assistant general counsel with Verizon Enterprise Services. Her office is in Arlington, Va. She is a mentor with the Wake Forest School of Law mentorship program and manages Verizon's Washington, D.C., legal

intern program.

**Elliot A. Fus** has been elected a shareholder and director with Blanco Tackabery & Matamoros PA in Winston-Salem.

**Norman F. Klick Jr.** is with Carruthers & Roth PA in Greensboro, N.C. He has been named one of N.C. Lawyers Weekly's Leaders in the Law and listed as one of the Best Lawyers in America in medical malpractice law.

**Brett T. Hanna** is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been listed as one of the Best Lawyers in America in real estate law.

North Carolina Bar Association. This council serves as an important tool for attorneys and clients. The goal of the council is to help expedite the legal system when problems and disputes arise during a case. The council plans to continue developing methods and processes to solve conflicts affecting anyone moving through the legal system.

### 2012 3L Class Gift Campaign

Katie Morton ('12) and Matthew McClellan ('12) led their 3L Class Gift Committee comprised of 14 third-year and second-year students. The goal of the committee is to encourage

participation in the 3L Class Gift. The gift serves to support the Law Fund, which supports every aspect of the law school including student organizations, trial teams and moot court, clinic support, research assistants, and the Law Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Committee Members included:

Meeren Amin	Antoine Marshall
Matt Antoneli	Matthew McClellan
Greer Bengé	Katie Morton
Brodie Erwin	Joey Norman
Aisha Forte	Matt Toldero
Alan Guffy	Tara Vyas
Caroline Lawler	Martha Bordogna (2L)
Zach Linsey	Brian McKeon (2L)

**Stephanie L. Reese ('96)** has won the Prosecutor of the Year Award from the Carolinas Chapter of the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators (IAFCI). In her work as a superior court prosecutor for the 18th Prosecutorial District of North Carolina (Greensboro/Guilford County), Reese has worked hard to assist law enforcement and financial industry investigators. IAFCI-Carolinas Chapter recognizes her excellent efforts with this special award, which she will receive at the organization's meeting at North Myrtle Beach, S.C., in November. Reese is the head coach for the law school's Comerford and Britt National Trial Team.

## ALUMNI PROFILE: MIKI FELSENBURG ('91)



When Professor Miki Felsenburg ('91) first got the call to teach at Wake Forest law school, she turned it down.

Seventeen years later, in the fall of 2011, she welcomed her 18th class of first-year law students to her Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research (LAWR) section.

"I initially said no because I had never taught and I thought I would want to continue to practice law full time," she explained. "But then a couple of weeks later I got to thinking, I made a wrong choice. So I called back and they still had the opening, so I took it."

That was fall 1994. Felsenburg retired from the law school in July 2012 as one of the longest serving members of the LAWR group of professors.

But she remains actively involved in a long-term research project concentrating on the earliest portion of LAWR instruction. In 2007, Felsenburg along with Professor Laura P. Graham ('94) began an empirical study of the incoming first-year classes at two schools to

learn more about their struggles during this vital and especially difficult instructional period.

The early draft of the duo's first article about the research was considered "groundbreaking," and was a "Top 10 download" on the Social Sciences Research Network (SSRN) for more than three months. That article appeared in the Fall 2010 edition of the *Journal of the Legal Writing Institute* and on *lwionline.org*. Felsenburg and Graham have presented their findings at several important venues, including the June 2010, national biennial conference of the LWI. The pair's newest book, *The Pre-Writing Handbook: A Step-by-Step Guide*, will be available for purchase from Carolina Academic Press in Spring 2013.

In addition to legal writing, Felsenburg taught Appellate Advocacy and for many years, she taught business law-related courses in the Wake Forest Schools of Business, as she graduated with an MBA from Wake Forest in 1978 and a JD degree in 1991. She was recognized upon graduation as the Outstanding Woman Law Graduate.

After graduation she worked for Elliot, Pishko, Gelbin, and Morgan, a local law firm. "It was a very high volume, high pressure but a small litigation firm with four partners and me," she explained. "I loved it and I loved the people and they are the best lawyers in town. But it was probably not where I wanted to be for the rest of my life."

Felsenburg chose to study law and become a professor in what many would consider a "second act." She was 44 when she graduated from Wake Forest law school. When she graduated from the University of Denver in 1969 with her journalism degree, the Colorado native went to work in public relations for Western Electric, which was owned by AT&T.

She moved with the company from New York to North Carolina in 1975. After a stint doing freelance photography and PR, Felsenburg decided she might want to follow in her grandfather's footsteps and become a lawyer.

"I just got to thinking 'what if' and took the LSAT and the law school offered me a full scholarship so it seemed like the right decision."

While looking forward to retirement, Felsenburg says she is going to miss her law students.

"Since it's Wake Forest, one of our niches is that we have close relationships with the students," she explained. "We have 20 students that we meet on day one that become your kids. The kind of rich relationships you have with these students is not going to be easy for me to replace."



Brian C. Doyle



Gregory David Habeeb



Jason B. Buckland



Richard D. Dietz



Roberta King Latham



Matt Gray

### 1998

**Zachary J. Bancroft** is with Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz PC in Orlando, Fla. He has been named a Florida Super Lawyer Rising Star.

**K. Carter Cook** is associate counsel in the legal department at Wake Forest. He has been named one of Triad Business Journal's 40 Leaders Under Forty for being a skilled lawyer and leader at Wake Forest and a skilled pianist.

**Robert D. Kidwell** is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, N.C. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in business law and listed as one of the Best Lawyers in America in corporate law.

**Ronald A. Skufca** is a certified member of The Million Dollar Advocates Forum. He is with Moretz & Skufca PLLC in Charlotte, N.C.

### 1999

**Marjorie Benbow** has been named managing director of Wake Forest's Charlotte Center in Charlotte, N.C.

**Christopher John Leonard** has been named president of Velocity Solutions Inc., a provider of profit enhancement solutions and software for banks and credit unions. He and his wife, Laura, and children, Emma (7) and Jack (5), live in Wilmington, N.C.

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

**Patti Ramseur** is a partner with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, N.C. She received the Robinson O. Everett Professionalism Award from the Young Lawyers Division of the N.C. Bar Association.

### 2000

**Matt Cunningham** practices corporate, finance and commercial real estate law with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He received a Triangle Business Journal 40 Under Forty leadership award.

**Suzanne Deddish** and **Jennifer Keaton ('01)** are workplace investigators and mediators at One Mediation in Atlanta.

**Brian C. Doyle** has been named a partner with Farrell Fritz PC in New York. He is a resident of Southampton, N.Y., and practices business, commercial and state court criminal litigation.

**Frederic Joly (LLM)** works in the building distribution division of the legal department of LAPEYRE in France.

### 2001

**Gregory David Habeeb** is a partner with Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore in Roanoke, Va. He and his wife, Christy, have three children and live in Salem, Va. He was re-elected to serve the 8th District in the Virginia House of Delegates. He serves on the court of justice, transportation and commerce and labor committees and has been appointed to the coal and energy and code commissions. He has also been named a Virginia Super Lawyer Rising Star in business

litigation.

**Gavin B. Parsons** is a partner in the business litigation group with Troutman Sanders LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named a Law & Politics and a Charlotte Magazine Super Lawyer Rising Star.

### 2002

**Jason B. Buckland** is with Hagan Davis Mangum Barrett & Langley PLLC in Greensboro, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Rising Star.

**Richard D. Dietz** is with Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP in Winston-Salem. He has been named a N.C. Rising Star.

**Roberta King Latham** is with Bennett & Guthrie PLLC in Winston-Salem. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer Rising Star in civil litigation defense and one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite Young Guns.

### 2003

**Kim Doyle** is legal counsel for Investors Bank in Short Hills, N.J.

**Scott Eldridge** is with Miller Canfield in Lansing, MI. He has been named a Michigan Super Lawyer Rising Star.

**Matt Gray** is with Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Rising Star.

**Monica R. Guy** is a family law specialist with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. She received Martindale-Hubbell's AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating, its highest achievement level award.

## KENNETH ('02) AND JENNIFER IMO ('00) KEEP CLOSE TIES TO LAW SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Kenneth Imo ('02) speaks about Wake Forest University with a reverence rooted in the school's culture of community, in particular the way it fosters interaction among students and professors.

It was his first home in North Carolina, a place where he learned to become a lawyer and a place where he formed and nurtured life-long relationships with faculty and staff. "I had a wonderful experience at Wake Forest," says Imo, director of Talent Diversity for WilmerHale in Washington, D.C. "Attending the law school is one of the best decisions that I've ever made."

Wake Forest law school is also, after all, where Imo met his wife, Jennifer ('00), a partner at The Ferguson Group.

Jennifer and Kenneth Imo are lawyers, though neither is practicing law, or at least not in the traditional sense.

"We're two examples of having law school degrees and stepping outside of the box, and using those skills in

other areas that can make you very successful," Jennifer said.

In her role with The Ferguson Group, Jennifer provides strategic consulting and advocacy for local governments representing their interests before Congress and the executive branch. She is also federal director for the National Association of Towns and Townships and executive director for the General Aviation Airport Coalition. In his role as Director of Diversity for WilmerHale, Imo lives and works in Washington, but he oversees diversity programs for the firm, which has more than 1,000 lawyers in 12 cities in the U.S., Europe and Asia.

"The changing demographics of the country have made diversity a critical issue for all employers, including law firms," he says.

Part of Imo's job entails finding ways to link diversity to the firm's key business objectives, such as recruiting, retaining and promoting a diverse group of lawyers. "I love D.C.," says Imo, who served an internship in the city while a junior at Southern

Methodist University, where he met Wake Forest Law Professor Tim Davis. "When I got to law school, one of my goals was to work in Washington — which wasn't unique to me because a lot of students were attracted to the nation's capital. I think it's great that the law school now offers the Washington Externship program."

Davis said: "I was delighted when Ken was admitted into Wake Forest. It was an even greater pleasure to have the opportunity to continue the mentoring relationship that began at SMU and to witness Ken's development as a lawyer."

The Imos' affinity for the university extends far beyond the Worrell Professional Center.

Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Jennifer Hudson asked Imo to participate on the Young Alumni Board, and Imo didn't hesitate. "Sign me up, I'll do it," he told her.

The alumni group, Hudson says, was created to increase engagement and to develop future leaders of the law school. The group serves as liaisons to the law school, providing feedback and information on what types of events might interest young alumni and how they might become more involved in the law school.

The board, as of December 2011, included 18 members from the Triangle, the Triad, Charlotte, New York City, Atlanta, Chicago and Washington, D.C. The board is working to enhance the number of young alumni donors to the law school's annual fund. "We're trying to keep recent graduates more connected to the law school," Imo says.





Jeanette Stark



Chris Wilkie



Jon Jordan



Amy Lanning



Brad Nowak



Heather White

**James J. Hefferan Jr.** is an assistant professor of law at the Charlotte School of Law.

**Ginger Bailey Rolfes** is a real estate finance attorney with Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP in Charlotte, N.C.

**Jeanette Stark** has been elected a shareholder and director of Blanco Tackabery & Matamoros PA in Winston-Salem. She practices commercial bankruptcy, workouts, preference defense and collection matters.

**Jeffrey Fulton Starling** is a partner with McGuireWoods LLP practicing toxic tort and environmental litigation in Richmond, Va.

**Chris Wilkie** is with Daggett Shuler in Winston-Salem. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer Rising Star in workers' compensation.

**Elizabeth J. Zook** has been named a director with Carruthers & Roth PA in Greensboro, N.C. She works with the commercial real estate and finance practice group and has been named a N.C. Rising Star.

## 2004

**Jon Jordan** has been named a shareholder with Robinson Bradshaw & Hinson in Charlotte, N.C.

**Amy Lanning** has been elected a shareholder and director of Blanco Tackabery & Matamoros PA in Winston-Salem. She works in the affordable housing and transactional areas.

**Shaka Mitchell** is a lawyer in

Nashville, Tenn. He gave a TV interview on NBC's "Rock Center" concerning a federal lawsuit involving compensation for bone marrow in which an organization that he helped start, MoreMarrowDonors.org, is a plaintiff.

**Manuel Moctezuma (LLM)** is a partner with Chalela Enriquez y Moctezuma SC in Mexico City.

**Brad Nowak** has been elected a partner with Williams Mullen in Washington, D.C.

**Heather White** has been named a partner with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Charlotte, N.C. She is a member of the litigation practice group.

## 2005

**David Cole** is a partner specializing in labor and employment law with Freeman Mathis & Gary LLP in Atlanta.

**Andrea Begley Orr** has joined the corporate and securities practice of Bass Berry & Sims PLC in Nashville, Tenn.

**Bradley A. Roehrenbeck** is general counsel and vice president of compliance and legal services at MedCost in Winston-Salem.

**J. Caleb Rogers** has joined Hutchens Senter & Britton PA in Fayetteville, N.C. His practice focuses on creditors' rights and civil litigation.

**Carl E. Sanders** is with Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP in Winston-Salem. He has been named

a N.C. Rising Star.

**Richard M. Wallace** is a member of Spilman Thomas & Battle PLLC in Charleston, W.Va. He practices labor and employment law with an emphasis on traditional labor law and complex civil litigation defense.

## 2006

**Lucas M. Foletta** has been named policy director and general counsel for the Carson City office of Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval.

**Lea Keller** is a partner in the pre-litigation department of Mike Lewis Attorneys in Winston-Salem.

**Sam Kuzma** is with Gevurtz Menashe Larson & Howe PC in Portland, Ore. He and his wife, Chey, are expecting their first child.

**Stuart Punger** is a partner with Mike Lewis Attorneys in Winston-Salem. He was named one of North Carolina's Top 40 Under Forty.

## 2007

**David K. Anna** is a corporate associate with Wyche Law Firm in Greenville, S.C. He practices mergers and acquisitions, securities and private equity.

**Clara Cottrell** is an attorney with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, N.C. She has been named one of Triad Business Journal's 40 Leaders Under Forty.

**Elizabeth Ladt** works with Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell in Washington, D.C.

**Victor Manzano (LLM)** is general



Andrea Begley Orr



J. Caleb Rogers



Carl E. Sanders



Stuart Pungner



Clara Cottrell



Jillian E. Brevorka

counsel for Latin American North at NOKIA Mexico.

**Hanne Nyheim McNutt (LLM)** is with the Singapore branch of a Norwegian law firm, Vogt & Wiig AS. She and her husband, Tom ('08), and son, Alaric, have relocated to Singapore.

## 2008

**Jillian E. Brevorka** practices trust and estate planning and administration and litigation with Brevorka Law Firm PC. She received the Charles F. Blanchard Outstanding Young Lawyer Award of the Year from the Young Lawyers Division of the N.C. Bar Association.

**Natalie R. Dunham** is a corporate associate with Wyche Law Firm in Greenville, S.C. She practices estate planning, probate administration, taxation and general transactional matters.

**Whitney Virginia Wallace** is an attorney with Wallace & Graham PA in Salisbury, N.C. She has been named chair of the Salisbury Historic October Tour during Historic Salisbury Foundation's 40th anniversary. She was elected a N.C. representative "under 40" to the American Association for Justice Board of Governors and a member on the board of the N.C. Advocates for Justice. She is also on the Wake Forest Law Young Alumni Board.

## 2009

**Ruilu Wang (LLM, JD '11)** has relocated to Shanghai, China, to work with a law firm on mergers and acquisitions.

## 2010

**Brittany L. Adams** completed a federal clerkship with the Hon. Sam Lindsay, U.S. District Court judge for the Northern District of Texas. She is an associate with Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak & Stewart PC in Dallas.

**Toni J. Grace** is an associate in the business bankruptcy and insolvency group of Blanco Tackabery & Matamoros PA in Winston-Salem.

**Nicole DuPre** is with the Forsyth County District Attorney's Office in Winston-Salem. She has created an organization, Carolina Kidney Connection, to connect donors and prospects so they can share experiences ([carolinakidneyconnection.org](http://carolinakidneyconnection.org)).

## 2011

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

**Shoko Fujita (LLM)** is with the legal department of Japan Tobacco.

**Darren Lindamood** is an attorney with Fulbright & Jaworski LLP in Houston.

**Severine Loew (LLM)** is a transaction lawyer with the mergers and acquisitions team of Linklaters LLP in Frankfurt, Germany.

## 2012

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

**Thierry Huber (LLM)** is a junior associate with a small law firm in

Zurich, Switzerland.

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

## Marriages

Dan Johnson ('75) and Laurie Hutchins ('83). 8/3/12 at Graylyn. They live in Winston-Salem.

John F. Pendergast Jr. ('80) and Jane Hobson High. 11/5/11 in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. They live in Duluth, Ga., and Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Clive Morgan ('81) officiated. The wedding party included Catherine Hobson Taylor ('82).

David K. Anna ('07) and Rachael V. Lewis ('07). 6/16/12 in Cashiers, N.C. They live in Greenville, S.C. The wedding party included Rafael Urquia ('07).

Linda Marie Baugher ('07) and Dennis Michael Malone. 7/7/12 in New Bern, N.C. They live in Burlington, N.C. The wedding party included Shantel Boone Walter ('07).

Heeyoon Danny Choi (LLM '09) and Eunmi Shin. 1/7/12 in Daejeon, South Korea.

Erin Elizabeth Smith ('09) and Chad Wilcox. 4/30/11 in Georgetown, Texas. They live in Arlington, Va.

## Births/Adoptions

Steven P. Yova ('83) and Frederique Cecile Yova, Durham, N.C.: a son, Samuel Paul. 12/22/11. He joins his sister, Justine Anne (3).

## STEWARDSHIP PROFILE: DAVID ('81) AND BETTIE SOUSA ('81)

For David ('81) and Bettie Sousa ('81), law school was the beginning of fulfilling careers, and a much more.

"Whenever asked how we met, we both respond, 'We were trial partners back at Wake Forest,' " David said. "For us, in particular, there will always be a special attachment to the law school. It was what the law school asked us to do that brought us together."

In 1981, the Sousas were the first Wake Forest team to compete in the finals of the National Trial Competition. They won their regional competition and were eliminated in the quarter final round. They cemented their partnership by marrying the next year.

They have forged strong ties to the school through a record of giving that stretches back to their graduation.

David chairs the Campaign Building Leadership Team and Bettie is a member of the Board of Visitors. They have also made a leadership gift to the building campaign. Their son, Michael, kept them connected to the campus while he was an undergraduate student at Wake Forest University and enabled them to see the School of Law's evolution in recent years.

"We've been so impressed with Dean Blake Morant and his wife, P.J.," Bettie said. "He's very dignified, but also very warm. We've been very excited with the efforts that he has put forth for the law school."

The Sousas treasure what has made the School of Law special, even as it embarks on exciting changes.

For Bettie, a partner with Smith, Debnam, Narron, Drake, Saintsing & Myers in Raleigh, attending law school would not have been possible without a student loan. She came



to treasure the school's scale and personal feeling.

"It was a much smaller setting than my undergraduate school, and that made it more interesting and more fun," she said. "In law school, you're around a lot of smart people. There's an elevated level of humor in the shared misery."

She still draws on what she learned in classes on contract law and business litigation. She has spent 31 years at her firm, where the founding partners are all Wake Forest law graduates. This fall, Bettie is reinforcing her connection with the school by teaching Business Litigation.

Wake Forest law school has had a decisive impact on David's career as well. He started law school thinking that he wanted to go into tax law and then fell in love with oral advocacy through his participation in moot court and trial court programs.

Early in his law school career, he had a crisis of confidence about his decision to become a lawyer. He remembers Professor Charley Rose for his determination to see that every student succeeded.

"Charley saw something in me,

as he does in almost every Wake Forest student. He nurtured it and he encouraged me, and he made me feel that I was every bit as capable as anyone else there," David said. "His support put me on the path to graduating and doing very well professionally."

David practiced as a trial lawyer for 16 years and is currently general counsel and senior vice president with Medical Mutual Insurance Company of North Carolina. "Anyone can give you the book smarts that go along with the JD," he said. "It takes a different kind of institution to teach you to get out, and from day one, be a good, ethical and pragmatic practitioner."

The Sousas are encouraged by the law school's blend of personal attention, academic excellence and practical experience. Supporting it is a vote of confidence for the education they received, and an assurance that the school will be there for the next generation of lawyers.

"To me, the whole transformation of the law school is about legacy," David said, "leaving behind something that's better than what we were given."

## YOUNG ALUMNI BOARD UPDATE

A new slate of officers take the helm July 1, 2012. **Kristin Garris ('08)** serves as the Chair of the Young Alumni Board and **Neal Robbins ('07)** serves as the Vice Chair. These alumni serve on the Executive Committee along with **Angie Cecil ('08)**, **Jessica Cohan ('06)**, **Linda Malone ('07)**, **J. Carlton McLamb ('07)** and **Rich McPherson ('10)**. **Kenneth Imo ('02)** will participate as the Immediate Past Chair.

In the past year, events have been held for young alumni in Atlanta, Charlotte, New York, and Raleigh. We hope to expand those areas this year to include Greensboro, Winston-Salem and Washington, D.C.

The Young Alumni Board consists of emerging young leaders from across the country whose main goal is to engage recent law school alumni and encourage giving back. If you are interested in serving on the Young Alumni Board, contact any of the board members or Jennifer Hudson, assistant director of alumni relations at [HUDSONJS@WFU.EDU](mailto:HUDSONJS@WFU.EDU) or via phone at 336.758.5884 for more information.



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E. Bardin Simmons ('03)  
Glenn Spitler ('11)  
Brandon Van Balen ('02)  
Whitney Wallace ('08)



John F. McCune ('87) and Holly McCune, San Antonio, Texas: a son, Ryder Lee. 6/15/12

Lee Nelson ('91) and Karen Nelson, Tampa, Fla.: a daughter, Hope Mariel. 9/16/11. She joins her brothers, Ryan (10) and Barrett (6), and sister, Ava (8).

Jon Wade Myers ('92) and Eryn Myers, Lexington, N.C.: a son, Druid Wade. 9/7/11. He joins his sister, Grace Leigh (10).

James Bell Black IV ('99) and Shanah Black, Raleigh, N.C.: a son, Robert James. 7/11/12

Frederic Joly (LLM '00) and Justine Joly, Issy Les Moulineaux, France: a son, Quentin. 6/7/11

Steven Antini ('01) and Amy Antini, Cary, N.C.: a son, Marcello Joseph. 7/13/12

Jennifer Keaton ('01) and Stuart Keaton, Marietta, Ga.: adopted three children: Lee (11), Alyssa (9) and Tony (7).

Shannon Sumerell Spainhour ('01) and John Spainhour, Charlotte, N.C.: a daughter, Caroline Craven. 2/29/12. She joins her sister, Anna (3).

Roberta King Latham ('02) and William Ellis Latham II, Winston-Salem: a son, William Ellis III. 12/11/11

Heather Twiddy Raber ('02) and Roger W. Raber Jr., Arlington, Va.: a son, Elliot Sullivan. 7/9/12. He joins his brother, Jack (2).

Kim Kukulski Doyle ('03) and Patrick Doyle, Morristown, N.J.: a daughter, Reagan Ann. 2/5/12. She joins her brother, Brendan (3).

David Lutes ('03) and Carolyn Herring Lutes, Austin, Texas: a son, John Leonard. 6/9/11. He joins his sister, Ruby (4).

Ginger Bailey Rolfes ('03) and Bobby Rolfes, Charlotte, N.C.: a daughter, Geneva Lee. 6/7/12.

Katherine Stricker ('03) and Greg Stricker, Niceville, Fla.: a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth. 2/15/12. She joins her sister, Charlotte (2).

Patrick Kelly ('04) and Julie Bassett Kelly ('04), Scarborough, Maine: a daughter, Evie Noelle. 12/20/11. She joins her sister, Sophie Blake (2).

Ben Norman ('04) and Melissa Wellman Norman, Greensboro, N.C.: a daughter, Emily Ruth. 2/27/12. She joins her sister, Miller (2).

Samuel Chacon (LLM '05) and Inés Vargas Christlieb, Mexico City: a

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## OF HONOR AND SERVICE: CAPTAIN MICHAEL MIRANDA ('13) A.J. FLETCHER SCHOLAR

Three years ago, Army Captain Michael Miranda ('13) sat on top of a mountain in Eastern Afghanistan, days away from completing his second combat deployment and months from finishing his military service obligation. As he reflected on his experience — parachuting out of airplanes, leading soldiers in two wars, developing lifelong relationships and navigating several of life's great challenges — he wondered what was to come. Little did he know, his next chapter would begin at Wake Forest University.

For Miranda, the military has been a family thing. His grandfather led the way — serving in World War II and Korea — and since then, members of his family have served, and continue to serve, in every branch of the armed services. Impressed by the Army ROTC program at Rutgers University,

where he received his undergraduate degree in history, Miranda quickly showed his knack for leadership in military skills competitions, military skills educational clubs and the national military academic honor society.

The New Jersey native was first deployed to Iraq where he worked with Iraqi military and police forces. As a platoon leader, he was responsible for approximately 40 paratroopers divided into three squads. These squads were each assigned to several Iraqi police stations throughout south and east Baghdad. "We conducted daily training and mentoring of the police at these stations as well as daily combat and security patrols — sometimes conducted unilaterally, and other times conducted jointly with the Iraqi troops," he explained.

After 12 months in Iraq and a year stationed at Fort Bragg, he deployed to Afghanistan for his second combat tour. It was while he was in Afghanistan working with the Afghan Military Police that his interest in law grew.

"By the time I deployed to Afghanistan I had been promoted to captain and was serving as an assistant operations officer," Miranda stated. "Once we arrived in Afghanistan, my commander assigned me and the noncommissioned officer that worked for me to a special project. As the only American Military Police headquarters element in Afghanistan at the time, my commander felt that we had a duty to develop and implement a program that would establish an Afghan Military Police Corps. My sergeant and I were attached to an Afghan unit of roughly



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80 soldiers and given several months and a modest budget to develop the program.”

Miranda and his commanding officer coordinated the training with the Afghan Judge Advocate General program so the police could better understand how they fit into the larger justice picture. “Just as we were mentoring the new Afghan Military Police, American JAG officers were mentoring the new Afghan military lawyers,” he explained. “Through our frequent coordination and work with the American JAGs, I developed an interest in law and decided to pursue a career in law after separating from the military.”

Not only did Miranda define his future career while in Afghanistan, he also met lifelong friends and his military family. While he was working with the military police in Afghanistan, a South Carolinian sergeant introduced Miranda to Captain Danielle Burro, also a native of New Jersey, who was serving in Iraq. The sergeant, who had served with both captains and fully acknowledged that Danielle and Mike were “the only two Yankees he could stand,” figured the two would find they had much in common.

The two captains met, discovered they had grown up only 15 minutes from one another, and started talking

across thousands of miles and in the midst of dangerous situations. Emails and phone calls ensured that their relationship grew, and the two were married in December 2011.

Both left the Army with stunning honors. Miranda earned two Bronze Stars, four Army Achievement medals, the Army Commendation Medal, the Air Assault Badge, the Senior Parachutist Badge and the Combat Action Badge. His bride, who graduated with a degree in criminal justice from St. John’s University, served in Iraq and Haiti. She was honored with the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal and the Parachutist Badge.

After being stationed at military bases in North Carolina, the couple had come to consider North Carolina home. Miranda began looking into law schools. “I was ready for a smaller and more intimate educational experience,” he stated. “Naturally, Wake Forest stood out as the obvious preference, but I knew that the high cost of attendance would significantly challenge my ability to attend.”

After receiving an invitation to visit Wake Forest as part of an Admitted Students Day, Miranda showed up on campus only to find that snow

had cancelled activities on campus. However, Melanie Nutt, former admissions director, and several students who knew visitors were traveling specifically for the day selflessly gave up their snow day to ensure that the prospective students had the opportunity to see all that Wake Forest has to offer.

“I knew then and there that this was the type of school for me,” he said. “Unfortunately, at the time, it was just not financially possible. A week later, Melanie called to offer me an incredibly generous scholarship — the A.J. Fletcher Law Scholarship. I accepted before she could even finish her sentence.

“Wake Forest doesn’t just produce exceptional scholars, it produces exceptional human beings. Students here are taught that we are privileged to enjoy the opportunity to study law and that we have the obligation to pay it forward in whatever way possible.”

Miranda has not delayed in that directive. As president of law school’s Veterans Advocacy Law Organization, he organizes veterans’ awareness projects, raises money to support homeless veterans, and donates time and effort to provide free legal services to some of the community’s most underserved citizens.

At this point, Miranda is not entirely sure where his law degree will lead him, but he’s gaining a variety of experiences and keeping his options open.

“Ultimately, I would like to find a way to continue serving the public, either as a legal professional, or in addition to my legal practice.”

daughter, Maria. 1/25/12

Jacob Richard Stump ('05) and Christie Marzahn Stump, Orlando, Fla.: a son, Luke Jacob. 10/30/11. He joins his sister, Kate (1).

Ayca Konuralp Acikel (LLM '06) and Onur Acikel, Izmir, Turkey: a son, Ege. 10/9/11

Ryan Christopher Hurley ('06) and Stacy Kay Hurley ('06), Warwick, R.I.: a son, Finn Jennings. 6/18/12

William Joel Sharrer ('07) and Lindsay Sharrer, Parker, Colo.: a daughter, Avery Elizabeth. 5/15/12

### Deaths

Earl Lester Hansell ('36), Jan. 18, 2012, Longwood, Fla.

Charles Glasgow Butts Sr. ('42), May 26, 2012, South Hill, Va. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Butts was mayor of South Hill from 1949 to 1955, the town attorney and a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. He was the retired senior partner of Butts & Butts Attorneys.

Butts was preceded in death by three sisters and a brother, James Alfred Butts Jr. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Penny; two children; and four grandchildren.

Bert McGee Montague ('53), May 11, 2012, Raleigh, N.C. He was a fighter pilot in World War II and served in the U.S. Air Force Reserves until 1977 when he retired as a colonel. Montague practiced law briefly and served in several administrative positions with the N.C. Judicial Department. He retired as clerk of court in 1996 from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in Richmond, Va., and he and his wife of 66 years, Inez, retired to Seven Lakes, N.C. They returned to Raleigh in 2010 to be closer to family.

Richard F. Gordon Sr. ('56), Dec. 15, 2011, Beaufort, N.C. He served in the U.S. Air Force and was an attorney for 40 years. Gordon served on the Alumni Council for the School of Law. He is survived by a son, Richard F. Gordon Jr.; a daughter, Jane; and four grandchildren.

Abner Alexander ('57), March 14, 2012, Winston-Salem. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and practiced law until 1968. Alexander served as a U.S. commissioner, U.S. assistant attorney and chief district court judge of Forsyth District Court before retiring in 1991. He served as an emergency judge in North Carolina until 2007.

George Burbank Herndon Jr. ('59), April 26, 2012, Fayetteville and Greensboro, N.C. He practiced real estate, wills, trusts and estate law primarily with Nance Law in Fayetteville, N.C., and was also an attorney for Carolina Power & Light. Herndon received the Kiwanis Lifetime Achievement Award and the Wells Cup for Outstanding Service. He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Eleanor; three children, Kathleen H. Rouse, George III and Elizabeth H. Avioli; two stepchildren, Colin and Kevin; and seven grandchildren.

R. Roy Mitchell Jr. ('59), Feb. 10, 2012, North Myrtle Beach, S.C. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean



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Davis & Hamrick (Jim Welsh, '97)  
Hagan Davis (Chip Hagan, '77)

Hutchens Senter & Britton (Terry Hutchens, '77)  
Kilpatrick Stockton LLP - Atlanta (Ty Lord, '99)  
Parker, Hudson, Rainer, & Dobbs (Keith Taylor, '06)  
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Poyner & Spruill LLP - Rocky Mount (Dink Warren, '84)

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War. Mitchell was an assistant U.S. district attorney in Greensboro, N.C. He practiced construction law and real property matters with Nye Mitchell Jarvis & Bugg in Durham, N.C., and retired in 2002 as a solo practitioner. Mitchell is survived by his wife of 56 years, Marion Homan Mitchell; two sons; a daughter; and a grandson.

Abraham Lincoln Sherk III ('62), April 27, 2012, Winston-Salem. He served in the U.S. Army. Sherk was a District Court judge for the 21st Judicial District of N.C. from 1968 to 1976 and then had a private practice. He served on many state and local committees and received the N.C. Distinguished Citizenship Award. Sherk was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy Dennis Sherk ('62). He is survived by a sister; three children; and nine grandchildren.

William Barker Crews Jr. ('65), July 18, 2012, Southern Pines, N.C. He served in the U.S. Army and practiced law in Moore County for more than 40 years.

Larry Gregson Graham ('68), Feb. 29, 2012, Palos Verdes, Calif.. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Graham practiced law in Greensboro, N.C., before joining his brother in California, where he was a lawyer for 35 years.

Richard Mack Pearman Jr. ('70), April 10, 2012, Greensboro, N.C.

Jimmy Dean Reeves ('73), July 31, 2012, West Jefferson, N.C. In 1976 he and his mentor formed Vannoy & Reeves PLLC, now Reeves Law Firm PLLC, where he practiced until this year. Reeves served as the state bar councilor for the 23rd District of N.C. and provided leadership and service to many organizations. He is survived by his mother; his wife, Martha; his children, Mary Alexandra ('01), John Benjamin, Courtlyn Channing and Cagney Alexis; and a brother, Michael Ray Reeves.

Larry Elmer Leonard ('72), Jan.

29, 2012, Thomasville, N.C. He had a private practice for 40 years in Thomasville. Leonard served one term in the N.C. House of Representatives, served on the Davidson County Board of Elections and served two terms on the board of directors for the Thomasville area Habitat for Humanity.

James M. Wallace Jr. ('73), Jan. 11, 2012, Gastonia, N.C. He was an assistant attorney general for the State of North Carolina.

Mathew Elmer Bates ('74), April 12, 2012, Greensboro, N.C. He was a member of the N.C. State Bar and a sole practitioner.

Ralph Lee Hicks ('81), Dec. 2, 2011, Cashiers, N.C. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II and received the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, Purple Heart, Air Force Commendation Medal and Presidential Unit Citation. Hicks worked 33 years for the U.S. Air Force and NASA. He received the NASA Exceptional Service Medal. Hicks began his legal career as a solo practitioner in Cashiers and in 1986 joined Coward Hicks & Siler PA.

David Watson Daniel ('85), July 20, 2012, of Wilson, N.C., and Sorrento, Maine. He joined Sanford Adams McCullough & Beard in Raleigh, N.C., and clerked under N.C. Supreme Court Justice Robert Browning. Daniel became a partner with Howard Browning Sams Poole Hill & Daniel in Greenville, N.C., and was a law clerk to U.S. District Judge Malcolm Howard. In 1989 he joined Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in Raleigh and in 1992 was selected clerk of court for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. In 2003 Daniel was appointed a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of N.C. He served in the N.C. National Guard from 1989 to 2011 as staff judge advocate for the 60th Troop Command and received the Army Commendation Medal,

Army Achievement Medal and National Guard Commendation and Achievement Medals.

Nancy Lightner Wooten ('83), April 19, 2012, Winston-Salem. She practiced law in Forsyth County and served for 16 years on the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school board. Wooten helped found the local chapter of the National Organization for Women, was a volunteer with Piedmont Craftsmen and served 11 years on the board at CenterPoint Human Services.

Christopher McLauchlin Collier ('89), Feb. 8, 2012, Statesville, N.C. He was with Pope McMillan Gourley & Kutteh from 1989 to 1993 and served as a prosecutor in the 22nd Judicial District until 2001. Collier was appointed a superior court judge and was serving as senior resident superior court judge.

Michael Sykos III ('90), Jan. 15, 2012, Salisbury, N.C. He was with Best Western in Kannapolis, N.C.

Steven Marc Carlson ('95), April 9, 2012, Boone, N.C.

Jeffrey Paul Trent ('97), July 22, 2012, Charlotte, N.C. He was co-owner of FrickTrent PLLC with offices in Charlotte, Rock Hill and Fort Mill, S.C. Prior to FrickTrent, Trent was a senior attorney with Trey Inman & Associates PC, a commercial account manager with Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co. and an officer of MountainWest Financial Bank in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Patrick Michael Kelly ('04), Aug. 20, 2012, Scarborough, Maine. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Defense Artillery, served four years of active duty and achieved the rank of captain. Kelly practiced workers' compensation and Veterans' disability law with McTeague Higbee Case Cohen Whitney & Toker PA in Topsham, Maine. He is survived by his wife, Julie Bassett Kelly ('04), and two daughters, Sophie and Evie.

Wake Forest law alumni have had myriad opportunities to get together over the past year including at the U.S. Supreme Court where Tucker H. Byrd ('81), Shawn J. Coppins ('01), Clara R. Cottrell ('07), Christopher T. Greco ('07), Mark C. Filburn ('90), J. Neal Robbins ('07) and Whitney V. Wallace ('08) were admitted to the Supreme Court Bar in March. Alumni also gathered for receptions in Washington, D.C., Wilmington and Winston-Salem.





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