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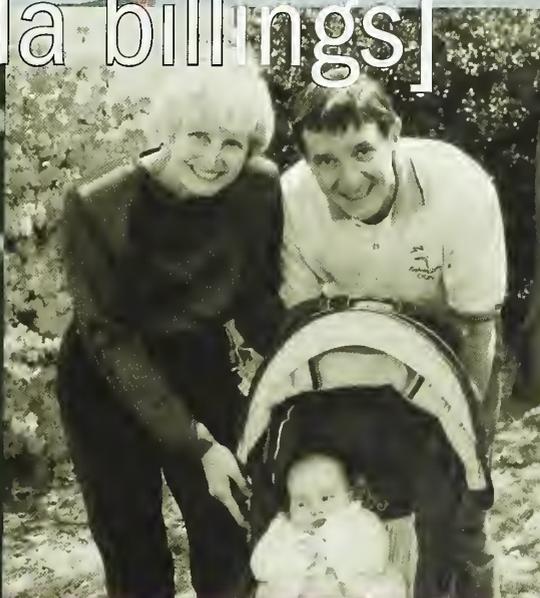
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tional elements.*

Each summer, our law school has a Summer Leadership Conference bringing together members of the administration, faculty, Law Alumni Council, Law Board of Visitors, and other alumni leaders to talk about a topic that has important ramifications for legal education. Last summer the topic was "From Hickory to Hong Kong: Law and the Global Economy." We listened to panels of alumni discuss topics such as multinational corporations, doing business abroad, trends in immigration and employment issues, practicing law overseas, and international courts and commercial disputes. We then discussed how the globalization of the practice world should affect our law school curriculum and programs.

In 1949, Justice Robert Jackson, summarizing developments in the law with respect to the commerce clause power, stated: "Our economic unit is the Nation." In the present era of free trade, it might well be said that our economic unit is rapidly becoming the world. Television, the internet, and other technology have shrunk the world that is immediate to us. Imports and exports have become central to the daily economic lives of Americans.

More routinely than in the past, lawyers, wherever situated in the United States, have local

clients asking questions about legal problems dealing with suppliers or buyers in foreign countries. When I graduated from law school in 1967, it was thought that if you wanted to practice international law, you had to go to New York or one of our nation's biggest cities. In the panel on doing business abroad, we had lawyers from Greensboro and Gastonia, North Carolina, and Orlando, Florida, talking about advising clients who regularly do business outside the United States.

Our law school has recognized that lawyers in the twenty-first century will increasingly become involved in matters having foreign or international elements. Currently, we teach courses in Public International Law, International Business Transactions, International Tax, International Civil Litigation, European Community Law, Comparative Constitutional Law, Admiralty and Maritime Law, Immigration Law, and a survey course in Comparative Law. In the spring semester of 2003, we will add a course in the European Legal Tradition taught jointly by Professor Alan Palmiter of our faculty and Professor Herbert Hausmaninger of the University of Vienna.

In addition to preparing our graduates to answer questions from clients in the world economic community, comparative law courses add another strength to our program. I am convinced that lawyers who understand the policies behind substantive legal doctrines win arguments that other lawyers do not. This is especially true in cases of first impression or in cases on the margin of developing fields of law. Comparing the development of legal issues in any substantive area with the law of other countries deepens the understanding of our own doctrines and helps better prepare future American practitioners.

To enrich the comparative and international law curriculum in Winston-Salem, we now have three summer overseas programs, in London, Venice, and Vienna. In these locations, Wake Forest University owns physical facilities in which undergraduate programs are held during the academic year. The law school has month-long

programs involving two faculty members and 15 to 20 students in each location. Courses offered overseas during the past few years include: History of the Common Law, Comparative Family Law, Comparative Business Organizations, Comparative Labor and Employment Law, Comparative Taxation, Comparative Commercial Law, Comparative Administrative Law, Comparative Creditors' Rights, Comparative Criminal Law, Comparative Health Law, and Comparative Intellectual Property. In addition to the formal classroom courses, students in these programs meet with distinguished foreign lawyers, jurists, and academics and make field trips to courts and other legal institutions. In our program in Italy, Italian law students participate in our classes, and Professor Laura Forlati of the University of Padua and Professor Fabrizio Marrella of the University of Venice participate as faculty. Austrian law students and Professor Hausmaninger will participate in our new program in Vienna in the summer of 2003.

To strengthen the J.D. program in comparative law perspectives for students who cannot take advantage of our foreign summer programs, we have a five-year-old LL.M. Program in American Law for foreign law graduates. This program brings 10 to 12 graduates from foreign law schools to Winston-Salem each year. Our LL.M. program has enrolled a diverse group of lawyers from Austria, Brazil, China, Italy, Saudi Arabia, Japan, Germany, Mongolia, Kyrgyzstan, France, Korea, Pakistan, Thailand, Turkey, and the Republic of Georgia. Our J.D. students benefit from having foreign-trained lawyers in their classes here, giving them additional insights regarding approaches to legal issues.

We also have a number of extracurricular programs with lawyers and professors from other countries. Under an ABA "sister school" program that I participated in founding, we have had a relationship with Janus Pannonius University in Pecs, Hungary. We have had a number of lawyers and law professors visit us from other countries in the last several years, most recent-

ly a professor of criminal law from the faculty of the University of Kiev in Ukraine and a professor who spent two semesters in residence from Grodno State University in Belarus.

In the last few years, the law school has developed important programs in "globalization." We are not neglecting traditional courses. However, in the best tradition of a "liberal arts" legal education, the additions to our program over the last several years in international and comparative law will better prepare our graduates to "think like lawyers" in the twenty-first century. ☪

—Dean Robert K. Walsh



PILO Auction a Grand Success

THE PUBLIC INTEREST Law Organization (PILO) Auction was held this year on October 11, 2002. Over 240 students, faculty and friends packed the law school's large courtroom to attend the event which raises funding for Wake Forest law students working in lower-paid public interest positions during the summer months.

Each year, faculty, students and local businesses contribute items to be auctioned. This year, over 100 items were donated to this cause. The most sought-after items were weekend getaways offered by faculty members. Several professors donated weekend stays for groups of students at their mountain or lake homes, often with homemade dinners included. One faculty member, a licensed pilot, offered a weekend trip to Charleston with transportation provided in his personal plane!

For the first time, The Grove Park Inn donated a luxurious spa and hotel package, which inspired an enthusiastic round of bidding by faculty members. With other tempting items and services such as home-cooked dinners, gift certificates to upscale eateries, gourmet desserts, ice cream sprees, a Monday night football party, a night of bowling, pet sitting, babysitting, and an original Professor Walker painting, the event was a guaranteed success.

While eating, drinking and engaging in exuberant bidding prompted by superb stu-

dent auctioneers, Kristy Meares, Cyclone Covey and Robby Lawson, our law school community raised almost \$13,000 to support Wake Forest students pursuing public interest positions this summer. Last year, these funds, along with IOLTA funds, allowed over 10 students to receive small stipends while gaining experience and offering assistance in various legal settings within the public interest arena, such as legal aid, public defender offices, and children's advocacy organizations. ☺



Robby Lawson captures a bid at the PILO auction.

Law School Hosts Marbury Symposium

ON OCTOBER 4 AND 5, 2002, a group of the nation's leading constitutional law scholars gathered at the Wake Forest University School of Law to participate in a symposium commemorating the bicentennial of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Marbury v. Madison*, 1 Cranch (5 U.S.) 137 (1803). In

Marbury — which is, of course, the first “great” case in American constitutional law — Chief Justice John Marshall declared: “It is emphatically the province and duty of the judicial department to say what the law is.” Over the course of the last two hundred years, but especially in the last century, *Marbury* has come to symbolize the Supreme Court's formidable power of “judicial review”: the power to declare laws, including congressional enactments, unconstitutional. In the exercise of this power, the Supreme Court has often been at the center of a storm of controversy. Some examples: In 1954, the Court ruled that racially segregated public schooling is unconstitutional; in 1973, the Court ruled that restrictive abortion legislation is unconstitutional; and in 2000, the Court decided, on constitutional grounds, the case of *Bush v. Gore*. Needless to say, the Court's constitutional decisions never please all the people all the time. The subject matter — and title — of the symposium reflect the ongoing controversy over the Court's constitutional rulings: *Judicial Review: Blessing or Curse? Or Both?*

The fourteen papers that were contributed to, and discussed at, the Marbury Symposium addressed a variety of issues in several different but complementary domains: constitutional history, constitutional doctrine, constitutional theory, and comparative constitutional law. Each of the papers will be published, in the spring of 2003, in a special symposium issue of the *Wake Forest Law Review*. (Please notify the *Law Review* if you would like to receive a copy of this special issue.)

The Marbury Symposium was organized by two members of the Wake Forest law faculty: Michael Kent Curtis, who holds the Judge Donald L. Smith Professorship in Constitutional and Public Law, and Michael J. Perry, who holds the University Distinguished Chair in Law. Professors Curtis and Perry each participated in the Symposium. The other twelve participants were: Davison M. Douglas (William & Mary School of Law), Daniel A. Farber (University of Minnesota School of Law and University of California at Berkeley School of Law), Jeffrey Goldsworthy (Monash University, Australia), Thomas C. Grey

(Stanford Law School), Kenneth L. Karst (UCLA School of Law), Sanford Levinson (University of Texas School of Law), Frank Michelman (Harvard Law School), Robert F. Nagel (University of Colorado School of Law), Scot Powe (University of Texas School of Law), William G. Ross (Cumberland School of Law), Suzanna Sherry (University of Minnesota School of Law), and Mark Tushnet (Georgetown University School of Law). ☪



Leading constitutional scholars gather to discuss *Marbury v. Madison*.

WFU LAW SCHOOL APPOINTS TWO NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

ROBERT M. CHESNEY of Davis Polk & Wardwell in New York and Ahmed E. Taha from the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, DC joined the faculty at Wake Forest Law School in July 2002.

Bobby Chesney grew up in San Antonio, Texas. His undergraduate degree is from Texas Christian University, and his love for Mexican food probably came from Texas, too. He's a fan of the San Antonio Spurs (Tim Duncan territory) and the Dallas Cowboys. After he received his law degree from Harvard Law School, Chesney clerked for Judge Robert D. Sack of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and Judge Lewis A. Kaplan of the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. He practiced law in New York City where he litigated major cases including J. P Morgan and the pro bono New York County Lawyers' Association case.



Robert M. Chesney

Bobby has been married to his wife, Heather, for two and one-half years. They enjoyed living in New York and took advantage of weekends to explore the City, its restaurants, the arts and cultural activities. Moving to Winston-Salem was a dramatic change, and teaching law for the first time took some getting used to. But, they've bought a house with a yard, acquired a cat named Daisy, and are now exploring North Carolina, from the mountains for hiking to Wilmington for the beaches. Bobby loves teaching and thinks it's fun and energizing. He teaches Civil Procedure, Evidence and Constitutional Law, and his specialization and interests include "terrorism" and "individual rights."

AHMED TAHA was born in Missouri but grew up in Princeton, New Jersey. He stayed on the east coast where he received his undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania, then moved to the west coast where he received a J.D. from Stanford Law School and a Ph.D. from the Department of Economics at Stanford. While practicing law in the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice in Washington, DC, Ahmed was a trial attorney on the civil task force where he investigated violations of federal antitrust laws, participated in the trial of Visa and MasterCard, and taught antitrust economics to new attorneys. Somehow, maybe en route to the different coasts, he became a Kansas City Chiefs fan. He also enjoys television, especially the reruns of "Cheers," "Northern Exposure," and "News Radio."



Ahmed Taha

Ahmed is married to Samina, a pediatrician, and two major events happened in their lives within the last six months — their son, Jibriel, was born and they moved to Winston-Salem. They are enjoying living in North Carolina and have bought their first house. Their son is a delight, but Ahmed confesses that he still feels sleep deprived as a new father. Teaching law is also new for Ahmed and he is surprised at how long it takes to prepare for classes, but is pleased with how insightful and intelligent the questions are that students ask. His specialization is "economic analysis of the behavior of judges in criminal and civil litigation." Taha teaches Civil Procedure, Business Organizations and Law and Economics.

We welcome these new professors and their families to Wake Forest, the Law School and the Winston-Salem community.

PROFESSOR CAROL ANDERSON will publish early next year a national treatise on trial advocacy entitled *Anderson on Advocacy*, and she will publish by the end of this year an article on jury selection, which will appear as the first chapter of a multi-author work entitled *The Art of Advocacy*.

PROFESSOR CHRISTINE COUGHLIN made a presentation in October, 2002, at a meeting of the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities in Baltimore, Maryland. The subject of her presentation was the question whether artificially and asexually created embryos used specifically for research with no procreative implications should be considered persons or property under the law.

PROFESSOR MICHAEL CURTIS made a presentation on the mysteries of judicial review at a remarkable symposium held at the law school in October, 2002, commemorating the bicenten-

nial of *Marbury v. Madison* (1803). He made a presentation on John Bingham and the Story of American Liberty at the Bingham Symposium at the University of Akron School of Law in October, 2002, and in November, 2002, he made two presentations on Lincoln and Civil Liberties at conferences in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the Library of Congress and the American Society of Legal History.

PROFESSOR TIM DAVIS has recently authored, with Kenneth Shropshire, a book entitled *The Business of Sports Agents*, published by the University of Pennsylvania Press. He has made recent presentations to the faculty of the University of North Carolina School of Law and the Sports and Entertainment Section of the North Carolina Bar Association.

PROFESSOR MIKE GREEN attended the annual meeting of the American Law Institute in

May, 2002, in connection with his continuing work on the *Restatement (Third) of Torts*. He has recently authored or coauthored the following publications: "Ascertaining Customary Care in Malpractice Cases: Asking Those Who Know," 37 Wake Forest L. Rev. 699 (2002) (with Tim Cramm and Arthur Hartz); "The Unanticipated Ripples of Comparative Negligence: Superseding Cause in Products Liability and Beyond," 53 S.C. L. Rev. 1003 (2002); and "Physician Surveys to Assess Customary Care in Medical Malpractice Cases," 17 J. Gen. Int. Med. 546 (2002) (with Arthur Hartz, et al.). Professor Green recently presented a paper at a Memorial Symposium for Gary Schwartz at the UCLA Law School and a second paper at the annual meeting of the Society for Epidemiological Research. He has been invited to join the European Group on Tort Law, a group of academics from a number of European countries, Israel, South Africa and the United States, who are drafting a set of principles of European tort law, and he has been

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◆ Floyd Abrams, one of the country's leading First Amendment attorneys, was the keynote speaker for the 2002 Hooding Ceremony. Abrams is a partner in the New York law firm of Cahill Gordon & Reidell and is the William J. Brennan, Jr. Visiting Professor of First Amendment Law at the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism.



◆ The first "A Conversation with" program for this academic year was held on September 19th with the Honorable Robert Merhige featured. Judge Merhige, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia (Ret.), one of the great trial judges of the late 20th century, discussed his courageous and controversial years on the federal bench in his distinctive and colorful manner.



◆ For the third straight year, the law school dedicated an entire day during orientation week to a public service project within the community. On August 21, 2002, over 160 first year students, staff and faculty helped to build several Habitat for Humanity homes in a local Winston-Salem neighborhood.

elected to membership in the European Council on Tort and Insurance Law, an affiliated group.

PROFESSOR MARK HALL has recently authored the following major articles: "Trust, Law and Medicine," in the *Stanford Law Review*; "Market Failures and the Evolution of State Regulation of Managed Care," in *Law and Contemporary Problems*; "The Theory and Practice of Disclosing HMO Physician Incentives," in *Law and Contemporary Problems*; and "Empirical Approaches to Proving the Standard of Care in Medical Malpractice Cases," in the *Wake Forest Law Review*. Professor Hall serves on a task force for the Mellon Foundation to develop a health insurance plan for retired college professors, and he is a consultant for the North Carolina Department of Insurance on the proposed conversion of Blue Cross to "for-profit" status.

PROFESSOR KATE MEWHINNEY, who is the Managing Attorney of our Clinic for the Elderly,

recently received a cross-appointment with the Wake Forest University School of Medicine. She is now an "Associate in Internal Medicine-Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine."

PROFESSOR ALAN PALMITER has recently published a fourth edition of his popular treatise, *Corporations: Examples & Explanations* (Aspen 2002). He has recently published a major article entitled "Mutual Fund Voting of Portfolio Shares: Why Not Disclose?" in the *Cardozo Law Review*. In the spring he will venture across the courtyard of the Worrell Professional Center and teach securities law to students in the Babcock School of Management.

PROFESSOR RALPH PEEPLES has coauthored an article with Professor Catherine Harris of Wake Forest University and Professor Tom Metzloff of Duke University entitled "Managing Medical Malpractice Cases: The Role of the Standard of Care," which recently appeared in the *Wake Forest Law Review*. In October, 2002, Professor Peeples was a guest commentator at the Roscoe Pound Institute's Conference on Mandatory Arbitration, which was held at Duke.

PROFESSOR MICHAEL PERRY was a guest lecturer for two days at the National Association of Law Placement Foundation Board of Trustees, the American Inns of Court Foundation Board of Trustees, and the American Bar Association Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative Advisory Council. Dean Walsh was a speaker at the program of the National Conference of Bar Presidents during the American Bar Association annual meeting in Washington, D.C., on August 9, 2002. He was part of a program entitled "Legal Education — A Tripartite Affair." Dean Walsh spoke on law school professionalism education.

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PROFESSOR TOM ROBERTS recently made a presentation at the University of California-Berkeley Law School on the question of litigating regulatory takings claims, and he recently published an article entitled "Facial Takings Claims Under Agins-Nectow: A Procedural Loose End," in the *Hawaii Law Review*. Professor Roberts has been appointed chair of the Editorial Advisory Board of *The Urban Lawyer*, the journal of the Section of State and Local Government of the ABA.

PROFESSOR MARGARET TAYLOR has recently authored two major articles: "Behind the Scenes of St. Cyr and Zadvydas: Making Policy in the Midst of Litigation," in the *Georgetown Immigration Law Journal*, and "The Sentencing Judge as Immigrant Judge," in the *Emory Law Journal*.

PROFESSOR GEORGE WALKER chaired a panel discussion, "Defining Terms in the 1982 Law of the Sea Convention," as chair of the Law of the Sea Committee at the International Law Association (American Branch) annual meeting in New York City in October, 2002. Professor Walker is also a member of the Branch's Executive Committee.

DEAN ROBERT WALSH was recently elected or appointed to serve as a board member in three national legal education organizations: the National Association of Law Placement Foundation Board of Trustees, the American Inns of Court Foundation Board of Trustees, and the American Bar Association Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative Advisory Council. Dean Walsh was a speaker at the program of the National Conference of Bar Presidents during the American Bar Association annual meeting in Washington, D.C., on August 9, 2002. He was part of a program entitled "Legal Education — A Tripartite Affair." Dean Walsh spoke on law school professionalism education.

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◆ The law school held the second annual Italian Notaries Conference. Seven notaries from Italy were in attendance.

◆ The 13th Annual Law School Family Day was held on September 14 with over 300 family members, friends, and students in attendance.

◆ The North Carolina Court of Appeals held the tenth annual session of oral arguments at the law school. The panel of judges consisted of Chief Judge Sidney S. Eagles, Jr., and Judges John C. Martin and Albert S. Thomas, Jr.

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BY PROFESSOR RALPH PEEPLES

and I thought this was going to be an easy piece to write! After all, I'm writing about Butch Covington, my colleague at Wake Forest for the last 23 years, a guy I see just about every day. Turns out, it is not an easy piece to write at all, because it means I have to put aside my denial. My closest friend is retiring. Butch and Marie Covington are the godparents of my children. When cancer visited my family three times in three years, Butch Covington kept me sane. Like Butch, I was the oldest child in my family. For the past twenty-three years, Butch Covington has been the older brother I never had.

We can talk about the teacher and the man, but the two are really one and the same. Butch Covington outside of class is pretty much the same as Butch Covington inside of class. This fall I realized that I had never seen Butch Covington teach, and that this was something I had to remedy. So I sat in on a Contracts class one Wednesday afternoon. The topic is promissory estoppel. Restatements are involved. The man places his casebook on the teacher's desk, looks around to take mental attendance, and starts talking and asking questions. No notes. No statute book. No seating chart. The next time the casebook is opened, it's the end of class, and he's only checking the assignment for next time.

What transpires is fifty minutes of contracts, nothing more and nothing less. No jokes, no stories, no asides, just the thing that people come to law school to do: to read and talk and think about the law. The purity of the scene is as plain as it can be. It's teaching at its essence: a well-prepared teacher and motivated students, committed to a dialogue for an hour. The real story is on the faces of the 1-Ls. It's striking. They are engaged. Not just the front row. Not just the ones who want to talk. All of them. They are not just hearing, they are listening. And they're lis-

tening with both their ears and their eyes. Butch Covington has their attention, and he holds it. Even after thirty years of teaching Contracts, the seduction works, and he makes it seem effortless and fresh. It is a reliable sign of great teaching, when it all seems natural and spontaneous. Never mind that he knows all the different permutations and variations the cases assigned for today are capable of supporting. Never mind that he's heard it all before. Regardless of what the students give him back, by way of their answers, he will take those responses, refined or raw, and weave them into the fabric of the discussion. And when you step back to inspect the fabric, it somehow looks new, like it did the first time he taught promissory estoppel.

That night, I think about what I saw. How did he do it? It wasn't the complete mastery of the cases or the Restatement, although that certainly mattered. It wasn't the total recall of detail and nuance from the materials, although the power of his memory is almost frightening.¹ It was the fact that he cared about what he was doing, and that he cared about the students he was teaching. The students knew that. They could tell by the way he could call them each by first and last name, without



the benefit of seating charts. They could tell by his smile, or by the tone of his voice. If they required further proof, they could learn that Butch Covington could go through their class roster and tell you something different and unique about each one of them. It's hard to fake sincerity, and it's hard to fake affection. Butch Covington has never needed to, in all his years of teaching. It has always come naturally.

Butch Covington grew up in Wadesboro, North Carolina. To this day, there is no greater sign of approval he can give another human being, than to note that he or she is from somewhere in Anson County. He played football for Wadesboro Senior High, where he achieved some notori-

ety as a running back. He went to Davidson College, thinking that was a place where he could continue to play, but a knee injury put an end to his football career. He graduated in 1964, with a major in psychology. There followed two years as a commissioned officer in the Army. After basic training he was assigned to intelligence school and made a specialist in POW interrogation at several of the glamour spots the Army is famous for, in Texas, Georgia, and Baltimore. But the Army was kind to Butch, because it was while he was in the Army, posted to a fort outside of Baltimore, that he happened to meet Marie Allard, a recent graduate of the University of Washington who serendipitously had just moved

¹No law professor can write an article without at least one footnote. Here's mine: the guy's recall of sports trivia is unnerving. You can ask Butch Covington who won the AL batting title in 1946, or who the starting outfielders were for the 1961 Red Sox. The answer will be automatic. And it's pointless to think you can trip him up on anything having to do with college basketball.

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east to work for the CIA.² Butch and Marie were married in 1965. Their time together has taken them from Killeen, Texas, to Chapel Hill, to Pittsboro, to Athens, Georgia, to Tacoma, Washington, and to Winston-Salem.

In 1969 Butch graduated from UNC Law School, where he finished at the top of his class. To this day, whenever I go to a CLE program, or a state bar meeting, I expect that someone who attended Carolina in the late 60s will ask me if I know Butch Covington. When I smile and nod that I do, they always say the same thing about him: "smartest guy I ever knew." And then they always insist on being remembered to him. What I get out of this routine is simple. When I eventually get around to telling Butch that one of his old classmates was asking about him, he'll think for a minute to place him, and then he'll tell me a story about

him. More often than not, I leave his office laughing and wondering how it was that law school could have been so much fun. It sure isn't the way I remember law school.

So after law school, Butch went to work for a law firm in Pittsboro, North Carolina, a few miles down 15-501 from Chapel Hill. That geographical fact turned out to be very significant for this story, and for Wake Forest Law School, because it was that short distance that made it possible for Butch to agree to teach a section of Property IV at Carolina in the fall of 1970, when Dean Dickson Phillips asked him to. And that was where the bug bit him. He's been a teacher ever since. I always figured it must have been obvious to Butch that he was meant to teach. After all, his introduction to the profession- the first subject

² Army Intelligence School meets CIA. Coincidence? I think not.

he ever taught- was the course we call Future Interests. If he could teach that, his first time out, working his way through the wilderness of the Rule Against Perpetuities, and still want to teach, then the message must have been clear. So in the fall of 1971 Butch accepted a full-time position on the law faculty at the University of Georgia. He started teaching Contracts and the UCC, and they've been his subjects ever since. Two years later Butch and Marie moved to Tacoma, Washington. Seattle, after all, was Marie's hometown, and the University of Puget Sound's new law school was alluring. In 1977 Butch accepted an offer to join the Wake Forest law faculty. He's been here ever since, missing only one semester (for a sabbatical) along the way.

I figure since 1977 he's taught about 2200 Wake Forest students, graded at least 5000 exams, run in a couple of marathons, and attended around 120 faculty meetings. I don't know which of those accomplishments is the most noteworthy. I suspect Butch would say attending the faculty meetings was the hardest. Oh, and there were the teaching awards: voted Teacher of the Year six times by the third year class, a record approached only by Charley Rose. Then there are the things about Butch that not as many people know. Like the countless trips to Raleigh on his own time to go over the exams of former students who hadn't passed the bar exam, question by question, pointing out what they did right and what they did wrong. Like the sixteen or so years he served as the faculty adviser to BLSA. Or the fact that for years and years, the chair of the Admissions Committee has been Butch Covington. If Wake Forest is a stronger, better law school today than it was twenty-five years ago, the principal reason has to be our students, who seem to get better and more qualified every year. For all that time, Butch Covington has had as much to do with selecting and enrolling those students as anybody has. And there's one other thing that often goes unnoted. Butch's former students always come back to visit with their Contracts teacher. It's usually their first stop once they're in the building. I should know, because my office is diagonally across the hall. Especially in the fall, I spend a good bit of my mornings telling folks that I know Butch is around, but that I think he's in class at the moment.

There are two children, Holland and Carter, and one grandchild (so far), Abby. And there's Marie. About Holland and Carter, there are only good things to say. Both are graduates of the University of Virginia (the school where Butch's college roommate, Terry Holland, used to be the athletic director). Both are MBAs, and two of the finest, most thoughtful and generous young adults you'll ever meet. About Marie, there are also only good things to say. She has served Forsyth County with distinction for years as its Director of Human Resources. Like Butch, she is a devoted runner. She is a reservoir of common sense and good judgment. If she still discreetly pulls for the University of Washington Huskies, that can be understood. It is harder to say good things about grandchild Abby, however. I will admit that she's beautiful, and she's cer-

tainly precocious, but Abby is the real reason Butch Covington is retiring. Abby Brown's gain is our shared loss.

A few years ago, Butch and I co-managed a fantasy baseball team. This naturally gave us the excuse to do what we wanted to do anyway, which was to talk baseball. After awhile, I realized that one of Butch Covington's all-time favorite players was Greg Maddux, a future hall of fame pitcher formerly of the Cubs, then with the Braves. I never gave

TIMELINE FOR BUTCH COVINGTON

- 1964 Graduated from Davidson College
- 1964-66 Commissioned Army Officer
- 1965 Married Marie Allard
- 1969 Graduated from UNC Law School
- 1969-71 Practiced law in Pittsboro, NC
- 1970 Caught the "teaching bug" while teaching a Property course at UNC Law
- 1971-73 Assistant Professor at University of Georgia School of Law
- 1973-77 Associate Professor/Professor Puget Sound Law School
- 1977 Joined the faculty at WFU School of Law

it much thought, until one day this summer Butch pointed out to me that Maddux had done something no other pitcher had ever done: he had won at least 15 games every year for the past 15 years, a record of consistent excellence. Then it occurred to me that Maddux as a pitcher is like Covington as a teacher: always ready, always thoughtful, and always in the game. Rarely flashy, but as dependable and honest a performer as you're likely to see, with a knack for making something that is very hard to do look easy. In other words, a natural. ☺

the reign of rhoda

[rhoda billings]

BY SUZANNE REYNOLDS (JD '77)

Several years ago a student at the law school had a remarkable gift for caricature, and an enterprising student organization sold tee shirts with his group caricature of the faculty. Among other pictures, Jim Sizemore strummed a banjo, George Walker stood before a blackboard covered in procedural hieroglyphics, and I carried a can of paint and a paint brush in honor of the students who bargained with me in contracts to paint my office. Rhoda Billings, quite naturally, appeared on a throne with a crown.

When I wore the tee shirt at home, our youngest, Lillie, wanted to know why mommy wasn't wearing the crown. Lillie, Rhoda has always worn the crown.

Rhoda Billings has had a remarkable career. A Wilkesboro native, Rhoda attended undergraduate school at Berea College in Kentucky, graduating in 1959. She and her beloved husband, Don, met and married before Don attended law school at Duke, and Rhoda worked to put hubby through. Among other jobs, she took in typing, including the thesis for later-to-be Wake Forest law professor, Hank Lauerman, who was then doing graduate work at Duke.

When Don returned to Winston-Salem to practice law, Rhoda decided to enter law school. By then they had two children, Renee and Doug. Rhoda managed to raise children, keep house, and finish at the top of her class, which was otherwise all male. She practiced law with Don for several years and then became a district court judge in 1968.

While a district court judge, Rhoda met her good friend and colleague, Leon Corbett (JD '61), who later became general counsel and vice president of the university. She and Leon worked together for 13 years to revise the criminal law and procedure of North Carolina, and much of the current procedural code reflects the drafting and legislative talents of Rhoda Billings.

Rhoda joined the law faculty in 1973. She left teaching briefly in the mid 80's for a short stint of practice with Don before Governor Martin appointed her to the parole commission, which she chaired, and then to the Supreme Court, first as associate justice and later as chief justice. Rhoda lost the next election to Jim Exum, who describes Rhoda as an admired friend, splendid lawyer, and formidable tennis opponent.

Rhoda returned to the law school, and on top of her work here, she served in significant positions with the North Carolina Bar Association, eventually becoming the first woman to serve as president in 1991. With the State Bar, she served for several terms on the IOLTA board. Her insights into legislation have kept her on the General Statutes Commission, and her insights into the judicial system have made her a valuable member on the Commission on the Future of Justice and the Courts. On the national level, she has drafted legislation as a commissioner on the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws since 1985 and has been involved in groundbreaking work in adoption, assisted conception, criminal procedure, civil procedure, and evidence.

At every stage of her career, Rhoda has impressed those around her with her extraordinary brain power. Jim Sizemore still recalls a Rhoda exam. "It was like a carefully considered, well-thought out court opinion," remembers Jim. "There was not a wasted word. She got right to

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the point and nailed every issue.” Jim even remembers when he called on Rhoda to recite. “That’s easy,” he says. I saved Rhoda for the tough cases: *Erie Railroad*, *Pennoyer v. Neff*, *Angel v. Bullington*. None of them were too tough for Rhoda.”

One of her classmates, Jim Williams (JD ’66) also recalls, “Rhoda quickly gained the respect of her classmates and the faculty as a student and a person. She was good enough and tough enough to earn Dr. Lee’s respect and friendship. I don’t know what she did with her spare time, but I am certain she did it well.”

Her friend Leon Corbett describes that brain power this way: “Architects build models and engineers use computer assisted design to enable them to visualize what they are constructing. It seems to me that Professor Billings is able to do that mentally with legal questions and problems.”

As her students would expect, Professor Billings’ keen mind has made her influential at the law school. As long as I have been on the faculty, she has shouldered much more than her share of the committee work. For many years she chaired the disciplinary committee, handling judiciously that difficult work that no one wanted to do. Her deans have loaded her with responsibility only in part because she is a team player who will agree to take on more work than others. They have turned to her also because of the respect she commands from the faculty. In faculty meetings, she speaks relatively seldom, but the reaction reminds me of an old E.F. Hutton commercial, “When Rhoda speaks, people (even faculty) listen.” A former colleague, James E. Bond, who left to be the dean at the University of Puget Sound, was often on the opposite side of issues from Professor Billings. Jim is reputed to have said that he would do research before discussing the weather with her.

Professor Billings is legendary for her meticulous preparation and her command of legal principles, but her instincts have also well-served the law school. I remember a time on the faculty appointments committee years ago when Professor Billings was chair. She came to a meeting with copies of a resume and said, “Here’s someone who got lost in passing the appointments file. I think the first thing we should do this year is get in touch with him.” The person was Miles Foy. She

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played a similar role in recruiting Marion Benfield, who held the first chair at the law school. And according to Leon, “In 1989, when she was a member of the dean search committee after Dean Scarlett determined to return to teaching, the committee searched far and wide. Finally she described a person she had met at a legal meeting that she had attended and said we should seek out Bob Walsh. The rest is history.”



Because the classroom with Professor Billings was so memorable, students spawned legends about her life outside the law school. Once after she invited students to her magnificent country home, someone caught a glimpse of the oversized tub off the master bedroom with champagne glasses on the ledge. Generations of students hence have tried to square the stern Professor Billings they fear in the classroom with the lady of the tub.

Part of the mystique, however, is patently true. With her student days, Rhoda Billings has been at the law school since 1963, and she

looks amazingly — almost supernaturally — as she did then. With the same face, form, hairstyle, and fashion, she has taught one generation of law student after another with apparently the same command over the advance of years that she has over the classroom.

For some of us who have come to know Rhoda Billings, her real mystique comes not from the intimidation factor nor the extent of her professional achievements. Rhoda made me feel most inadequate the day I learned that she had accomplished all she had without ever having any outside help with the cleaning of her home. She and Don, famously devoted, have a gracious home where they have raised two children, entertained commissions and faculties as well as family and friends, and now enjoy visits from four grandchildren. For all of these events, Rhoda cooks (well, of course) and keeps the house clean.

Most of the mystique about Professor Billings, however, involves what goes on in the classroom as she teaches civil procedure, evidence, and criminal procedure. In some ways, her teaching reflects the old school, most obvious in requiring her students to stand to recite. She persists not because of tradition, however, but because she believes that formality in the classroom inspires students to prepare more thoroughly. She experimented with seated students one semester when she taught for a teacher on leave at UNC-CH, but when she returned to Wake Forest, she returned her students to their feet, convinced that they took the classroom less seriously on their rears.

Some may label her approach old school, too, because of the way she explores legal issues with the student standing before her. In Professor Billings' class, a student cannot disguise casual preparation, or even careful preparation without understanding. One hapless student who has become a staple in stories about Professor Billings final-

ly found himself completely stumped. He reached into his back pocket, extracted his billfold, and flipping it open in the manner of a Star Trek communicator, said, "Beam me up, Scotty!"

In other ways, however, her approach is perennially fresh. As one former student, Ann Windon Craver (JD '82), expressed it, "At first, perhaps, one's motivation to prepare so assiduously for her classes arose out of the sheer terror of being called upon and forced to face her pointed, probing questions. Gradually, though, one began to realize that thorough preparations were not demanded. I never once heard Professor Billings raise her voice or engage in a petulant tirade in the classroom. This was not her style at all. Rather, she motivated students by her own exceptional preparation, her respect for the law as an academic discipline and an honorable profession, and her quiet expectation that each student was capable of learning. She brought out the best in us because she offered the best she had to give as a teacher. Always."

What Ann expressed about Professor Billings, I have heard over the years first hand from students either in her classroom or remembering

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it. When my contracts class has happened to follow one of her classes in civil procedure, for example, I have overheard students evaluating the performances of students in Professor Billings' class as they take their seats in mine. They congratulate strong performances and commiserate over weak ones in ways that I have never heard as they discuss other classes, and it becomes quite clear that what happens in Professor Billings' class has a unique significance for them.

I have witnessed the same phenomenon in the moot court teams I have coached. When the team members and I arrange judging schedules, they analyze the optimum time for Professor Billings to judge a practice round. They don't want Professor Billings to judge too early lest the team members embarrass themselves in front of someone whose good opinion they all clearly value. But also, the students want to wait late enough in their preparations to take advantage of the sophisticated insights into the arguments that they are certain will come from Professor Billings. No other practice round gets this kind of attention.

Perhaps my most poignant experiences with Rhoda have come indirectly through the conversations I have had over the years with women students. Generations of these women have told me how proud they are of the central place Professor Billings has in the educational experience at Wake Forest. Certainly, our men students also hold Professor Billings in high regard. She is, after all, a two-time winner of the teaching award from the third year class.

But in the years I have overlapped with Rhoda, it is the women stu-

dents who have opened their hearts to me to share how proud they are to enter a profession with Rhoda Billings as a model. In recent years, this pride led some women to agitate for a portrait of her. I caught wind of the effort in 1995 when Women-in-Law, led by president Cyndi Russell-Albach (JD '96), voted to raise money for the portrait. Cyndi talked to Dean Walsh about their project, and knowing Rhoda as he does, he told Cyndi that she had better talk with Professor Billings.

They talked, but Rhoda refused. Cyndi tried every angle, enlisted my help, and together, we got nowhere. Rhoda insisted that portraits were only for retired faculty members. But Cyndi remembers that as she told Professor Billings about the depth of the students' admiration for her, "I think it was the only time I have seen her taken aback, and she agreed to think about our request. While I was disappointed (perhaps even heart broken) when she finally decided against it, I understood immediately that it was her character and her integrity — the traits we all admired most — that prevented her from accepting. To her credit,



Professor Billings keeps a student "on her feet" during a class discussion.

she did not leave the bad news for me to deliver to the other students, but came and explained to us at a Women-in-Law meeting in person." When the alumni association decided to hang portraits of Wake law graduates on the North Carolina Supreme Court, Rhoda could no longer decline, but the efforts of Cyndi and women in other law school classes tell an important story.

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I have whimpered to myself that students do not keep scorecards on performances in my classes, calculate when I should judge practice rounds, nor pine for my portrait. And, I must confess, that it is not anything noble in my nature that chases these lesser thoughts away. No, the credit for that feat belongs also to Rhoda Billings. Like generations of her students, I remember with pride an occasion when I performed well in her class. While I was in practice, I came back to the law school to take a continuing education program from Leon Corbett and Rhoda Billings on trial practice, a program that had become a required course for litigators. Later, when I joined the faculty, I asked Rhoda if I might sit in on some of her classes to try to learn something of the art that had so impressed me as a student.

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Rhoda chases these lesser feelings away because there really is no one like her. As expressed with love and admiration from Ann Craver, one of Rhoda's law clerks on the Supreme Court, "I believe that Rhoda's success as a teacher, a judge, and a scholar stems from her abiding commitment to truth and fairness. She comes to class armed with knowledge of case law and legal principles. She hopes and expects her students to have considered the material thoughtfully and thoroughly. It is her intention to have a dialogue in class that illumines and moves the discussion to higher levels. She makes the law come alive — exhorts us to think about the next case, the more compelling argument, the possibilities for advocacy and decision-making that will, in the end, make us better lawyers, serve our clients well, and capture the best of what it means to practice law. The lessons she teaches, though, go well beyond the courtroom. Rhoda Billings not only made me a better lawyer; she made me a better person."

Thank you, Rhoda, and long live the queen. ⚖️

TIMELINE FOR RHODA BILLINGS

- 1959** Graduated from Berea College in Kentucky
- 1963** Enrolled at WFU School of Law; the only woman in her class
- 1966** Graduated from WFU as valedictorian and began private practice with husband, Don Billings
- 1968-72** District Court Judge, 21st Judicial District of North Carolina
- 1973-present** Joined WFU law faculty; rose through ranks from assistant professor to associate professor to full professor
- 1985** Chairman, North Carolina Parole Commission
- 1985-present** North Carolina Commissioner in the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws
- 1985-86** Associate Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court
- 1986** Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court
- 1991** President of the North Carolina Bar Assoc.; the first woman to hold this position

ALUMNI NOTES

1951

DAN R. SIMPSON ('49, JD '51), of Simpson Kuehnert Vinay & Bellas PA, has written a novel, "American Angels," published in December 2001.

1954

LESLIE E. BROWDER (JD '54), with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice practicing real estate law, is on Woodward/White's list of "Best Lawyers in America."

DEWEY W. WELLS ('52, JD '54), with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice practicing personal injury litigation, is on Woodward/White's list of "Best Lawyers in America."

1957

HOWARD F. TWIGGS ('54, JD '57) received the 2002 Distinguished Alumni Award during President's Weekend.

1958

H. GRADY BARNHILL JR. (JD '58), with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice practicing business and personal injury litigation, is on Woodward/White's list of "Best Lawyers in America."

1959

MAJOR B. HARDING ('57, JD '59), a Florida Supreme Court Justice who participated in cases in the 2000 presidential election appeals, retired in August after 34 years on the bench.

1962

MURRAY C. GREASON JR. ('59, JD '62), with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice practicing corporate, mergers and acquisitions, securities and tax law, is on Woodward/White's list of "Best Lawyers in America."

1963

MARK W. OWENS JR. (JD '63) has been appointed to the General Practice Hall of Fame by the N.C. Bar Association.

1965

JIMMY H. BARNHILL ('62, JD '65), with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice practicing family law, is on Woodward/White's list of "Best Lawyers in America."

1966

MAURICE W. HORNE ('60, JD '66) is chief administrative law judge of the Greensboro office of hearings and appeals, Social Security Administration. He and his wife, Jane, live in Jamestown, NC. He has been a judge for more than 20 years and records and publishes original musical compositions in his spare time.

1967

JAMES L. GRAHAM (JD '67) received the award for Outstanding County Attorney for 2001-2002 at the NC Association of County Attorneys' Conference.

DAVID M. ZACKS ('64, JD '67), a partner with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Atlanta, has been named chairman-elect of the American Cancer Society's national board of directors. Zacks, whose father died of lung cancer, has been an active volunteer with the cancer society, including serving as chairman of Georgia's board of directors.

1968

KENNETH A. MOSER ('65, JD '68), with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice practicing banking and real estate law, is on Woodward/White's list of "Best Lawyers in America."

1970

MAX E. JUSTICE (JD '70), of Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in Charlotte, has been named by Business North Carolina to its list of the state's "Legal Elite" for his practice in environmental law.

1973

ALFRED G. ADAMS ('68, JD '73), with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice practicing real estate law, is on Woodward/White's list of "Best Lawyers in America."

GEORGE R. MURPHY (JD '73) has been appointed to fill an unexpired term on the District Court bench in Johnston County, NC.

RICHMOND H. "DICK" PAGE (JD '73) is title underwriting counsel for Consumers Title Co. in Fayetteville, NC.

JOHN L. "JACK" PINNIX (JD '73) is president of the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

JAMES B. SPEARS JR. ('70, JD '73), of Haynsworth Baldwin Johnson & Greaves LLC in Charlotte, has been named by Business North Carolina to its list of the state's "Legal Elite" in employment law.

1974

RICHARD V. BENNETT ('68, JD '74) received the Founders Award from the Hospice & Palliative Care Center in Winston-Salem. He has served on the board of directors and as vice president, president, and board attorney.

JAMES L. COLE (JD '74) is chairman and CEO of Country Club Trust Company in Kansas City, MO.

ROGER T. HALEY (JD '74) was sworn in as judge of the municipal court of Ewing Township, Mercer County, NJ. He and his wife, Barbara, reside in Ewing and have four children. Their son, Eamonn ('02), graduated from the Calloway School of Business and Accountancy in May.

1977

JAMES K. DORSETT III (JD '77), a partner with Smith Anderson Blount Mitchell & Jernigan in Raleigh, was installed as president of the North Carolina State Bar Association at their annual meeting in October.

RICHARD T. RICE (JD '77), with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice practicing personal injury litigation, is on Woodward/White's list of "Best Lawyers in America."

1978

JOHN F. KAVANEWSKY JR. ('75, JD '78), a Connecticut Supreme Court Justice, presided over the Michael Skakel (Kennedy cousin) trial for the 1975 murder of Martha Moxley.

1979

LINDA L. FOSS (JD '79) is assistant general counsel in the Ashland Inc. law department. She is responsible for technology initiatives, activities, and preventive law programs. She lives in Ashland, KY.

J. REID MORGAN ('75, JD '79) has been named vice president at Wake Forest. He continues as general counsel and is also secretary of the Board of Trustees and Wake Forest Health Sciences.

1981

TERRI L. GARDNER ('78, JD '81) is a partner with Poyner & Spruill LLP in Raleigh and was appointed to the NC State Bar Board of Legal Specialization.

DAVE JONAS (JD '81) retired from the U.S. Marine Corps and is the deputy general counsel at the National Nuclear Security Administration in Washington, DC.

CATHERINE ZIEGLER (JD '81) is house counsel to Henegan Construction Co. in New York.

1982

ANN WINDON CRAVER ('79, JD '82) is a volunteer with the Junior League of Durham and Orange counties, NC, and has been elected to the Association of Junior Leagues International Board of Directors.

ROBERT "BOB" L. EHRLICH JR. (JD '82) was elected Governor of Maryland, defeating Kathleen Kennedy Townsend and giving the Republicans the seat for the first time since the 1960s.

1983

KAREN L. TRAFFORD ('81, JD '83) has joined Ruden McClosky Smith Schuster & Russell PA in Tampa, FL. Her concentration is in employment law, business torts, intellectual property and business-related litigation.

1984

J. STANLEY ATWELL (JD '84), of Carruthers & Roth PA in Greensboro, NC, has been named by Business North Carolina to its list of the state's "Legal Elite" for his practice in the field of tax and estate planning.

DAVID M. MCCONNELL (JD '84) and BARBARA WEGNER MCCONNELL (JD '85) were adjunct professors of legal writing at George Washington University School of Law for the 2001-2002 school year. David continues to serve as deputy director of the Office of Immigration Litigation at the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division, in Washington, DC. They live in Fredericksburg, VA, with their children, Michelle (10) and Bill (9).

JAMES R. MORGAN JR. ('80, JD '84), with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice practicing labor and employment law, is on Woodward/White's list of "Best Lawyers in America."

DAVID YOUNGDAHL (JD '84) is a partner with Grant Thornton LLP. He and his wife, Rhonda, and son, Bradley, live in Greensboro, NC.

1985

DAVID D. DAGGETT (JD '85) completed the "Ironman Canada," a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike, and 26.2-mile run triathlon, in August.

LAW FUND UPDATE

As of October 23, 2002, \$74,269 has been raised from 219 donors. Last year, during the same time period we had raised \$88,150 from 275 donors. Staff and alumni volunteers are working hard to overcome these deficits and reach the goal of \$610,000. If successful, the Law Fund will provide over \$300,000 for the Law Alumni Scholarship Fund. If you have not made your Law Fund gift this year, please do so before December 31st. If you would like more information on the Law Fund, contact Mike Roach in the Law Development Office at (336) 758-5884 or roachjm@wfu.edu.

PETER JENNINGS (JD '85) is area general counsel for Dow Pacific, a division of The Dow Chemical Co.

THOMAS F. WIGGINS (JD '85) is manager of tax and estate strategy with First Citizens Bank in Greensboro, NC.

TAYLOR HONORED WITH WFU EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

MARGARET H. TAYLOR, Professor of Law at Wake Forest University School of Law, received the Joseph Branch Excellence in Teaching Award at the annual Partners' Banquet on November 1, 2002.

The Joseph Branch Excellence in Teaching Award was established in honor of Chief Justice Joseph Branch upon his retirement from the North Carolina Supreme Court. It is presented each year at the Partners' Banquet to a professor who exemplifies excellence in teaching, scholarship, and professional example and includes a \$1,000 award.

Professor Taylor's accomplishments since joining the law school in 1991 make her an ideal recipient for this award. In addition to accolades from her students and colleagues for her enthusiastic and innovative approaches to classroom teaching, she has established herself as a national expert in immigration

law. Her articles in this area have been published in distinguished law journals throughout the country, and recently she was invited to testify before the United States House of Representatives on detention issues involving immigrants. She regularly serves as a panelist and moderator for symposia at both the state and national levels and has been active in American Association of Law Schools (AALS) and American Bar Association (ABA) committees and sections relating to immigration law.

Professor Taylor is a graduate of Yale Law School. Prior to accepting her teaching position at Wake Forest Law School, she clerked for Judge Jerre Williams of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and practiced with the law firm of Graves, Dougherty, Hearon & Moody in Austin, Texas. In addition to immigration law, she currently teaches torts and administrative law at Wake Forest.



Margaret H. Taylor

1986

MATTHEW J. BAKER (JD '86) was appointed by the Governor of Kentucky to the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

CLIFFORD P. BRITT ('82, JD/MBA '86), of Comerford & Britt LLP, has been re-elected as the education vice president of the NC Academy of Trial Lawyers and will serve on the executive committee of the board of governors.

BOBBY RAY GORDON (JD '86) is a protection officer with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Colombo, Sri Lanka, a six-month position through the International Rescue Committee.

CRAIG T. JONES (JD '86) successfully argued a case, "Hope v. Pelzer," before the U.S. Supreme Court which would make it more difficult for public officials to claim immunity when they are sued for violating constitutional rights.

LINDA BELLOWS ROGERS ('76, JD '86) is an associate professor of law, teaching legal research and writing, at the Wake Forest School of Law. She and her husband, Boyd, and son, Matthew (9), live in Greensboro, NC.

1988

C. DOUGLAS MAYNARD JR. (JD '88) is on the board of directors of the Litigation Section of the N.C. Bar Association and chair of the Auto Torts Section of the N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers.

C. MARK WILEY ('85, JD '88), with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice practicing tax law, is on Woodward/White's list of "Best Lawyers in America."

1989

RALPH L. BUNCH (JD '89) and Eric Andrew Braun ('98, JD '01) have opened the firm Bunch & Braun PLLC in Winston-Salem, focusing primarily on residential and commercial real estate.

1991

DANIEL J. FRITZE (JD '91) is the South Carolina 2001 Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year. He acted as the lead corporate counsel in the establishment of The South Carolina Centers for Equal Justice, a project merging all statewide legal service programs into one entity.

1992

COLLEEN KOCHANNEK (JD '92) is with Hafter & Caldwell PA in Raleigh, NC. She practices legislative representation and lobbying, counsel to trade and professional associations, administrative law, personal injury matters and professional licensing, and disciplinary hearings.

FRANK G. LAPRADE III (JD '92) is vice president and deputy general counsel at Capital One Financial Corp. in Richmond, VA. His practice areas include litigation, intellectual property, employment, risk/bankruptcy, mergers and acquisitions, venture capital, strategic sourcing and real estate.

JULIE K. SANDINE (JD '92) is assistant dean for student affairs at the Vanderbilt University Law School, where she has been a member of the faculty for seven years. She maintains a part-time law practice focusing on elder law, juvenile, probate and appellate matters.

JEFF WIGINGTON (JD '92) was interviewed by "60 Minutes II" about a lawsuit he successfully prosecuted against Ford Motor Company involving a passenger van rollover in east Texas. He practices law with Wigington & Rumley LLP in Corpus Christi, TX, representing injured persons in product liability cases.

1993

KAREN MUSGRAVE MCDONALD ('90, JD '93) is the city attorney for the Fayetteville City Council. She lives in Sherwood, AR.

1994

BRADLEY L. HUTTER (JD '94) is president of Mortenson Investment Group LLC in Madison, WI. He also served on the cabinet and as chairman of the Dane County United Way's Alexis de Tocqueville Society.

W. CHRISTOPHER MATTON (JD '94) is a partner with Kilpatrick Stockton in Raleigh, NC.

R. BRUCE THOMPSON ('88, JD '94), of Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in Charlotte, was recognized among the Triangle Business Journal's "40 Under 40" for up-and-coming leaders making a difference in the community.

1995

MARK C. BURTON ('91, JD/MBA '95) ran the 2002 Chicago Marathon in 2 hours 58 minutes. He and his wife, Cynthia Whaley Burton, live in Atlanta.

MICHAEL W. KNAPP (JD '95) is with Smith Currie & Hancock LLP in Charlotte.

1996

MARK C. LEHBERG (JD '96) is a partner with Gray Cary in San Diego, CA.

RACHEL BORING MARCH ('92, JD '96) has joined Sands Anderson Marks & Miller PC in Durham, NC, as an associate with the business and professional litigation practice group.

MELISSA ROSS MATTON (JD '96) is working part-time with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice in Durham, NC.

1997

BONNIE MARTIN (JD '97) practices law in Muncie, IN, with DeFur Voran Hanley Radcliff & Reed LLP. Her practice is primarily labor and employment and higher education law. She is married to Brian Martin, and their daughter, Emma, was born in Bonnie's last year of law school. Since then they have welcomed twins, Adam and Austin (10/28/98), as well as Lucy (5/25/01). Life is good!

1998

KATHRYN HAGGERSON PERKINS (JD '98) is with Pennington & Lott LLP in Columbia, SC.

TRAVIS H. PERRY (JD '98) is a tax attorney concentrating on estates, trusts, gifts and representation before the IRS with Dalby Wendland & Co. PC in Glenwood Springs, CO.

1999

SHANA L. EAGLE ('95, JD '99) is in the executive services group at Wachovia Bank in Winston-Salem.

GARY L. EDWARDS II ('96, JD '99) has joined Baker Donelson Bearman & Caldwell in Johnson City, TN. His concentration is on litigation, labor and employment and worker's compensation.

MICHAEL HOFFMANN (LL.M '99) is in the legal department of T-Mobile in Bonn, Germany, specializing in trademark and unfair competition issues.

KELLI PURCELL MURPHY (JD '99) is a manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in Detroit, MI.

DANIEL P. QUESNEL (JD '99) is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. His concentration is banking, corporate and emerging business and employee benefits issues.

2000

MARK S. HARTMAN (JD '00) is on the board of directors for the Young Lawyers Division of the Greensboro Bar Association.

JEFFREY J. OWEN ('97, JD '00) received his LL.M in taxation at the University of Denver and is with McGuire Wood & Bissette PA in Asheville, NC, practicing tax and corporate law.

2001

ERIC ANDREW BRAUN ('98, JD '01) and **RALPH L. BUNCH** (JD '89) have opened the firm Bunch & Braun PLLC in Winston-Salem, focusing primarily on residential and commercial real estate.

KLEMENS L. KEFERBOECK (LL.M '01) is in the corporate practice group of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in their Vienna, Austria office.

KRISTEN E. SCOTT (JD '01) is with Bell Davis & Pitt in Winston-Salem specializing in bankruptcy and commercial law.

"JOHN" HYOAHN SUNG (LL.M '01) has returned to Korea as in-house counsel with the Kumo Group.

CRAIG A. TAYLOR ('98, JD '01) is with Carruthers & Roth PA in Greensboro, NC.

DEBORAH M. TYSON ('98, JD '01) is with Poyner & Spruill LLP in Charlotte. She specializes in bankruptcy, collections, creditors' rights, banking and commercial law.

SALLY WALLACE (JD '01) is executive director of the Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy, a regional land trust located in Michigan. She lives in Okemos.

2002

MARIA ISABEL DUNGAS (LL.M '02) is an intern with Willkie Farr & Gallagher in Washington in the international trade law area.

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MARRIAGES

JOSEPH B. ALALA III (JD/MBA '96) and HEATHER ACKERMAN ('91). 5/3/02 in Madison, GA. They live in Charlotte.

RACHEL BORING ('92, JD '96) and Michael Ross March. 4/20/02 in Columbus, OH. They live in Raleigh.

THOMAS "TAD" JACKSON RHODES JR. ('94, JD '97) and Cindy Lee Reavis. 9/28/02 in Salter Path, NC. They live in Wilson.

KATHRYN HAGGERSON (JD '98) and L. ALLEN PERKINS ('93). 6/30/01 in Winston-Salem. They live in Columbia, SC.

SHANA LEIGH EAGLE ('95, JD '99) and G. ADAM HURT JR. (MAEd '99). 7/13/02 in Wait Chapel.

NATHAN MYERS HULL (JD '99) and LAUREN BENNETT ALE ('99). 6/29/02 in Winston-Salem. They live in Charlotte.

SARAH ELIZABETH LITTLE ('96, JD '99) and BURNS MALONE WETMORE ('96, JD '99) in Seabrook Island, SC. 5/11/02. They live in Charleston.

DANIEL PAUL QUESNEL (JD '99) and Ellyn Hamilton Clifford in Greensboro, NC. 10/12/02. They live in Winston-Salem.

CHARLES BENJAMIN QUIN DAVIS (JD '01) and Susan Hurst Birchfield Allen. 5/18/02 in Spartanburg, SC. They live in Winston-Salem.

JASON RANDOLPH HAYES (JD '01) and Kelly Amanda Vaden. 5/6/02 in Winston-Salem. They live in Brevard, NC.

CRAIG ALLAN TAYLOR ('98, JD '01) and Anna M. Mescies. 7/20/02

JENNIFER ELLEN TERRY (JD '02) and ADAM MARK GOTTSEGEN (JD '02). 10/5/02 in Winston-Salem. They live in Raleigh.

BIRTHS

WAYNE E. JOHNSON (JD '84) and ANGEL WELLS JOHNSON (MAEd '00), Durham, NC: a son, Preston Eric. 3/14/02

CHRIS ORNDORFF (JD '84) and Huong Orndorff, Fairfax, VA: a daughter, Katherine Thao. 3/18/02. She joins her brother, Benjamin.

MARY HELEN FREDERICK WILLETT ('82, JD '85) and John Willett, Richmond, VA: a daughter, Clair Peery. 8/28/02

JAMES E. MEADOWS (JD '86) and Karen Meadows, Atlanta, GA: a son, Matthew Lewis. 7/16/02. He joins his sister, Olivia.

JIM HUTCHERSON ('83, JD '89) and ELIZABETH RUCKER HUTCHERSON ('86), Advance, NC: a son, Jack Preston. 6/3/02. He joins his brothers, Jake (7) and Luke (5), and his sister, Campbell (4).

FRANKLIN SCOTT TEMPLETON (JD '89) and Carol Barnhill Templeton, Raleigh, NC: a daughter, Kelly Alana. 7/11/01. She joins her sister, Sarah (3).

URSULA HENNINGER (JD '92) and James Stroupe, Winston-Salem: a son, Grady Vance Stroupe. 8/29/02. He joins his sister, Jordan (2).

JOSH M. KRASNER (JD '92) and TINA CARRO KRASNER (JD '93), Apex, NC: a daughter, Alexa Corinne. 5/3/02

LYNN PATTERSON GARGIS ('91, JD '94) and J. NEIL GARGIS ('92), Clemmons, NC: a son, Jesse James II. 4/19/02

BRADLEY L. HUTTER (JD '94) and Joelle Hutter, Madison, WI: a daughter, Grace Anne. 10/25/01. She joins her sister, Lauren Taylor (2).

W. CHRISTOPHER MATTON (JD '94) and MELISSA ROSS MATTON (JD '96), Raleigh, NC: a son, Nevelt Scott. 3/2/02. He joins his brother, William Ross (2).

MICHAEL KNAPP (JD '95) and Kerry Knapp, San Diego, CA: a daughter, Taylor Ann. 9/30/01

SONJA REEVES (JD '95) and Kenneth Reeves, Boynton Beach, FL: a son, Nathan Lee. 9/13/01. He joins his sister, Rebecca (4).

NORMAN F. KLICK JR. (JD '97) and AnnMarie Klick, Summerfield, NC: a son, Evan Michael. 5/9/02

MATTHEW K. LUNG (JD '99) and Sally Lung, Cary, NC: a daughter, Abigail "Abby" Grace. 8/22/02

ANNE SHAFFER STELTS ('95, JD '99) and David R. Stelts Jr. ('95), Jamestown, NC: a son, Andrew Robert. 4/21/02

LOUISE M. FIORELLO FLYNN (JD '01) and Mark Flynn, Orchard Park, NY: twin sons, Jaiden Christopher and Ashton Andrew. 8/13/02

DEATHS

ALFRED A. DOWTIN ('27, JD '31), Jan. 8, 2002. An All-American basketball player, professional baseball player, and founder of the golf program, he was one of the University's all-time great athletes and was a member of the Sports Halls of Fame at Wake Forest and the state of North Carolina. Sports Illustrated named him one of the top fifty athletes of the century in North Carolina in its January 2000 issue. He didn't learn to play golf until he was a student, but he became good enough to play in the U.S. Open and the U.S. Amateur. He also played professional baseball while earning his law degree. In addition to starting and coaching the first golf team, he was also alumni secretary of the College and regarded by many as the first athletics director at Wake Forest. After eleven years working at Wake Forest, he was an FBI agent in California for several years before serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Following the war, he returned home to Asheville, NC, where he was the first chief of law enforcement for the Asheville Alcoholic Beverage Control System from 1947 to 1973. He then practiced law in Arden until last year. He is survived by two brothers, Rex ('39) and Jim ('42).

HENRY L. BRIDGES ('31, JD '32), April 6, 2002. He was the state auditor for North Carolina for 34 years and a member of the University's Board of Trustees for more than 20 years in the 1950s, '60s, and '70s. He was named a life trustee in 1979 and at the time of his death, at age 95, was the oldest trustee. He was also a life trustee of the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. After receiving his law degree from Wake Forest, he opened a private law practice in Greensboro and served as a deputy clerk of Superior Court in Guilford County. During World War II, he was a captain in the U.S. Army. He was appointed auditor of the State of North Carolina in 1947 and elected to his first full term in 1948 and re-elected to seven subsequent terms before retiring in 1981. He received Wake Forest's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1981. He is survived by two sons, George and Joseph ('65).

JAMES G. LINDSEY (JD '38), June 9, 2002.

BEAMER HENRY BARNES (JD '40), Sept. 1, 2002.

ZACHARIAH HAMPTON HOWERTON JR. (JD '47), July 31, 2002.

RAWLS HARRELL FRAZIER ('47, JD '49), Aug. 14, 2002.

MARSHALL BARHAM HARTSFIELD (JD '49), Aug. 4, 2002.

THOMAS CHANDLER MUSE (JD '49), May 2, 2002.

ISAAC JOSEPH HORTON (JD '50), Sept. 10, 2002.

CHARLES ORVILLE WHITLEY ('48, JD '50), Oct. 27, 2002. He served five terms as a U.S. Congressman.

FERD LEARY DAVIS SR. ('40, JD '53), Aug. 18, 2002. He practiced law in Wake County (NC) for nearly 50 years and was active as a "citizen-soldier" and as a civic leader. He was a decorated World War II combat veteran who also served in the Korean War. He rose to the rank of major general and served in the N.C. National Guard for 20 years and was adjutant general from 1970 to 1973. He helped found the Zebulon (NC) Chamber of Commerce and was active in Rotary, the American Red Cross and his church, Zebulon Baptist Church. As chairman of the Wake County school system in the late 1960s, he led the desegregation of the local schools. He was preceded in death by his wife, Selma, one of the first women to enter Wake Forest. He is survived by two sons and two daughters.

NANCY FIELDS FADUM (JD '54), March 4, 2002.

RICHARD "DICK" STEWART SAPP (JD '59), Oct. 10, 2002.

PHILIP ARTHUR DIEHL ('59, JD '61), Sept. 4, 2002.

JACKSON HOWARD BUNN JR. ('59, JD '63), July 29, 2002.

DOUGLAS LEE WINSLOW (JD '63), Aug. 25, 2002.

ARNOLD LEROY YOUNG (JD '64), April 20, 2002.

JOHN HAWKINS NOBLITT (JD '76), June 21, 2002. He was a member of the Law Review.

HUGH MARTIN BARRETT JR. (JD '78), July 23, 2002.

EVELYN MADUZIA COMAN (JD '78), March 1, 2002.

ROBERT MILTON MOOSE (JD '78), April 8, 2002.

RICHARD ALEXANDER "ALEX" WILLIAMS JR. ('74, JD '78), Sept. 26, 2002.

ALLEN A. BAILEY ('50)

Foremost, an Advocate



"I made a decision to become a lawyer. I'd sit and listen to the lawyers advocating their positions, and it occurred to me that if I prepared myself I could help people. I have a great passion for helping people in trouble, and I've always thought there was a lot of good in even the worst of folks. So I decided I would get myself through school and find my way to law school."

IMAGINE A COLLABORATION BETWEEN Charles Dickens and Mark Twain on a tale about a motherless boy who slips away to attend trials in a country courthouse, and then grows up to be a respected and successful trial advocate of national standing. The chronicle of the life and career of Allen Bailey is just such a story.

More than 70 years ago, in rural Sampson County, when Bailey was an infant of four months, his mother was burned to death when she mistook a can of gasoline for kerosene. When she poured the liquid onto the wood of a woodstove, it ignited and the resulting flames burned her and her child; baby Allen recovered but his mother did not. After that, Bailey lived with a succession of relatives, often switching midyear from one family to another. His later childhood he describes as a "Huck Finn kind of life," catfishing in creeks and keeping a sharp eye out for interesting adventures.

His curiosity took him into the courthouse in Clinton, a nearby town where his family went to purchase supplies. By the time he was eight or ten, he had become an avid listener at trial proceedings and he says, "I made a decision to become a lawyer. I'd sit and listen to the lawyers advocating their positions, and it occurred to me that if I prepared myself I could help people. I have a great passion for helping people in trouble, and I've always thought there was a lot of good in even the worst of folks. So I decided I would get myself through school and find my way to law school."

There were some stops along the way to achieving that goal, including course work at King's Business College in Raleigh, followed by Army service in the Pacific during World War II. On his military experience, Bailey says, "I was glad to serve in the interest of freedom, but the experience taught me that nothing is more precious to me than my personal liberty." Upon his return after VJ Day, he was so determined to pursue his chosen career as a lawyer that he hand-carried his application to the registrar at Wake Forest and was enrolled in a special accelerated program for returning soldiers that would allow him to graduate with his J.D. in six years.

Bailey recalls some of the Law School's legendary professors with great affection. "Dr. Lee was the Dean then. He was tough as nails and could be mean at times — my kind of man. I admired the way he would take a position, and be a solid advocate of that position. He was fair, upright, and straightforward." He remembers Dr. Timberlake and Dr. I. Beverly Lake with respect and fondness. With such teachers, and fierce determination, Bailey naturally passed the bar just after graduating in 1950 and set out on his next adventure, which was to begin an independent practice as a trial lawyer in Charlotte (where he was acquainted with precisely two people).

One of those acquaintances was tenuous indeed, consisting of an introduction to a former teacher's brother, who was an attorney. This

relative stranger offered Bailey the use of an office and the opportunity to build a practice, which Bailey seized and pursued energetically. For years, he worked 18-hour days, first as a defense lawyer in criminal cases, then gradually building a practice in civil litigation.

While devoting prodigious energies to the development of his practice, Bailey also participated in civic and church affairs. He chaired an initiative to block the consolidation of the city of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, and turned public opinion around from 70% in favor of consolidation to 70% opposed to the measure. He says, "I have always been tremendously interested in politics, and I follow it every day, all across the country. I haven't chosen to pursue elective office myself, but I always wanted my friends to pursue elective offices and I have wanted to help them." Among those who have benefited from Bailey's advice and counsel on the political scene was Justice I. Beverly Lake. Bailey managed Lake's gubernatorial campaign in 1964.

Meanwhile, Bailey's civil litigation practice grew in scope and visibility. At one point, a settlement award Bailey achieved in a suit against a Cadillac dealership stood as the highest ever awarded in North Carolina.

He says, "I have a real problem with not holding people accountable for their misdeeds. I believe that families ought to be compensated for losses they suffer. There was a time when the damages paid for loss of life were determined strictly in terms of cash earnings. This meant that a housewife's life was worth almost nothing, and the bereaved husband and children received no compensation for their enormous loss." On this point, Howard Twigg (JD '57) cites Bailey's constructive contributions: "When I was a member of the General Assembly, Allen talked with me often about legislative issues. He was instrumental in progressive legislative changes including the adoption of the Wrongful Death Act in North Carolina, extending the Statute of Repose, increasing minimum mandatory insurance limits, and the revision of the Civil and Criminal Codes of Procedure."

As this practice grew, Bailey became active in professional circles related to trial advocacy. With Eugene Phillips and others, Bailey became one of the founding members of NCATL (North Carolina Association of Trial Lawyers) in 1961. He says, "This grew out of a strong desire to mentor new lawyers who choose to pursue careers in trial advocacy. We saw a need to continue the education of that segment of the bar." In a time when tort reform continues as a contentious political issue, Bailey says trial lawyers must make the case for the importance of what they do. "We represent the little guy, the family struck by calamity. On the opposing side, there are well-paid, highly motivated legal teams. We try to even the playing field and we seek only fairness for our clients."

Bailey's dedication to the NCATL has never flagged and his friend and colleague Wade Byrd (JD '73) describes that commitment, saying,

"Allen is a giant among giants as a skilled advocate for truth and justice. His boundless love and dedication to our organization and his generosity and service are unmatched." William S. Mills, past president of NCATL and partner in the Durham firm of Glen, Mills and Fisher explains Bailey's role in the North Carolina legal world, "Any lawyer who does what we do loves that man. He is a hero to so many of us, not just because of his role in the founding of the Academy of Trial Lawyers, but also for staying with it and always being there to advise and counsel anyone who asks. He has taught me, by example, the importance of giving, true giving of oneself, to those who need our help."

The esteem in which Bailey is held is illustrated by a story about a case some years ago that was held in federal court in Charlotte. As Mills recounts the events, "During a recess, the opposing counsel accused Bailey of lying. Bailey responded by punching him out right there in the courtroom. Naturally, this was reported to the presiding judge, who called the lawyers into his chambers. When the judge heard the sequence of events, he said, 'Well, if you call someone like Allen Bailey a liar you have to be prepared to take the consequences.' And that was that."

Among other leadership roles, Bailey has served on the Board of Directors of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. His enthusiasm for trial advocacy is evident, and he says, "The thing I've enjoyed most is helping people, solving their problems. Sometimes I have been able to just consult briefly with people and point them toward a solution that can save them a great deal of money. While I enjoy the adversary role, I'm always of the view that if a matter can be resolved in advance of trial, that's in the client's best interest." He has no plans to retire and continues to try cases, though his schedule allows more time for his family these days, including his wife Ebbie, son Michael and two grandchildren.

Asked what he does for fun in such a busy life of intense and multi-faceted activity, Bailey's answer is simple: "Practice law." Is there anything he regrets? "I just wish I were going to be here to enjoy the next 100 years. Professionally, I am perfectly satisfied with my accomplishments. I've tried to serve my church, my profession and to look after my family. One of the greatest joys of my life is practicing law with my son, which I have had the pleasure of doing for the last 25 years. Watching him grow and mature into an accomplished advocate has been deeply satisfying."

The pleasure is obviously mutual, as Michael Bailey (JD '77) smiles when he says, "Dad's a happy man. I wouldn't have traded the opportunity to practice with him for anything. The only argument between us is which of us is having more fun." ☺

—Theresa Bowers

RENOVATION OF LAW SCHOOL OFFICE SPACE PROMPTS CHANGES

IF YOU HAVE VISITED the law school recently, you might have noticed that there have been quite a few changes to our building. Perhaps the most visible change is the new Career Services Office, now located on the main second floor hallway. The new area places Career Services within easy access to students and employers and provides a comfortable area to

praised the location for its convenience to staff and office services during on-campus interviews.

Of course, moving one office created a need to move others. The Moot Court Board, which was displaced by Career Services, now makes excellent use of the former Registrar's Office on the main second floor hallway. The new office provides ideal workspace and places Moot Court

next-door to the Law Review and within close proximity to the Wake Forest courtrooms.

Our Registrar's Office is now located next to the Admissions Suite. You will still find the same helpful attitude and excellent service with a little more "elbow room" and space for their many files and records. This location allows the Registrar to work with the admissions staff to insure a smooth transition for our accepted applicants from prospective students to fully enrolled Demon Deacons!

Two additional key administrators have also changed office locations. Linda Michalski, our Director of Professional and Public Relations, has relocated to an office within the Admissions Suite and Jean Holmes, our Activities Coordinator, now occupies the old SBA Office.

Several additional student-pleasing changes have occurred on the basement level of our building. Continuing Legal Education, which formerly occupied an area in the basement, was relocated to a University-owned office building on Reynolda Road early in the summer. This move created space for a Student Organization Suite where all student organizations have a place to meet and keep organizational information. The suite is equipped with a conference room, a file room, a wired countertop for computer use and a lounge/meeting area. It is also the new home of the SBA, *Hearsay* (our student newspaper) and the Wake Forest Intellectual Property Journal.

Last but not least, Marian Parker, our Associate Dean for Information Services and Library Director, recognized the need for more law school study rooms. This summer, she and her assistant relocated their offices to the third floor and transformed their former library basement offices into three ideal law school study rooms. These spaces have already become popular study group space as fall exams approach.

Although our building looked more like a construction site than a law school at times this summer, we are pleased with the outcome which allows us to better serve our students. We invite you to stop by to see these exciting improvements whenever you are on the WFU campus!



Employers and students chat with the Career Services staff at a recent open house celebrating the new office space.

review job search materials and talk to our Career Services staff. The staff is pleased with the new space where they are housed in one office suite directly across from the interview rooms. The new location is already proving to be very beneficial to students who drop by frequently to ask questions, check job listings and peruse job search resources. Employers have also

GIVING BRIEFS

LAW SCHOOL REUNIONS

THE CLASSES OF **1952, 1962, 1972, 1977, 1982** and **1992** had their reunions in conjunction with the University on October 11th & 12th. People seemed to enjoy the fall reunion. Each class had a gathering Friday evening and then gathered at the tailgate party prior to the football victory over Duke.



Dean Walsh joins graduates of the Class of '52 at their reunion.

UPCOMING EVENTS

THE LAW SCHOOL WILL BE HAVING events in the following locations this spring. If you would like to help out with the event in your area, contact Mike Roach at (336) 758-5884 or roachjm@wfu.edu. Locations: Atlanta, Charlotte, Greensboro, New Bern, New York, Raleigh/Durham, Washington, D.C., Wilmington and Winston-Salem.

TELETHON

THE LAW SCHOOL HAS FINISHED its fall telethon. It was very successful as we raised \$77,640 from 627 pledges over four nights of calling, versus last year where we raised \$74,785 from 460 pledges. Thanks to everyone who pledged their support!

PARTNERS BANQUET

THE 30TH ANNUAL PARTNERS' BANQUET was held on Friday November 1, 2002 at Forsyth Country Club. Retiring professors, Rhoda Bryan Billings and I. Boyce "Butch" Covington, gave an entertaining presentation on their memories at the law school.

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