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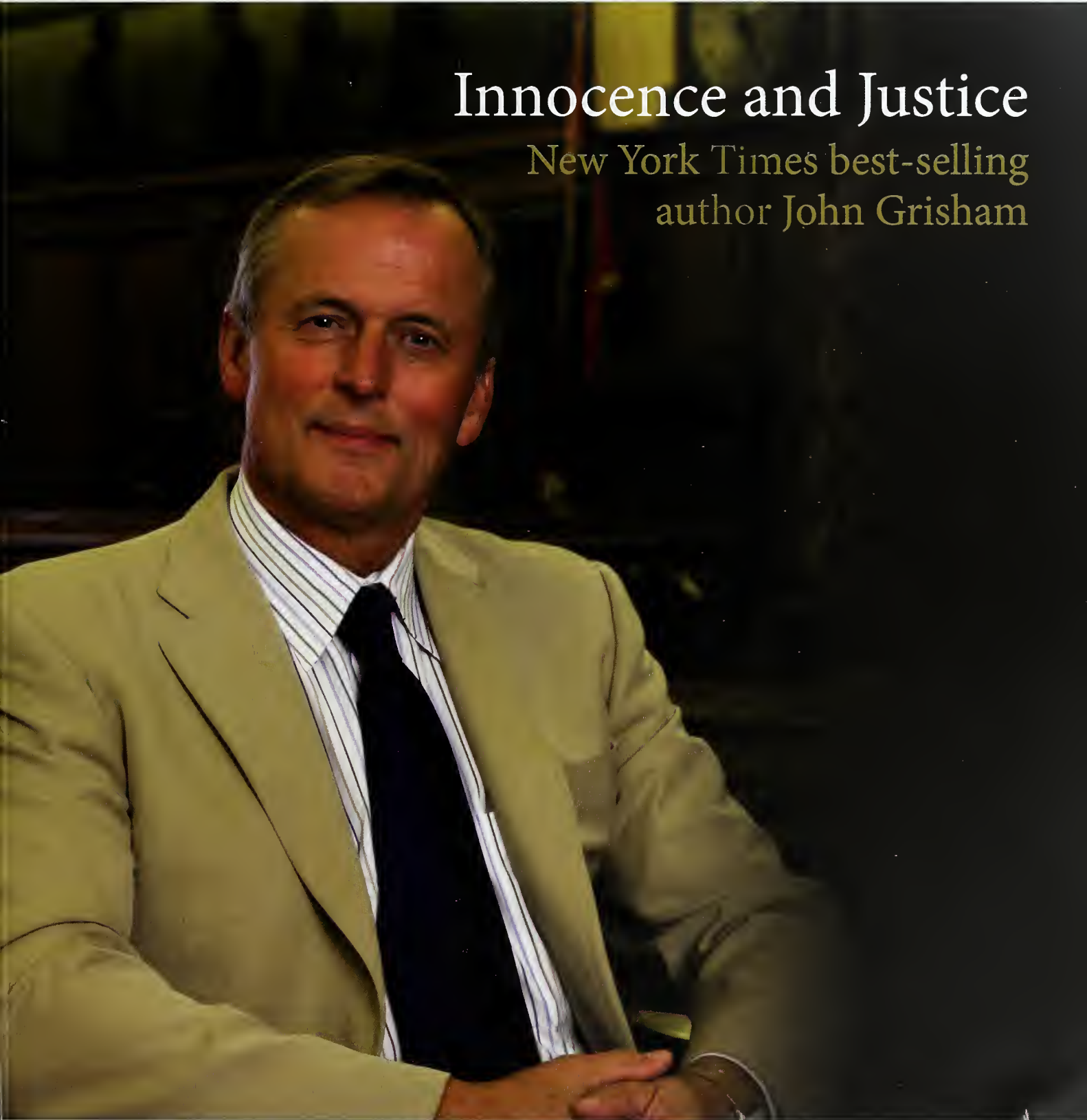
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## Innocence and Justice

New York Times best-selling  
author John Grisham



*inside:* Applied Legal Theory - Law in Action program approved

# FROM THE DEAN

The many joys of summer include a more relaxed time for reflection — a look back on the events that shaped the previous year, and the anticipation of an exciting academic year to come. This edition of the *Jurist* captures these reflections as they pertain to developments in the law school. As you read the *Jurist*, you will undoubtedly become inspired by the promising new programs that ensure the continued vitality of our educative mission.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the law school will sponsor a panel discussion featuring New York Times best-selling author, John Grisham, in Wait Chapel on Sept. 14. The program, entitled “Innocence and Justice,” will be co-hosted by President Hatch’s office as this year’s first “Voices of Our Time” event.

Having met John several years ago, I have grown to appreciate his genuine commitment to justice and fairness. His strong affinity for Wake Forest, fueled several years ago by a visit to campus with his daughter, has also gratified me. While most of you are familiar with John’s fictional thrillers, you may not be aware that his 2006 popular seller, “The Innocent Man,” constituted his first foray into the nonfiction genre. This book, which centers on murder and injustice in a small town, continues to be the subject of small group discussions between first-year students and professors at the law school. John will disclose the genesis of his work on the book, explain his support for a focus on wrongful convictions, and respond to questions posed by students and faculty associated with the law school’s Innocence and Justice Clinic.

The law school’s legendary attributes, including a student-centered focus, interactive learning in and out of the classroom, the inculcation of ethics and professionalism throughout the curriculum, and a deep sense of collegiality, remain cornerstones. These attributes combine to form a foundation for the law school’s advancement in this challenging, professional environment. Our new “Applied Legal Theory — Law in Action” (ALTLA) program, which was introduced to you in the last edition of the *Jurist*, builds on our tradition of teaching excellence and intellectual rigor by providing greater opportunities for our students to explore the intersection of doctrine and its implementation in the real world. Among the ALTLA’s features are the numerous opportunities it will ultimately provide for experiential learning. Our already exemplary clinical offerings stand at the forefront of curricular options for our students. Supplementing the clinics are capstone courses (upper-level courses, often team-taught by a doctrinal professor and a practitioner, that involve group problem-solving and transactional exercises) and the newest addition to the curriculum — externships in our new Washington, D.C. Program.

The D.C. Program will include not only the placement of select, third-year students as externs in governmental agencies and non-profit organizations, but also a programmatic initiative that will result in symposia, conferences, and lectures staged in the D.C. area and sponsored by the Wake Forest University School of Law. This edition of the *Jurist* provides additional details about our new



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D.C. Program, and further demonstrates the dynamic future of the law school’s program of education.

The benefits of the ALTLA program go far beyond an enhancement of the law school’s educative mission. Legal education, indeed the legal profession in general, continues to undergo seismic changes brought on by a stubbornly stagnant economy. Although a Wake Forest education ensures that our students can “hit the ground running” as professionals, we — faculty, staff, and alumni — must and will work ardently to ensure the success of our students in this challenging legal market. The community spirit and unity that define our law school assures that we will meet this challenge. This edition of the *Jurist* confirms not only our uniqueness of spirit and unity, but also confirms Wake Forest’s ever-expanding appeal, reputation, and enviable future.

— Dean Blake D. Morant

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Lawyer and New York Times best-selling author John Grisham will visit the campus of Wake Forest University on Sept. 14, 2010, as a guest of the law school and the first speaker of the academic year in President Hatch's Voices of Our Time series. Grisham will talk about why he chose to tackle the issue of wrongful convictions and answer questions from students and faculty from the law school's Innocence and Justice Clinic. The event, at 4 p.m. in Wait Chapel, is free and open to the public. Grisham says he became enamored with Wake Forest during a campus visit in the summer of 2004 with his daughter who was touring North Carolina universities. "I love Wake Forest," he said. "I didn't want to leave."

# INNOCENCE AND JUSTICE

By Lisa Snedeker

No one would believe it. That's what John Grisham thought when he first heard the stories of Ron Williamson and Dennis Fritz, stories that would eventually become his first and only non-fiction work, "The Innocent Man."

The lawyer and New York Times best-selling author has been writing fictional legal thrillers for more than 20 years, but the tale of murder and injustice in a small town in Oklahoma had more twists and turns than Grisham said he could have ever dreamed up.

"I am always motivated by story, whether it's fiction or non-fiction," he said in a recent telephone interview from his office in Charlottesville, Va.

Grisham was drawn to Williamson's story after reading his obituary in the New York Times in 2004.

"He was exonerated in April 1999, so he was one of the first high-profile, death-row DNA exonerations," Grisham said. "I think what made it newsworthy were the same reasons I was struck by the story. Here was a guy, a white guy not from the poor side of town, and a local sports hero, whom everyone thought was going to be the next Mickey Mantle because he was from Oklahoma, too. And for the town to completely devour him, if I wrote it as fiction, no one would have believed it. The truth is much better than fiction. I never thought about fictionalizing it; the story was much too good."

Grisham admits that he never thought about wrongful convictions or exonerations until he started

working on "The Innocent Man."

"I had been a lawyer for 10 years and I had a lot of guys go to prison, but I never had a client I thought was wrongfully convicted or mistreated by the system," he explained. "Where I lived in Mississippi everybody played fair. Then I got involved in the Dennis and Ron story and now it's the one issue that still keeps me awake at night."

In 1987, the two men were arrested and charged with capital murder in the death of a 21-year-old cocktail waitress in Ada, Okla., that occurred five years earlier. Despite the fact that there was no physical evidence and the prosecution's case was built on the testimony of jail house snitches and junk science, Fritz was found guilty and given a life sentence. Williamson, who had been drafted by the Oakland A's in 1971, was sentenced to death.

Grisham said he was shocked at the miscarriage of justice he uncovered in the course of writing the book. "It was a combination of screw ups that could have been prevented.

"One thing I realized, the presumption of innocence in this country is a joke. It's a presumption of guilt. That is something that continues to bother me. I guess the one thing that really kept coming home was the absence of a fair trial. We all believe trials should be fair and theirs was not even close to being fair. How can the system be so broken? It just never happened to me. I had a lot of criminal trials and I was in the pits every day but as far as I was concerned everything was fine. Then I dropped off into this fictional world.

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But this thing slapped me in the face."

The same mistakes that occurred in "The Innocent Man" are happening every day, Grisham said.

"We have an enormous prison industry that the states can't afford. If we could pass a lot of reforms, the savings would be enormous. Nothing is as costly as a wrongful conviction and incarceration."

Grisham is on the boards of the Innocence Project New York and the Mississippi Innocence Project at the University of Mississippi. He also tours the country speaking about the issue of wrongful convictions at universities such as Wake Forest and to innocence groups.

"Normally when I finish writing about an issue, I am done," he said. "But this one is under my skin. I've had a lot of fun going around to different innocence projects and to the extent that I have a cause this would be it."

The man that USA Today has dubbed a "legal literary legend" said he found the process of writing a non-fiction piece much more difficult than his other works. For example, it typically takes Grisham about six



John Grisham's *'The Innocent Man'* was a focal point for discussions at the homes of Dean Blake D. Morant (top right) and Professor Miles Foy (lower right).

months to write a fictional novel. "The Innocent Man" took him 18 months.

He told Wake Forest law school Dean Blake D. Morant at the time that writing a nonfiction work proved to be more challenging than he had imagined. "I met Mr. Grisham when I was at Washington and Lee," Morant said. "When I asked him to come to Wake Forest a couple of years ago he respectfully declined due to his work on 'The Innocent Man.'"

It was the research that bogged him down, Grisham said. "I was constantly on shaky ground not knowing if I had a great story from a shaky witness," he said. "It was also the sheer volume of paperwork. I think if I would have known what I was facing when I jumped off the cliff I probably wouldn't have done it."

His diligence paid off in the end. Having a hunch that he might get sued for defamation, Grisham meticulously made sure his story was as accurate as possible. Lawsuits filed by a prosecutor, an investigator and a state crime lab fingerprint expert after the book was published were quickly dismissed.

But perhaps it was his readers who experienced the biggest shock, Grisham said. "I don't read reviews and I have limited contact with people reading my books, but the most common reaction I got after writing 'The Innocent Man' was one of disbelief. People thought I was off writing fiction again. They couldn't believe the system was broken so badly."

Grisham has written at least a book a year since "The Firm" came out in 1991. His newest novel, "The Confession," is scheduled for release

Oct. 26. Not surprisingly, given his growing interest in wrongful conviction issues, the new book explores the days leading up to the execution of a man who has been wrongfully convicted.

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"I wanted to take a fictional story and walk the reader through a wrongful prosecution," he said. "I wanted to show how these things happen and how they can be prevented if authorities would play straight, and that's what I tried to do."

Grisham believes that the volume of DNA exonerations in the United States is changing the public perception. "We're making progress because of the 254 guys who have walked out of prison," he said.

North Carolina made history in February when the state's Innocence Inquiry Commission referred Greg Taylor's case to a three-judge panel that determined Taylor was innocent of the murder he had been convicted of 17 years ago. Grisham happened to be in Chapel Hill the day Taylor was released.

"North Carolina is leading the world as a model because of the way they have structured their innocence commission," Grisham said. "Think about how many of these cases are changing jurors. They are more cynical of prosecutors and judges today. The junk science is fading away because people are using DNA to solve crimes."

Barry Scheck, who is on the board of the National Institute of Justice's Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence, likens the work of innocence commissions across the country to the Civil Rights Movement, according to Grisham.

"We've reached a tipping point," Grisham said. "These laws we push in states where we have small victories are piling up. Hopefully we will be able to get rid of the causes of wrongful convictions. In the meantime, all the innocence projects are going to help these guys."

The public doesn't realize 2.1 million people are in jail and prison right now in the U.S., Grisham said.

"That's the highest incarceration rate in the civilized world. Take that number and if only 2 percent or 5 percent are innocent, whatever number you feel comfortable with, that's still a huge number of innocent people, tens of thousands of innocent people, who are wrongfully imprisoned. Take the Ronald Cotton case. While he was in jail, the real rapist raped and beat seven other women because they convicted the wrong guy. This is not a liberal issue. When you send the wrong guy to prison, the guilty guy goes free. We want the right guy in prison." ♦

This fall, Wake Forest law professors will once again open up their homes to first-year law students for a meal and an in-depth and often thought-provoking conversation about John Grisham's only non-fiction work, "The Innocent Man."

As an introduction to the U.S. criminal justice system, students were asked to read the book about murder and wrongful convictions in small town America over the summer before classes began in preparation for the best-selling author's Sept. 14 visit to the law school.

"We've found that this is a great way for first-year students to get to know

their peers and professors and really have a lively discussion on a common legal topic," said Ann Gibbs, Associate Dean, Administrative and Student Services. "It is a terrific read, and we think students not only learn a lot, but truly enjoy the book."

During last year's book discussion at Dean Blake D. Morant's home, the students discussed their feelings for the characters as well as the fact that there was a lot of pressure on the authorities to find a suspect and prosecute.

"There was this mob mentality," said Brodie Erwin ('12). "And the prosecutors played fast and loose with rules."

At Professor Miles Foy's dinner

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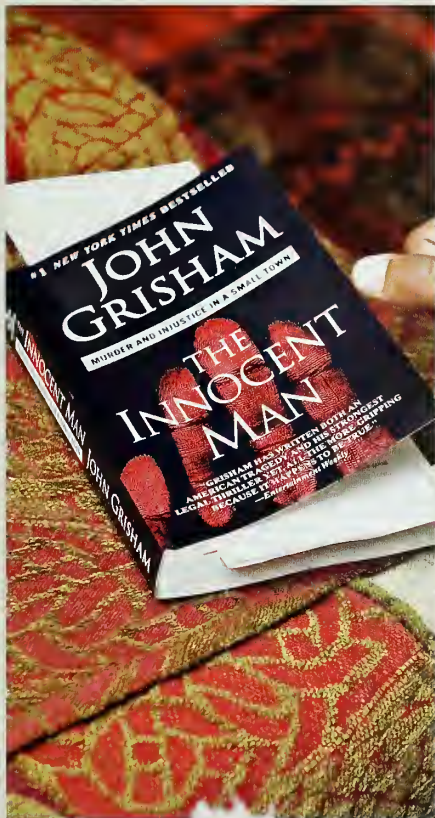
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discussion, the group talked about the various roles lawyers played in the book, which gives numerous examples of ineffective counsel.

"The book made me feel very vulnerable," said Tina Flowers ('12).

Foy also used the discussion to introduce students to the North Carolina Innocence Commission.

"No other state has such a commission whose job it is to screen claims of innocence," he explained. "It's a new development in American law that has been prompted by DNA evidence." ♦





# APPLIED LEGAL THEORY

By Lisa Snedeker

Legal education is experiencing a sea change. Rather than simply teaching law students how to think, the legal academy believes that law schools should spend more time teaching students how to be good professionals as well.

While the Wake Forest University School of Law has always done a good job of doing just this, according to Dean Blake D. Morant, the school is taking that goal a bit further through a new program, Applied Legal Theory - Law In Action (ALTLA).

"This exciting initiative reinforces the knowledge and skills our students will need to succeed as professionals," Morant said.

"Our new Applied Legal Theory - Law in Action (ALTLA) program will provide Wake Forest law students the opportunity to explore the intersection between legal doctrine and its exercise in real world contexts."

Approved by the faculty last spring, ALTLA is designed to give all Wake Forest law students a variety of hands-on experiences and skills that will prepare them for the practice of law.

This includes expanding curricular opportunities for learning the law in a real world context. In addition to the clinics, the law school is offering capstone courses - upper level courses explicitly taught through the use of actual or simulated cases -- and other elective courses such as Negotiation and Business Drafting which emphasize practical lawyering skill.

Students in their third year will

be able to concentrate a semester in experiential learning where for 16 hours they can take a combination of clinics, capstone courses and externships," Morant explained.

"This exciting program has considerable promise because it exercises the holistic skills our students will need to become successful professionals."

One of the highlights of the program is the Metropolitan Externship in Washington, D.C., which the faculty approved on a pilot basis. It allows selected third-year students to work as interns in government agencies, non-profit organizations and other settings during the spring semester while taking coursework under the direction of the program supervisor.

The comprehensive project will explore the synergies between law and the profession in the Washington, D.C., area. "In our Washington Program, selected third-year students will explore the operation of legal doctrine in the workplace through their work as interns in government agencies, non-profit organizations and other settings while taking coursework under the direction of the program supervisor," said David Gottlieb, program supervisor and adjunct professor.

Gottlieb is professor and associate dean of clinical programs at the University of Kansas School of Law but will spend spring 2011 in D.C. directing the law school's pilot program. A graduate of Oberlin College and the Georgetown University Law Center, Gottlieb joined the Kansas University faculty in 1979. He teaches Professional

Responsibility and International Human Rights.

"The Metropolitan Externship, which will commence in January 2011, will provide students with the opportunity to spend a semester in practice in the most diverse and vibrant legal environment in the world," Gottlieb said.

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Each student will spend about 35 hours per week interning with a government agency or non-





governmental organization. The types of placements may include Executive Branch offices such as the Departments of Justice or State, or independent agencies such as the Federal Communications Commission, Federal Trade Commission, or Federal Elections Commission. Non-governmental groups may include advocacy groups, human rights organizations and trade associations. International organizations, such as the IMF or World Bank, may also be sites for student work.

"Whatever the setting, we anticipate that students will engage in the kinds of tasks performed by lawyers in Washington, under the immediate supervision of an experienced attorney or attorneys in a particular office," Gottlieb said.

In addition to this practice component, students will attend a weekly class session, which will explore issues common to the interns.

Professor Gottlieb will be in residence in Washington during the spring, and he will be in close contact with each of the students throughout the semester. Students will also complete journals that will be submitted to Professor Gottlieb.

Students may enroll for 13 credits, which includes 10 pass/fail credits for the field work and three graded credits for the classroom component.

"The program also extends the Wake Forest brand nationally," Morant said. "In addition, we're going to be having symposia, colloquia, and workshops, in D.C. From now on, when you are channel surfing, don't fly past CSPAN 2 because you are going to see some Wake Forest programs that you'll want to catch. This will give Wake Forest a footprint in a major market, and it's a very good recruitment tool in this competitive market for students.

"Over time the law school hopes to replicate this program in other

metropolitan cities."

The Law in Action program also creates opportunities for students to participate in pro bono legal efforts in our Winston-Salem community.

"We encourage all of our students to become true citizen lawyers who graduate with the goal of doing well while doing good," Morant said.

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

"ALTLA promises to be a transformative program that greatly enhances our already praiseworthy pedagogy," Morant said. ♦

# MUTUAL FUND INVESTORS BEWARE

By Carol Cirulli Lanham

Authors of first study of the regulation of mutual fund performance advertising say ban is likely needed

In a study that could have far-reaching implications for the more than 50 million U.S. households that invest in mutual funds, researchers have found that mutual fund performance advertisements are misleading investors by encouraging them to buy funds with high past returns.

advertised counterparts in the future.

"A large body of studies has found little evidence that high past returns predict high future returns. In fact, advertised mutual funds even tend to underperform in the market after being advertised," said Ahmed Taha, a professor at the Wake Forest University School of Law and one of the co-authors of the study entitled "Worthless Warnings? Testing the Effectiveness of Disclaimers in Mutual Fund Advertisements."

"We found that people viewing the advertisement with the current SEC disclaimer were just as likely to invest in a fund, and had the same expectations regarding a fund's future returns, as did people viewing the advertisement with no disclaimer whatsoever," Taha said.

Nearly half of the 116 million households in the United States have money invested in mutual funds, including about 25 percent of all retirement savings. Furthermore, often more than half of mutual fund advertisements appearing in personal finance magazines tout a fund's past performance, Taha said.

Taha and one of the study's co-authors, Alan Palmiter, who is also a professor at Wake Forest law school, are calling for the SEC to consider banning mutual fund performance advertising. Their research showed the complete ineffectiveness of the current

SEC-mandated disclaimer in these advertisements, which warns that "past performance does not guarantee future results."

The study, which was co-authored by Molly Mercer, an accounting professor at Arizona State University, also found evidence that investors would be more likely to heed a more strongly worded disclaimer that reads: "Do not expect the fund's quoted past performance to continue in the future. Studies show that mutual funds that have outperformed their peers in the past generally do not outperform them in the future. Strong past performance is often a matter of chance."

"Although our study found evidence in an experimental setting that the stronger disclaimer would be more effective, we're skeptical that it would also work in a real-world setting," Taha said. "That's why we believe that mutual fund performance advertisements are inherently misleading and probably should be prohibited."

"Mutual funds make up a significant portion of our savings and are a particularly important component of our retirement system," Taha added. "So it's essential that investors not be misled when choosing among funds." ♦

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*- Professor Ahmed Taha*

In the first study to test the effectiveness of the Securities and Exchange Commission's (SEC's) regulation of mutual fund performance advertising, researchers at Wake Forest University and Arizona State University found that investors are easily swayed by advertisements touting high past returns despite evidence showing that advertised funds tend to do worse than their non-



By Professor Joel Newman

In the summer of 2008, I team taught a comparative tax course in Venice with Marty Ginsburg, while my colleague, Suzanne Reynolds, team taught with his wife, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. It was a delight to teach with Marty; the students and I learned a great deal.

It was an even greater delight to get to know the Ginsburgs as a couple. Marty teased his wife, constantly. For her part, she would occasionally smirk, and, on at least one occasion, jabbed him with her elbow.

Dean Morant and his wife spent some time in Venice while the Ginsburgs were there. Before he arrived, Dean Morant e-mailed to ask me to invite the Ginsburgs to have dinner with them. I happened to see Marty, sitting alone,

and told him, "The Morants would like to have dinner with you on Wednesday."

"That's fine," Marty said, "but what about my wife?"

According to Marty, his wife was a world-class shopper. One day, my wife and I were walking toward the Piazza San Marco, and met the Ginsburgs coming the other way. "Don't bother going to Ferragamo's," Marty warned. "Ruth just left, and she cleaned out the place."

At dinner one evening, Justice Ginsburg complimented my wife, Jane, on her pendant. There was a story behind that pendant, so we told it.

Jane and I were in the North Carolina mountains, some 85 miles from our home. She admired the pendant in an antique store, and I urged her to buy it. She wouldn't. She said that it was enough to admire it in the store. The next time she was out of town, I drove back to the mountains and bought it for

her.

The Ginsburgs listened in silence. Then, Marty turned to his wife and said, "Ruth, you know that I would never do anything like that for you." What made it so funny is that that was exactly the sort of thing that Marty would have done for his wife.

It was a privilege to spend time with an amazing tax lawyer and tax teacher. It was even more profound, however, to watch the interaction of a truly amazing couple. ♦

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*Photo Caption*

- Professor Suzanne Reynolds, Mrs. Jane Newman, Professor Joel Newman, Dean Blake D. Morant, Mrs. P.J. Morant, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Professor Martin "Marty" Ginsburg.

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# PHOTO GALLERY

## HOODING 2010

Wake Forest University School of Law conferred hoods on 161 graduates on Sunday, May 16, in Wait Chapel. The law school's 56th annual hooding speaker, Lord Phillips of Worth Matravers, told the graduates and their families and friends that lawyers are an essential part of society and gave a brief history of what led to the formation of Britain's new Supreme Court, of which he is the first president. The hooded students were conferred Monday, May 17, during the Wake Forest University graduation ceremonies held at the Lawrence Joel Veteran's Memorial Coliseum. Law School Dean Blake D. Morant pointed out that this class was special to him because the students came to Wake Forest the same year he did. "In 2007 they began this odyssey with me of working to prepare them to be lawyers," he said.







# NEWS BRIEFS

**P**rofessor Jennifer Collins named Associate provost Professor of Law Jennifer Collins has been named associate provost for academic initiatives at Wake Forest University. In her new role, Collins will work with faculty from across the University to develop academic programs. The appointment is for a three-year term. She will retain her title as professor of law and will continue to teach in the law school.

**N**ew Child Advocacy Clinic provides students unique opportunity The Wake Forest University School of Law's new Child Advocacy Clinic will give students a unique opportunity to represent children in a variety of legal settings. The interdisciplinary course begins in the fall semester of 2010. The clinic focuses primarily on the representation of children in three settings: deciding the custody of children in high conflict cases, deciding the custody of children in civil domestic violence actions, and representing children of indigent parents in issues involving the public school system. Under the direction of the Children's Law Center's Iris Sunshine, students will study the various models for representing children — as lawyer advocate, as lawyer guardian ad litem, and as non-lawyer guardian ad litem — and analyze the ethical issues raised in the various settings. Students 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 of the 21st Judicial District to the Children's Law Center of Central North Carolina and from indigent parents who have called the Children's Law Center for assistance in discipline and other matters in the public schools. Clinic students will interview the child, parents, teachers, relatives and others, gathering information and formulating recommendations. In the custody cases, clinic students present their recommendations to the court. For the educational matters, clinic students work with the Children's Law Center in presenting a position to the school authorities.

**E**lder Law Clinic, medical school Join national network Wake Forest University's Elder Law Clinic and Internal Medicine Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine Section have joined the National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership (MLP), a national network of partnership sites that are dedicated to improving the health and well-being of vulnerable populations, including the elderly. The clinics have worked together for many years to teach young professionals and to provide holistic care to older adults. The MLP network includes programs in more than 200 hospitals and health centers nationwide that integrate legal assistance into the medical setting, seeking to eliminate barriers to health care in order to help vulnerable populations meet their basic needs and stay healthy. "We do a better job for our older clients and their

families because of our unique access to medical expertise," said Clinical Prof. Kate Mewhinney, who has been the managing attorney of the Elder Law Clinic since its inception at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center in 1991. "The geriatricians and the geriatric psychiatrists, social workers, nurses and other health professionals at the Medical Center have helped us to speak the language of health care. This way, when our clients face issues related to health, our legal work can proceed smoothly. My students learn about a wide range of health law issues, such as nursing home laws, Medicaid, mental capacity issues, guardianship and bioethics. These are just some of the ways in which the law and health overlap for older people."

**P**rofessor co-authors book to help college students avoid legal troubles In a study conducted by the University of Missouri, 69 percent of college students who used false identification to purchase alcohol had borrowed an actual ID from a relative or a friend rather than purchased a forgery. As college students in North Carolina head to classes this fall, they may not realize that using the real ID of another person is a felony in this state. Or that there are a host of laws they may be unaware that they are breaking, which could have life-altering affects on their futures. A newly released book, *Ignorance Is No Defense, A College Student's Guide To North Carolina Law*, explains more than 100 North Carolina laws that affect college students. The book, using realistic examples and straightforward





**D**ean Emeritus Robert Walsh awarded national ABA award Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law Robert K. Walsh of the Wake Forest University School of Law was presented the Robert J. Kutak Award at the American Bar Association's annual meeting in San Francisco. Each year, the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar gives its national award, the Robert J. Kutak Award, to the person who "meets the highest standard of professional responsibility and demonstrates substantial achievement towards increased understanding between legal education and the active practice of law."

The award honors the late Robert J. Kutak, a distinguished member of the Section's governing Council who died suddenly in 1983 after a remarkable career characterized by service to the public and the legal profession. The award was presented to Dean Walsh at a reception and ceremony on Friday, Aug. 6. Those in attendance at the award ceremony included Judge Dave DeRamus, Allan Head ('69), N.C. Bar President Gene Pridgen ('78) and Dean Blake Morant. Past winners of the Kutak Award have been practicing lawyers, academics, and judges, including Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor in 2006.

language, is a unique and practical resource for college students. The book's authors are Wilson Parker, professor of Constitutional Law at Wake Forest University School of Law, and J. Tom Morgan, a former District Attorney in Atlanta and currently a lawyer in private practice. "We were inspired to write this book because of our concern that many college students are not aware of the criminal laws that impact them or the consequences of violating these laws," Parker says. "There's nothing else

out there like this. Every parent with a child that is going to college should buy this book for their student." The book is available at [www.ignoranceisnodefense/nc.com](http://www.ignoranceisnodefense/nc.com) as well as on Amazon and in the Wake Forest University bookstore.

**A**ppellate Clinic wins Industrial Commission Appeal The Full Commission of the North Carolina Industrial Commission recently ruled in favor of the Wake Forest University School of Law Appellate Advocacy

Clinic, in the case of David Crump and Sharon L. Crump v. N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services. The Full Commission is a group of appellate judges who review decisions by trial judges in the Industrial Commission, which has jurisdiction over state tort and workers compensation claims. The Crumps sued the State for negligence after an environmental inspector issued a septic tank permit upon which they relied when buying property. It was later discovered that the property would not

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support a septic tank, and the Crumps had to buy neighboring property to support the first lot. The Crumps won at the trial level, and the State then appealed to the Full Commission. As part of their work for last year's Appellate Advocacy Clinic, Will Morgan ('10) and Jimmy Byars ('10) drafted a brief for the Crumps, which was filed in April. In May, Morgan argued to the Full Commission in Raleigh, the first time ever that a law student has argued to the Full Commission. Nicole Dupre ('10), who helped Morgan prepare, attended the argument to lend moral support. In its recent opinion, the Full Commission concluded that the State is liable for negligence and owes the Crumps damages. The Full Commission rejected various defenses raised by the State, including no duty under the public duty doctrine, failure to exhaust administrative remedies, and intentional act of its employee (rather than negligence). The State has now appealed to the North Carolina Court of Appeals, the next step after the Full Commission, which means that this year's Appellate Advocacy Clinic will continue to represent the Crumps.

**P**rofessor Sidney Shapiro publishes a book about regulatory failures. While calls for smaller government and more freedom for industry are common, the massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico raises the question whether consumer safety is being jeopardized by a lack of effective regulation. Wake Forest University Law Professor Sidney Shapiro, one of the country's leading experts on

regulatory policy, says the solution may lie in reforming the regulatory system. "There's been a confluence of factors that has made almost all the regulatory agencies largely dysfunctional," Shapiro said, "not the least of which are budget cuts." Taking inflation into account, some agencies now receive only half as much funding as they used to, leaving them dangerously short of personnel. The result, Shapiro said, is a series of unprecedented regulatory failures. The short list includes not only the largest oil spill in American history, but also the recent Toyota recall, lead paint-coated toys, ecoli- and salmonella ridden foods, and mine explosions. "Every time we look at one of these disasters, we tend to blame the regulatory agencies. But if we look behind the scenes, it's a much more complicated picture and a rather frightening one. It's likely we're going to continue to have a string of these calamities unless we do something to act on these various causes," said Shapiro, who along with Rena Steinzor, is the author of the new book, "The People's Agents and the Battle to Protect the American Public: Special Interests, Government, and the Threats to National Health, Safety and the Environment," published by the University of Chicago Press. Steinzor is a professor at the University of Maryland School of Law and a former New York Times reporter. These recent disasters feed people's views of the government's ineffectiveness, but the public should also stop and ask why regulatory agencies have proven ineffective, Shapiro added. "While Americans distrust government, they

also expect it to protect them and their children. The greatest danger is that we will not get beyond this distrust to fix the problems that prevent effective regulation." Despite the seriousness of the recent regulatory failures, solutions may be hard to come by in the short-term. "There are no magic bullets," Shapiro said. "We took 20 or 25 years to bend into this pretzel, and it will take awhile to work our way out of it."

**L**egal research and writing program changes its name. Faculty members of the Wake Forest University School of Law recently approved a change in the name of the "Legal Research & Writing (LRW)" program to "Legal Analysis, Writing, & Research (LAWR)." According to Professor Chris Coughlin, director of LAWR, the decision to change the name of the program was prompted by a groundbreaking empirical study designed and conducted by Professors Miki Felsenburg and Laura Graham. The study focused on students' experiences in legal research and writing and resulted in their recommendations to improve the first-year program. Details are set forth in their article "Beginning Legal Writers In Their Own Words: Why The First Weeks of Legal Writing Are So Tough and What We Can Do About It." In addition, the prior name did not accurately reflect the critical role of analysis in effective legal research and writing and teaching students "to think like a lawyer," according to Coughlin. "The new acronym 'LAWyeR' further reflects the link between the study and practice of law," she said.





**T**hird-year students name Wilson Parker 2010 Teacher of the Year Professor Wilson Parker has been selected by the third-year class to be honored with the Wake Forest University School of Law Student Bar Association's Jurist Excellence in Teaching Award. Parker is an expert teacher and scholar in the area of constitutional law. He is a primary author, with Wake Forest law professor Michael Curtis, of "Constitutional Law in Context," a constitutional law casebook that is in its third edition. His current research interest concerns constitutional history and federal-state relations, and he is currently developing a new course on "The Great Justices of the United States Supreme Court." Parker, who joined the faculty in 1981, is also the director of the law school's summer program in England. Neubia Williams ('10) says one of the reasons her class chose Professor Parker for the annual teaching award was because he understands, and he encourages his students to understand, that "life doesn't care what kind of grades you made, how great of a lawyer you become or how much money you make. What matters is how we treat each other."

**I**PLJ symposium focuses on copyright laws in the digital age The topic of this year's Wake Forest School of Law Intellectual Property Law Journal symposium, "Copyleft vs. Copyright: Artist and Author Rights in Tomorrow's Digital Age," focused on how current copyright laws are

**S**uzanne Reynolds ('77) named associate dean for academic affairs Wake Forest University School of Law Professor Suzanne Reynolds began her term as the law school's Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs on July 1, 2010. Reynolds joined Wake Forest law school in 1981. She is widely respected for her scholarship and teaching about family law and for her public service. She was a principal drafter of statutes that modernized the law of both alimony and of adoption, and she co-founded a domestic violence program that received national recognition by the ABA for providing legal assistance to the poor. She authored a three-volume treatise on North Carolina family law that has become the authoritative source for law students, lawyers, and judges, and for many years she has taught the family law portion of the bar review course. Her empirical work has focused on outcomes in high-conflict custody disputes. Reynolds was a candidate for the North Carolina Supreme Court in November 2008, narrowly losing her bid for that seat. Reynolds takes over the position from Professor Ron Wright, who has served as the Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for the past three academic years. Ron's excellent service in this position has greatly enhanced the law school in every way and I am enormously grateful for his tireless efforts," said law school Dean Blake D. Morant. Like her predecessor, Morant said, Reynolds brings great energy and wisdom to the position. "Suzanne's respect in all segments, including the law school, university at large, and legal community, ensures her success in the position and the law school's continued ascension," he said. "I thank both Ron and Suzanne for their selfless dedication to the law school."

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applied to tomorrow's technologies. The symposium was held on March 5 in the Worrell Professional Center. Keynote speaker Laura N. Gasaway, a law professor at the University of North Carolina's School of Law, is a scholar in the field of copyrights, and her talk focused primarily on the intersection of authorship rights and cyberspace law. The symposium featured a unique composition with two individual panels focusing on copyright issues in the areas of music and software development and use, according to Emile Thompson ('10), symposium editor. Copyright law has fallen under increased scrutiny as new technological developments have made it harder for traditional copyright laws to remain applicable. New development techniques, such as the use of open source software, have obscured the need for traditional copyright protections, and instead require a "new look" approach.



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**P**rofessor Carol Anderson named an ABA Fellow Wake Forest University School of Law Professor Carol Anderson has been named a Fellow of the American Bar Association. Membership in The Fellows is a great honor limited to one-third of 1 percent of the lawyers in America. Anderson is one of the nation's leading trial advocacy educators. She has been recognized for teaching excellence by the American Association for Justice (AAJ) and by the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers, and the litigation clinic and trial advocacy clinic that she leads at WFU has received the \$50,000 Gumpert Award for Excellence in Teaching Trial Advocacy from the American Bar Association (ABA). The award essentially equipped the law school courtrooms the first time around, according to Anderson, who is the author of two highly regarded trial advocacy textbooks and is at work on a third textbook. She joined Wake Forest law school in 1985.

**L**aw school hosts symposium on "Patient-Centered Health Law and Ethics" The law school played host to a conference on "Patient-Centered Health Law and Ethics" on Thursday, April 15, in the Worrell Professional Center. The conference, featuring Mark A. Hall, Wake Forest University law professor and director of the Center for Bioethics, Health and Society, and Lois Shepherd, a director for the University of Virginia's Center for Biomedical Ethics and Humanities, involved participants from law and other academic fields including sociology, medicine, philosophy and

religion. Scholars from these different fields shared their perspectives on whether law and ethics should focus more on patients' concerns than on the concerns of health-care providers, insurers, or the government. Following the conference, the Wake Forest Law Review reported about the scholarly discussion, and printed short essays submitted by the speakers.

**L**aw Professor Steve Virgil named director of WFU's new Institute for Public Engagement Law Professor Steve Virgil is the new director of the Institute for Public Engagement, a three-year appointment effective Jan. 1. He is Associate Clinical Professor of Law and Director of the School of Law's Community Law and Business Clinic, where Wake Forest clinical students offer legal services to non-profit organizations and entrepreneurs who create new businesses in low-wealth areas in Forsyth County. For the past year Steve has served on the Faculty Public Engagement Advisory Board and has become a familiar face in the local community. Before joining the faculty in 2008, Steve directed a similar law clinic at Creighton University School of Law; practiced law with the Urban Development Office of Cleveland Legal Aid in Ohio and the Kutak Rock law firm in Omaha; and clerked for the Honorable George W. White, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio. He is the founder and General Counsel of the Great Plains Environmental Law Center and a former National Association for Public Interest



Law Equal Justice Fellow with the Nebraska Appleseed Center.

**L**aw Review symposium explores the meaning of contracts in context. The Wake Forest University Law Review hosted its annual Business Symposium entitled: "Contract Law in Context: Identity, Power, and Contractual Justice," on Friday, March 26, in the Worrell Professional Center. The symposium explored the meaning of contracts in context. The question to be asked is, should definitive contexts involving contracts — gender and race discrimination, large business-small business bargaining disparities, intra-ethnic contracting — be better reflected in contract law? Alternatively, has the market adequately disciplined inefficiencies related to discrimination, bias, and inequality of bargaining power? First, the symposium looked at how contract law internalizes context in the fabrication of contract rules. Second, it discussed contract law in its socio-cultural context, exploring the importance of context in trans-border transactions and in the evolving area of online social contracts. Third, it examined contracts in context from different perspectives including a comparative analysis of unconscionability, the role of gender, and the interpretation of contracts in a religious context. Finally, this symposium explored the broadening of context in areas of post-purchase consent in consumer contracts and the resolution of limited liability company disputes.



**B**eth Hopkins to serve as new outreach director Beth Hopkins is the new director of outreach and professor of practice at the Wake Forest University School of Law. The American Bar Association has mandated more pro bono programs for law schools, and as a result Dean Blake D. Morant created the role of a part-time director to coordinate the law school's pro bono activities, among other community outreach efforts. Hopkins will teach a business drafting course at the law school in the spring and is teaching a class in the university's history department this fall called "Race and the Courts." In her role as outreach director, Hopkins intends to build upon the foundation established by Associate Dean of Academics Suzanne Reynolds and her faculty and student Pro Bono committee. "We will direct the energy and enthusiasm of our law students into the program that will benefit the community and provide a rewarding experience for the law students," Hopkins said. Hopkins wants to begin with a needs assessment of the community by talking to community leaders to determine where the law school's Pro Bono Committee might help. "We're going to take what they have been doing up to the next level so that we can have a meaningful program and expand what students and the committee did last year," she said. A 1973 cum laude graduate of WFU who majored in Asian History, Hopkins is a 1977 graduate of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William & Mary.

# FACULTY NOTES



Carol B. Anderson



Don Castleman



Jennifer Collins

## CAROL ANDERSON

### Presentations

- Taught a course in June for Womble Carlyle associates on how to create powerful opening statements and closing arguments.

### Honors

- Named a Fellow of the American Bar Association, an honorary society limited to one-third of 1 percent of the practicing bar.

## DON CASTLEMAN

### Presentations

- “Between Retirement and Death – What Do I Do Now?” regarding Durable Power of Attorney, Health Care Power of Attorney and Advance Directives (Living Wills), SEALS panel in Palm Beach, Fla. July 31 – Aug. 5, 2010.

### Miscellaneous

- Met with the SEALS Program Committee
- Organized the Annual SEALS, West/ Foundation Press Golf Tournament

## JENNIFER COLLINS

### Presentations

- Presented a work in progress, “Fathers Who Kill Their Children,” as part of the Women’s and Gender Studies Spring Speaker Series.

### Publications

- “Rethinking Criminal Law and Family Status,” co-authored with Dan Markel and Ethan Leib, 119 Yale Law Journal 1864 (2010).

### Appointments

- Associate Provost for Academic Initiatives for Wake Forest University, effective July 1, 2010.

### Awards

- Received the Joseph Branch Excellence in Teaching Award at the Wake Forest Founders’ Day Convocation on Feb. 18, 2010.

## CHRIS COUGHLIN

### Presentations

- Legal Writing Institute, Marco Island, Fla. “Developing the ‘Third Story’: Strategies to Enhance Counter-Analysis and Ignite Student Enthusiasm,” June 30, 2010.
- Panel Moderator for Patient Centered Health Care Law and Ethics Symposium, Wake Forest University School of Law, Winston-Salem, N.C. “The Patient Experience.” April 15, 2010.
- Address to the Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Second-Year Class, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, N.C. “Health Care Reform and Medical Malpractice Reform.” January 2010.

### Publications

- Failure is Not an Option: What Legal Educators Can Learn from NASA’s Signature Pedagogies To Improve Student Outcomes (forthcoming summer, 2010, SMU Journal of Air Law Commerce) (with Lisa McElroy).
- Ethics in Regenerative Medicine (forthcoming Wake Forest University School of Law Intellectual Property Journal 2010) (with Nancy King and Mark Furth).

## LUELLEN CURRY

### Presentations

- Panelist, “Surviving and Thriving: The Experiences of Legal Writing Professors of Color Inside and Outside of the Classroom,” Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Marco Island, Fla., June 30, 2010.

## MICHAEL CURTIS

### Presentations

- Participated in a live national

panel discussion, “Beyond Gun Control: McDonald v. City of Chicago and Incorporation of the Bill of Rights,” on Feb. 25, 2010, sponsored by the American Bar Association (ABA) Section of State and Local Government Law, and the ABA Center of Continuing Legal Education.

- Panel Discussion on Citizens United v. FEC (Officers of for-profit corporations can use corporate treasury funds in media ads to support or oppose candidates for public office) at Elon University Law School, sponsored by the Federalist Society.

### Publications

- Review Essay: “Constitutional Law of Speech and Press: Politics, Rhetoric and Dialogue,” 103 Northwestern Law Review pp 1863-1896.
- Michael Kent Curtis, J. Wilson Parker, Davison Douglas, and William Ross, Constitutional Law in Context, Annual Supplement.
- Op-ed “Spinning Civil Rights History: A Partisan Account For Texas School Kids,” Austin-American Statesman (forthcoming)
- Essay, “Be Careful What You Wish For: Days, Dueling T-Shirts, and the Perils of Suppression.” Wake Forest Law Review, June 2009 has been selected for republication in the 2010-2011 Free Speech Yearbook as one of the year’s most notable free speech articles.

## TIMOTHY DAVIS

### Presentations

- Reactor to paper, An Economic Look at the Economic Sustainability of FBS Athletic Departments, written by Professor Rodney Fort. NCAA Scholarly Colloquium, Jan. 14, 2010, Atlanta, Ga.



# SUSIE SEWELL

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**Jacksonville, North Carolina**  
Alumna, School of Law

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## WHY I BELIEVE IN WAKE FOREST:

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- Because annual giving makes a substantial impact. It would take an additional \$11 million in the endowment to support what Wake Forest Fund gifts provide each year.
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- To reaffirm your commitment to Wake Forest School of Law and its mission.
- Because you would not be who you are today without your experiences at Wake Forest.
- Because one Wake Forest law student can positively impact the lives of thousands.

# FACULTY NOTES

## PROFESSOR JONATHAN CARDI

By Lisa Snedeker

Professor Jonathan Cardi is best known for his expertise in tort law and his research into the nature and source of the duty concept. He has also begun research in the area of race issues, specifically how race affects tort outcomes.

Cardi is the Wake Forest University School of Law's newest tenured professor, joining the school in the summer of 2010. As a visiting professor at the law school in the fall of 2008, he taught torts and copyright.

"I really enjoyed the time I spent here as a visiting professor," he said. "I look forward to working with such a collegial and talented group again."

The co-author of a torts casebook and a remedies casebook, Cardi is also co-editor of a book entitled *Critical Race Realism*. He also writes about copyright. In 2010, he served as president of

the Southeastern Association of Law Schools, and he is a member of the American Law Institute.

Prior to joining Wake Forest, he was a faculty member at the University of Kentucky College of Law, where he taught in the areas of copyright, torts, jurisprudence and remedies for eight years.

In his free time, Cardi is learning yoga and to paint and play the guitar—in his words, "each more poorly than the other." He and his wife, Shelly, have two daughters.

"We are loving living in Winston-Salem," he said. "Everyone has been so welcoming."

In 1998, Cardi graduated Coif from the University of Iowa College of Law, where he served as Senior Articles Editor for the *Iowa Law Review*. He was awarded his A.B. in English from

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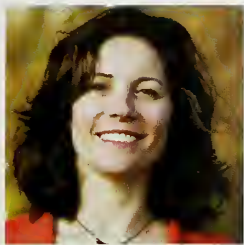
- Professor Jonathan Cardi

Harvard University in 1991.

Prior to teaching, Cardi was an associate at the Washington, D.C., law firm of Arnold & Porter, where he worked on a variety of litigation, copyright, and legislative matters from 1999-2002. In addition, he clerked for the Honorable Alan E. Norris, of the U.S. Federal Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in Columbus, Ohio. ♦







Chris Coughlin



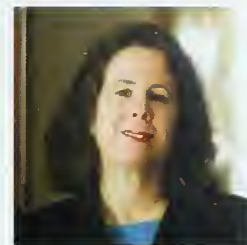
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Michael Curtis



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Maureen Eggert

- Moderator, Contracts in Context: Identity, Power, and Contractual Justice. Wake Forest Law Review Symposium, March 26, 2010.
- Chaired meeting of the Contracts Drafting Committee of the National Conference of Bar Examiners, April 29-30.
- Principal commentator on a paper presented at the John Langston Law Faculty Writing Workshop, School of Law, Southern Methodist University, June 25, 2010.
- Panelist, Hot Topics in College Athletics and the Law, Southeastern Association of Law Schools 2010 Meeting, Aug. 1, 2010.

#### Publications

- UCC Breach of Warranty and Contract Claims: Clarifying the Distinction, 61 BAYLOR L. REV. 783 (2009).

#### MAUREEN A. EGGERT

##### Presentations

- Panel member for the High Point Human Relations & YWCA. High Point, N.C. "Love, Sex & Magic... Until it Turns Violent," March 18, 2010.
- Speaker, Florida Bar CLE, Volusia County Law Library, "Ethics & the Web: Online Ethics & Public Information Searches," June 24, 2010.
- Speaker, 2010 College Careers & Technology (C-CAT): Law Professions and American Indian Law. Wake Forest University School of Law. "Information Technology for the College Student Scholar: Legal Research Tools and Skills," July 20, 2010.

##### Publications

- Contributor to the 18th Annual Research Instruction & Patron Services Special Interest Section Teach-In Kit, April 2010.

#### Honors

- LWI Grant to attend the Biannual Legal Writing Institute, June 2010.

#### MIKI FELSENBERG

##### Presentations

- "Legal Writing Professors Morphing into Contract Drafting Professors" (with Prof. Barbara Lentz): Presentation at Emory Teaching Transactional Law Conference, June 5, 2010, Atlanta, Ga.
- "A Better Beginning — Strategies for Minimizing Students' Frustration and Maximizing Their Achievement in the First Weeks of Legal Writing Instruction" (with Professor Laura Graham): Presentation at Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, June 28, 2010, Marco Island, Fla. This presentation will be adapted and incorporated into next semester's TA training as well.

#### MARK HALL

##### Presentations

- "Achieving Universal Coverage through Safety Net Expansion," ASLME Health Law Teacher's Conference, Austin, Texas, June 2010.
- "Implications for Employers of Health Insurance Exchanges," Greensboro, N.C., June 2010.
- "Constitutional Challenges to Health Care Reform," N.C. Bar Association, May 2010.
- "Debating the Constitutionality of Health Care Reform," American Health Lawyers Association, Washington, D.C., May 2010.
- "Patient-Centered Law and Ethics," Wake Forest University, April 2010.
- "Can the 'Safety Net' Provide Adequate Access to Health Care for the Uninsured?," Loyola Law School, Chicago, November 2009.

#### Publications

- The Three Types of Reinsurance Created By Federal Health Reform. 29 (6) Health Aff. 1168-1172 (2010).
- After Insurance Reform: An Adequate Safety Net Can Bring Us to Universal Coverage. 39 (6) Hastings Center Rep. 9-10 (Nov. 2009).
- The Constitutionality of Mandates to Purchase Health Insurance, 37 J. L. Med. Ethics 38-50 (2009).

#### SALLY A. IRVIN

##### Presentations

- Co-Chair, Cool Tools Café at AALL 2010 Annual Meeting (American Association of Law Libraries).
- Speaker, CALI 2010 Conference, "Still Crazy After All These Years: The CALI Conference at 20."

##### Appointments

- SEAALL (Southeastern American Association of Law Libraries), elected Secretary for 2010 – 2012.
- WomenHeart, The National Coalition for Women With Heart Disease, elected Secretary of the Governing Board of Directors for 2010 – 2012.

##### Honors

- Nominated by the American Heart Association for the Governor's Award For Outstanding Volunteer Service for Forsyth County.

#### SHANNON GILREATH

##### Presentations

- Keynote speaker at N.C. Pride at Duke University, Fall 2010

##### Publications

- Not a Moral Issue: Same-Sex Marriage and Religious Liberty, 2010 University of Illinois Law Review 205-224 (2010).
- Forthcoming, a book chapter, Marriage Equality and Religious Liberty: A Collision Course, for an

# FACULTY NOTES

## PROPERTY TANYA MARSH

By Lisa Snedeker

Tanya Marsh loved her first-year property class at Harvard Law School. Combine her natural interest in real estate transactions with the fact that she is the daughter of a former professor of law at the Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis, it's no surprise that she eventually found herself in front of a classroom.

Marsh, who joined the Wake Forest University School of Law as an assistant professor in August 2010, will teach real estate transactions and property as well as wills and trusts. She most recently taught at Indiana University's business school in Bloomington and as an adjunct at the School of Law in Indianapolis. "It's a new real estate transaction class that Wake hasn't had before. I'm going to focus on commercial real estate transactions, which is an important part of politics and economy right now. I think it's important for all attorneys to

be familiar with real estate."

The combination of a great academic reputation and being a place where one can find a scholarly home attracted Marsh to Wake Forest. "I got such a great feeling from the professors and students I met," she said. "You can really tell the spirit of a place when you talk to people."

Marsh is an Indiana native who graduated from Indiana University in 1994 with a bachelor of arts in history and political science. "I went to law school without a clear plan, but I knew that I wanted to learn to think like a lawyer and give myself more opportunities," she said.

Before law school, Marsh worked for then Indiana Gov. Evan Bayh, as a speechwriter. Following law school, she clerked for a year for the Indiana Supreme Court and then went to work for a big Indianapolis law firm as an

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- Professor Tanya Marsh



associate in the real estate section. After two years, she went to work for one of her clients, Kite Realty Group, as its first in-house attorney. During her tenure, Kite completed its initial public offering and greatly expanded in size. She left in September 2008 with six lawyers reporting to her. "I enjoyed practicing law, but I realized that the work that I was doing on nights and weekends — teaching and writing — was my calling. I feel very lucky to begin my academic career at Wake Forest law school."

Marsh is a contributing editor for the Property Prof Blog and a two-time recipient of the Harrison Legal Writing Award from the Indiana State Bar Association. She and her husband, Blane Sherman, have two young boys. ♦





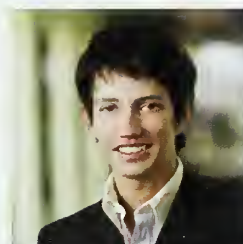
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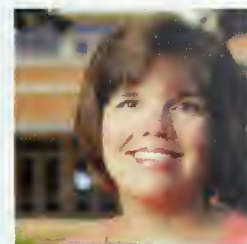
Mark Hall



Sally Irvin



Shannon Gilreath



Laura Graham

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- Forthcoming, a book, *Gay Lives/Straight Laws*, from Cambridge University Press.

#### **LAURA GRAHAM**

##### **Presentations**

- “A Better Beginning — Strategies for Minimizing Students’ Frustration and Maximizing Their Achievement in the First Weeks of Legal Writing Instruction,” (with Professor Miki Felsenburg), at the Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, June 28, 2010, Marco Island, Fla. This presentation will be adapted and incorporated into next semester’s TA training as well.

#### **MICHAEL GREEN**

##### **Presentations**

- Spoke on two panels at the Fourth Annual Judicial Symposium on Civil Justice Issues at the Judicial Education Program at Northwestern Law School. One panel addressed Recent Developments in Asbestos Litigation and Implications for Other Mass Torts and the other was on The Restatement Third of Torts and What it Means to You.
- Participated in a program on Teaching with the Socratic Method for Wake Forest University faculty sponsored by the University’s Teaching and Learning Center.
- Delivered a paper on “What American Tort Law Offers to the Rest of the World” at a Symposium held at Pepperdine University School of Law in honor of Alan Linden, a retired Justice of the Canada Court of Appeals.
- Spoke at a CLE held at William Mitchell College of Law entitled: “Flying Trampolines & Falling

Bookcases: Understanding the Third Restatement of Torts.”

- Participated in a CLE conducted through a webinar by the Iowa Association of Justice. The program was titled: “Requiem for Proximate Cause: Thompson v. Kaczinski and a Look at the Restatement (Third) of Torts.”

##### **Publications**

- Co-authored (with Larry Stewart) an article in *Trial* magazine, entitled “The New Restatement’s Top 10 Tort Tools.”

##### **Appointments**

- Named a member of the Editorial Advisory Board for the *Journal of European Tort Law*.

#### **JOHN KNOX**

##### **Presentations**

- “Comments on the Human Rights/Environment Linkage,” U.N. Expert Meeting on the Future of Human Rights and the Environment, Nairobi, Kenya, Dec. 1, 2009.
- “Application of Human Rights Law to Corporations,” Conference on Corporate Complicity in Human Rights Violations, University of Cambridge, Dec. 16, 2009.
- “Climate Change Refugees,” University of Georgia School of Law, Feb. 12, 2010.
- “Introduction to International Environmental Justice,” American Society of International Law Annual Meeting, March 26, 2010.
- “Climate Change and Human Rights: An Introduction,” American Association for the Advancement of Science, Science and Human Rights Coalition Meeting, July 27, 2010.

##### **Publications**

- *Diagonal Environmental Rights, in UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND EXTRATERRITORIAL*

*OBLIGATIONS* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2010).

- The Neglected Lessons of the NAFTA Environmental Regime, 45 *Wake Forest Law Review* 391 (2010).

#### **BARBARA R. LENTZ**

##### **Presentations**

- “Developing Effective Assessment Methods for Contract Drafting Course” talk and also commented upon the proposed ABA draft Standards and Interpretations at Emory Teaching Transactional Law Conference, June 5, 2010, Atlanta.
- “Legal Writing Professors Morphing into Contract Drafting Professors,” (Professor Miki Felsenburg): Presentation at Emory Teaching Transactional Law Conference, June 5, 2010, Atlanta, Ga.

#### **KATE MEWHINNEY**

##### **Presentations**

- Was a speaker at the Advanced Elder Law Review Course at the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys’ annual meeting in Orlando, Fla., in May 2010. Her topic was “Housing, Employment, Age and Disability Discrimination.”
- Was a presenter at the N.C. Guardianship Association’s Annual Meeting in Asheville in May 2010, on guardianship mediation.

##### **Publications**

- Published a book review of *Theories on Law and Ageing: The Jurisprudence of Elder Law* (Springer 2009, edited by Israel Doron), in the *National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys’ NAELA Journal*, Vol. 6, No. 1 (Spring 2010).

##### **Honors**

- Received the Howard L. Gum Service Award from the N.C. State Bar Board of Legal Specialization for her work

# FACULTY NOTES

## PROFESSOR PAT ROBERTS

By Lisa Snedeker

Pat Roberts, who taught at the Wake Forest University School of Law since 1979, retired in June. She was a well-respected teacher and scholar in the subjects of Property, Decedents' Estates and Trusts, and Donative Transfers.

An Ohio native, Roberts moved to Winston-Salem in 1977 from Columbus, Ohio, with her then husband Tom Roberts, who was hired to teach at Wake Forest law school and also retired in June.

Hired initially as an adjunct when her children were small, Roberts soon became part-time and later a tenured professor. She is a co-author of a casebook on Decedents Estates and Trusts, which is in its seventh edition, and author of law review articles and continuing legal materials for practicing lawyers.

Roberts was a longtime member of the law school's admissions committee

and was involved in preparing students for the bar examination. She has been active with the Legislative Committee of the Estate Planning and Fiduciary Law Section of the North Carolina Bar Association and spearheaded the effort to rid North Carolina of the antiquated "Rule in Shelley's Case" in 1986. She also has worked on efforts to reform the North Carolina statute that protects the surviving spouse from disinheritance. She also drafted North Carolina's anti-lapse statute.

She has been active with the Association of American Law Schools, serving as a member of the Executive Board and as Chair of the Donative Transfers, Fiduciaries and Estate Planning Section in 1996. In 2000, she was elected to become a member of the American College of Trusts and Estates Counsel. She has received the Joseph Branch Excellence in Teaching award as well as the Wake Forest Jurist Excellence in Teaching Award.

While she received a lot of positive feedback from her students for her teaching, those who know her know that her heart belongs to physical fitness.

"I was totally sedentary until I was in my early 30s," she said. "Then my former colleague, Butch Covington, and his wife, Marie, talked me into running."

In 1987 she set the North Carolina State record for Masters in the 10-miler and was voted N.C. Female Masters Runner of the Year by the N.C. Road Runners Association. Many of her training partners were students. Later she became a cyclist and, again, she has enjoyed many bike rides with students.



She is a 10-time National Champion in her age division and she finished third in her age division at the Worlds Masters Race in Austria in 2002.

Despite numerous run ins with motor vehicles, literally, or perhaps because of them, Roberts may be trading her road bike for a mountain bike and heading to the wilds and slick rock of Southern Utah to explore the sandstone and red rock desert where her daughter gives guided mountain bike tours.

In addition to being a mother and educating hundreds of young legal minds over the years, Roberts also set records in raising money for the YMCA's Partnership with Youth Campaign.

"I will miss my students," she said. "The feeling that I have successfully explained a difficult concept is extremely rewarding. I think the most important skill that I taught was the ability to recognize and avoid drafting ambiguous language. Often language seems unambiguous, but when applied to particular facts, usually involving an unexpected order of deaths, the drafting gives rise to litigation because of the ambiguity. The end result can leave an otherwise harmonious family torn apart. This is the worst thing a lawyer can do." ♦

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*- Professor Pat Roberts*





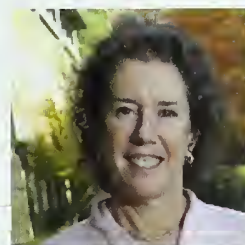
Michael Green



John Knox



Barbara Lentz



Kate Mewhinney



Blake Morant

to bring elder law certification into the board certification program.

#### Miscellaneous

- Took a semester course on Employee Benefits and Pension Law taught by Adjunct Professor William J. McMahon.

#### SUSAN R. MONTAQUILA

##### Presentations

- North Carolina Bar Association International Law and Practice Council Panel on Practicing International Law in North Carolina; Elon University School of Law, April 13, 2010.
- Facilitator, Palestinian Rule of Law Program Alumni Workshop, Columbia University Middle East Research Center, Amman, Jordan (Jan. 23-24, 2010).

##### Appointments

- Extension- Member of North Carolina Bar Association
- International Law and Practice Council 2010-2011

##### Invitations/Honors

- Open Society Institute – Palestinian Rule of Law Program
- Served on finalists scholar interview team in Jerusalem and West Bank, Jan. 26-28, 2010.
- Invited participant in Open Society Institute Faculty Development Fellowship Program Spring Conference; Chicago, April 24-28.
- Served as appointed Delegate of North Carolina Bar Association Attorney Exchange to Turkey, May-June 2010.

##### Publications

- Consultant for Aspen Publishing on book proposal for text on Foreign Student Admission to U.S. Law Schools: An American Law Professor's Guide to the LL.M., S.J.D., and Ph.D. in Law.

#### BLAKE MORANT

##### Presentations

- Panelist, "Dean's Panel Discussion – Communication with Administration," American Bar Association Law Students' Division, ABA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, Calif., Aug. 6, 2010.
- Panelist, "Coming Out of a Downturn," Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Palm Beach, Fla., Aug. 4, 2010.
- Presiding Vice President, North Carolina Bar Association, NCBA General Session Meeting, Wilmington, N.C., June 26, 2010.
- Panelist, "A Day in the Life of a Dean," American Bar Association, New Deans Seminar, Jackson Hole, Wyo., June 1, 2010.
- Panelist, "Strategic Planning and Accreditation," American Bar Association, New Deans Seminar, Jackson Hole, Wyo., May 31, 2010.
- Panelist, "No Place to Land: Preparing Students for the Job Market," North Carolina Bar Association Board of Governors Meeting, Charlotte School of Law, April 17, 2010.
- Delivered the commencement address at the Pepperdine University School of Law on May 21, 2010.

##### Publications

- "Symposium: First Amendment Issues in Emerging Technology — The Search for a Viable Theory of Regulation in the Digital Age," 47 University of Louisville Law Review 4 (2009).

##### Honors

- Received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Pepperdine University during commencement exercises at Alumni Park on the Malibu Pepperdine Campus.

#### STEVE NICKLES

##### Presentations

- "Bankruptcy Courts as Courts of Equity," Federal Judicial Conference for Bankruptcy Judges, San Francisco, Calif, July 2010 and Miami, Fla., February 2010.
- "Judicial Lawmaking," Arkansas Bar Association Annual Meeting, Hot Springs, Ark., June 2010.
- Presented on West's Law School Exchange at the 2010 CALI Conference, Camden, N.J., June 2010
- Presented on West's Law School Exchange at the Center for Engaged Learning in the Law's "Teaching for Engaged Legal Learning" Conference, Elon School of Law, April 2010.
- "The Role of State Law and Equity in Consumer and Business Bankruptcy Cases," 23rd Annual Northwest Bankruptcy Institute, Spokane, Wash., April 2010.

##### Publications

- BANKRUPTCY (Including BAPCPA): 21st CENTURY DEBTOR-CREDITOR LAW (with Epstein, Markell, & Perris) (3d ed. 2010)

##### Miscellaneous

- Hosted dinner for Thompson West Executives and law school administration, April 2010.
- WFU Law delegate at Externship 5, national conference on externships in law schools today, March 2010.

#### ALAN PALMITER

##### Presentations

- "Mutual Fund Performance Ads: Inherently and Materially Misleading?" Institute of Law & Economics, University of Pennsylvania Law School (April 2010) (one of two presented papers).
- Panelist, "Caremark Duties,"

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## PROFILE TOM ROBERTS

By Lisa Snedeker

After 33 years of teaching property law, Professor Tom Roberts retired in June. A nationally recognized authority on land use law, Roberts possesses a particular expertise in constitutional property rights litigation. He is co-author of the leading case book on Land Use law, used in more than 100 law schools across the country, as well as a treatise on the same subject.

While Roberts said goodbye to the law school in June, he probably won't be saying hello to an unusual vacation anytime soon. He'll be sticking closer to home. Before law school, Roberts served in the Peace Corps in Ecuador, which led to several more trips to the region in recent years. On several occasions he has spent time in the Amazon jungle.

A recent trip to Asia, however, didn't go well. "Three years ago, while

hiking in Bhutan, I became quite ill and had to be evacuated by helicopter from a mountain top," he said. "That has, temporarily at least, caused my interest in exotic hikes and vacations to wane."

Roberts' appreciation and admiration for Wake Forest are strong. During his tenure here, he says, the school has only gotten stronger.

"When Tom Hearn became president (of Wake Forest) in the early 1980s, he invested a great deal of time and money on the law school, enabling us to lower our class sizes and to hire new faculty, dramatically improving our student/teacher ratio," Roberts recalled.

"The school prospered greatly under Dean Bob Walsh from the mid-80s until 2008. He was a great leader and very capable administrator. Under Dean Blake D. Morant, we continue to

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*-Professor Tom Roberts*

do well, and I have no doubt the students in the years ahead will receive a superior education and have more resources and choices available to them."

Roberts says students have changed little over the past three decades.

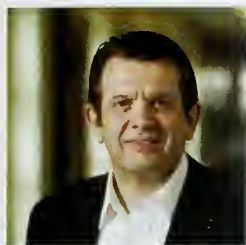
"They're still 22 years old and highly qualified," he said. "The objective credentials of the students are likely higher now (I haven't charted the changes), but they were good when I came. And, if I think about students in terms of subjective traits like caliber, quality, and enthusiasm, the students I taught early on were the equal of those I teach today."

Roberts has served in leadership positions in the Section of State and Local Government Law of the American Bar Association including as chair of the section.

Prior to coming to Wake Forest, Roberts was Assistant Dean and Supervising Attorney of Clinical Programs at the Ohio State University College of Law, and, prior to that, he was in private practice with Porter, Stanley, Platt & Arthur, of Columbus, Ohio. ♦







Steve Nickles



Alan Palmiter



Wilson Parker



Ralph Peeples



Linda Rogers

Delaware Corporate Governance Center, University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware (March 2010) (panel discussion of corporate compliance programs with judges, lawyers, compliance officers, law professors).

#### **Publications**

- Star Creation: Incubation of Mutual Funds (with Professor Ahmed Taha), 52 Corp. Practice Commentator \_\_\_\_ (2010) (article reprinted, among best corporate law articles of year).
- ISS Recommendations and Mutual Fund Voting on Proxy Proposals (with Dr. James Cotter, Schools of Business, Wake Forest University, and Prof. Randall Thomas, Vanderbilt Law School), 55 Villanova L. Rev. \_\_\_\_ (2010) (symposium issue).
- Worthless Warnings? Disclaimers in Mutual Fund Performance Ads (with Professor Ahmed Taha and Professor Molly Mercer, School of Accountancy, Arizona State University), 7 J. Empirical Legal Studies \_\_\_\_ (2010) (cited in financial press, including Wall Street Journal).
- Teacher's Manual (online with class slides), Corporations: A Contemporary Approach (with Prof. Frank Partnoy, San Diego School of Law) (West 2010) (part of new Interactive Casebook Series).

#### **WILSON PARKER**

##### **Presentations**

- Chaired a panel on "Aspirations and the Limits of Law" as part of the "The Rule of Law and the Rule of God: A Symposium on Ethics, Religion and Law" held at Wake Forest University on March 23, 2010.

##### **Awards**

- Recipient of the Student Bar Association's Jurist Excellence in Teaching Award.

#### **RALPH PEEPLES**

##### **Presentations**

- Court-Ordered Mediation, at the Annual Meeting of Farm Bureau Insurance Claims and Legal Executives, Asheville, N.C., June 28, 2010.

##### **Publications**

- "The Uses of Mediation in Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Cases," in the American Bankruptcy Institute Law Review.

#### **LINDA ROGERS**

##### **Presentations**

- 10th Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, entitled, "The Challenges In Designing a Litigation Drafting Course: Transitioning the Students from Grade-Focused Writing to Client-Centered Writing," at the James E. Rogers College of Law at the University of Arizona in Tucson, March 19-20, 2010.

#### **SIDNEY SHAPIRO**

##### **Presentations**

- "Back to the Future: Will the U.S. Return to the Social Model of Regulation?" Third Biennial Conference, Standing Group on Regulatory Governance of the European Consortium for Political Research, Dublin, Ireland, June 17, 2010.
- "Depoliticizing Judicial Review: Three Impossible Ways Forward," Administrative Law Comparative Discussion Forum, Aix-en-Provence, France, June 23, 2010.

##### **Publications**

- The People's Agents and the Battle to Protect the American Public: Special Interests, Government, and Threats to Health, Safety and the Environment (University of Chicago Press with Rena Steinzor) (2010).

- Administrative Law And Procedure: A Problem Casebook (4th ed. 2010) (West Publishing Co. with Bill Funk and Russ Weaver).

#### **DAVID SHORES**

##### **Publications**

- Continuity of Business Enterprise: A Concept Whose Time Has Passed, 63 The Tax Lawyer 471 (2010).

#### **KAMI SIMMONS**

##### **Presentations**

- Participated on panel regarding hate speech and offensive symbols at the People of Color Southeast/Southwest conference at the University of South Carolina, March 2010.
- A paper entitled "Cooperative Federalism or Over-Federalization of Criminal Law?: An Analysis of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act at Fordham Law School," (Mid-Atlantic Criminal Law Research Collective), June 2010.
- A panel at SEALS, "Bridging the Traditional Clinical/Doctrinal Divide," comprised of current and former criminal law practitioners who teach either clinical or non-clinical courses, will explore ways to bridge the traditional clinical/doctrinal divide to share ideas of enriching our respective teaching methodologies and scholarship, August 2010.

##### **Publications**

- Catholic University Law Review published article entitled, "New Governance and the New Paradigm of Police Accountability: A Democratic Approach to Police Reform."
- Upcoming article: "Cooperative Federalism and Police Reform: Using Congressional Spending Power to

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Sidney Shapiro



Kami Chavis Simmons



Omari Simmons

Promote Police Accountability," which will be published in the University of Alabama Law Review.

## Appointments

- Invited to serve on the Wake Forest Public Safety Advisory Board, a university-wide committee.

## OMARI SIMMONS

### Presentations

- Panelist, "Biggest Triumphs and Mistakes: Junior Faculty Perspectives," 2010 Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Workshop for New Law Teachers, Washington, D.C., June 18, 2010.
- Panelist, "Executive Compensation in Recessionary Times," Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Meeting, Employee Benefits Mini-Workshop, Palm Beach, Fla., on Aug. 3, 2010.
- Presenter, "Innkeepers: The Elusive Theory of In-House Counsel," William and Mary Law School, Williamsburg, Va., April 2, 2010.
- Presenter, "Diversity in the Legal Profession," University of South Carolina Law School, Southeast/Southwest People of Color Conference, Columbia, S.C., March 26, 2010.

### Publications

- "Innkeepers: A Unifying Theory of the In-house Counsel Role," 41 SETON HALL L. REV. (forthcoming 2011) (with James D. Dinnage).
- "Corporate Governance Reform as a Credence Service," 5 J. BUS. & TECH L. 113 (2010) (symposium).
- "The Under-examination of In-house Counsel," 11 TRANSACTIONS TENN. J. BUS. L. 145 (2010) (symposium).

### Appointments

- Attended 2010 American Law

Institute Annual Meeting as a newly elected member, May 17-19, 2010.

## MARGARET TAYLOR

### Appointments

- Appointed Special Consultant on Immigration Issues for the Committee on Federal-State Jurisdiction, Judicial Conference of the United States.

## CAROL A. TUROWSKI

### Presentations

- Organized and moderated "Lynching Then, Lynching Now" as part of a national teach-in focused on Racism and the Death Penalty in recognition of North Carolina's passage of the Racial Justice Act which allows death row inmates to challenge their sentence based on claims of racial discrimination. The key note address was provided by Stephen Bright, the nationally-recognized expert on litigating death penalty cases who has taught at Harvard, Yale and Georgetown and is President and Senior Counsel of the Southern Center for Human Rights. Panelist for the discussion included Mark Rabil, Darryl Hunt, an exoneree who spent 19 years in prison, and Reps. Larry Womble and Earline Parham who sponsored the N.C. Racial Justice Act bill in the House of Representatives.
- Conducted roundtable discussion at April 2010 International Innocence Network Conference in Atlanta, Ga., entitled, Incredible Challenges to Managing, Teaching and Supervising in a Wrongful Convictions' Clinic. Participants delved into the unique difficulties confronted by clinicians and students who review, investigate and pursue litigation based on inmates' claims of actual innocence.

- Assisted in organizing "Guilty Until Posthumously Pardoned: Reversing the South Carolina Murder Convictions of the Griffin Brothers." Professor Paul Finkelman, Ph.D. of Albany Law School discussed his efforts to have pardoned two African-American brothers from South Carolina who were executed in 1915 for a murder they did not commit.
- Presented PowerPoint presentation at Forsyth County Women Attorneys Association meeting in June 2010 entitled, "Wrongful Convictions: Causes, Remedies and Reforms."

### Advocacy

- Successfully advocated for the release of client who was excessively sentenced after having spent nine years in prison.

## STEVE VIRGIL

### Presentations

- Presenter, ABA Equal Justice Conference, "Community Economic Development in Rural America," Phoenix, Ariz., May 2010.
- Presenter, SALT Vulnerable Populations and Economic Realities Conference, "Law School Clinics: Language, Economics and Social Capital," May 2010.

### Appointments

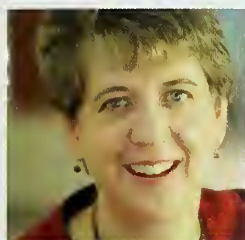
- Director, Institute for Public Engagement, Wake Forest University, January 2010.

## GEORGE WALKER

### Presentations

- Panelist on a program "Trying Detainees," sponsored by the Federalist Society and Womble Carlyle, Winston-Salem, March 18, 2010.
- Attended, participated in a roundtable, "Teaching Law at War





Margaret Taylor



Steve Virgil



George Walker



Ron Wright



Robert Walsh

and Staff Colleges,” Naval War College, Newport, R.I., June 21, 2010.

- Attended, participated in an International Law Conference, “International Law and the Changing Character of War,” Naval War College, Newport, R.I., June 22-24, 2010.

#### Appointments

- Elected as a proctor in the Maritime Law Association of the United States.

#### Publications

- “Occupation in Iraq: Issues on the Periphery and for the Future: A Rubik’s Cube Problem?” Chapter 12 in *The War in Iraq: A Legal Analysis* (Naval War College International Law Studies, v. 86, Raul A. “Pete” Pedrozo ed. 2010).
- As chair of the International Law Association (American Branch) Law of the Sea Committee, published the final Report, Terms in the 1982 U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea or in Convention Analysis that the Convention Does Not Define (Sept. 1, 2009).

#### ROBERT WALSH

##### Presentations

- Presided over a meeting of the American Inns of Court trustees in San Diego and was honored by the trustees and national staff at its concluding dinner as he completed his two-year term as national president, being the second non-judge president in the 30 year history of the organization.

##### Honors

- Won the 2010 Kutak Award from the American Bar Association. This is a national award given to the person who “meets the highest standard of professional responsibility and demonstrates substantial achievement towards increased

understanding between legal education and the active practice of law.” The award was presented at a ceremony and reception during the American Bar Association annual meeting in San Francisco. Past winners of the award had been practicing lawyers, academics, and judges, including Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor in 2006.

- Elected an Honorary Academic Bencher of the Honorable Society of Inner Temple. The Inner Temple is one of the four Inns of Court in London. Benchers are senior respected judges and practicing barristers of high achievement and constitute the governing body for each Inn. Dean Walsh is only the second Bencher in the United States and the first Academic Bencher outside of the United Kingdom.

#### RONALD F. WRIGHT

##### Presentations

- Continued Convergence of Immigration and Criminal Practice after *Padilla v. Kentucky*, presentation at North Carolina Bar Association; June 2010, in Cary, N.C.
- Political and Bureaucratic Accountability of Prosecutors, presentation at Prosecutorial Power: A Transnational Workshop; Washington and Lee University School of Law; April 2010, in Lexington, Va.
- Public Defender Elections and Popular Control Over Criminal Justice, presentation at the 2010 Missouri Law Review Symposium, *Broke and Broken: Can We Fix our State Indigent Defense Systems?*; University of Missouri School of Law; February 2010, in Columbia, Mo.

- Election of Public Defenders and Popular Control Over Criminal Justice, presentation to the faculty at the University of Arizona, Rogers School of Law; February 2010, in Tucson, Ariz.
- How Do Baby ADAs Grow Up, and Why Should We Care?, presentation to faculty and students at University of Arizona, Rogers School of Law, Program in Criminal Law and Policy; February 2010, in Tucson, Ariz.

##### Publications

- Why is Criminal Justice Only Partially Privatized? *Jotwell.com* (11 February 2010).
- Proceedings of the Working Group on Systems and Culture, \_\_\_\_ *Cardozo L. Rev.* \_\_\_\_ (2010).
- Fragmented Users of Crime Predictions, 52 *Ariz. L. Rev.* 91-96 (2010).
- Mexican Drug Violence and Adversarial Experiments, 35 *N.C. J. Int’l L. & Comm. Reg.* 363-385 (2010).

##### Appointments

- University of Arizona, Rogers College of Law – Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Program in Criminal Law and Policy, February 2010.

# ALUMNI NEWS

Three Wake Forest alumni receive NCBA's Citizen Lawyer Award. The North Carolina Bar Association, in conjunction with the Citizen Lawyer Task Force, recognized the 2010 recipients of the Citizen Lawyer Award on June 25 at the annual meeting in Wilmington.

Wake Forest University School of Law alumni **MARK W. OWENS JR. ('63)**, **LEW STARLING ('90)** and **MARCIA HIGH ARMSTRONG ('83)** were among the award winners.

The NCBA Citizen Lawyer Award was established in 2007 to recognize lawyers who provide exemplary public service to their communities.

The Wake Forest Fund for the School of Law Helps More Students in 2010-2011. Thanks to the generosity of nearly 1,600 alumni and friends, The Wake Forest Fund for the School of Law will have more scholarship funds available in the 2010-11 academic year.

With gifts totaling more than \$643,000, which is a 14 percent increase in dollars raised over last year, the annual fund will make a significant impact on students, faculty and programs at the law school.

Thanks to you, 19 new graduates received stipends to work as a public interest volunteers during the summer. This work provided them with the necessary skills and contacts they need to secure future employment.

And thanks to you, \$343,000 will be available to provide scholarship funds to current law students. In addition, a group of third-year law students will

have the opportunity to participate in a Washington, D.C., externship program for the first time in law school history thanks in part to your generosity.

Your gift to The Wake Forest Fund for the School of Law will have an immediate and lasting impact. Please add your name to the list of those who support the annual fund.

Make your gift today at [www.wfu.edu/giving](http://www.wfu.edu/giving) or mail it to P.O. Box 7227, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27109-7227. For questions, please contact Jennifer S. Hudson, assistant director of development for the law school at 336.758.5884.

2010 Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, October 8-10. Law classes of '60, '80, and '85 will celebrate their reunions with events throughout Homecoming Weekend. For more information and to see who is coming, visit <http://law.wfu.edu/alumni/reunion/>. Questions? Contact Jennifer S. Hudson, assistant director of law development at 336.758.5884 or via email at [hudsonjs@wfu.edu](mailto:hudsonjs@wfu.edu).

Allan Head ('69) receives Bolton Award from NABE. Allan B. Head, executive director of the North Carolina Bar Association since 1981, has received the Bolton Award, the highest honor bestowed by the National Association of Bar Executives.

Presentation of the award took place on Friday, Aug. 6, in San Francisco during the annual meetings of the NABE and the American Bar Association.

Head, who received his bachelor's

and law degrees from Wake Forest University in 1966 and 1969 respectively, joined the NCBA staff in 1973 as executive secretary. He served as president of the NABE in 2006-07.

The Bolton Award was presented at the Joint Luncheon of the National Conference of Bar Presidents, NABE and the National Conference of Bar Foundations.

The Bolton Award is NABE's highest accolade and recognizes the exceptional professionalism and achievement of a bar executive. It is named in honor of the late Fred Bolton, executive director and secretary of the Pennsylvania Bar Association from 1966 until 1977.

The executive director and treasurer of the North Carolina Bar Association (NCBA) since 1981, Head is a native of Atlanta. Following four years of military service as a lawyer assigned to U.S. Army Security Agency in Kassel and Augsburg, Germany, he returned to the United States in 1973 and joined the North Carolina Bar Association. Head also has served as a director of the Wake County Bar Association since 1974 and as its treasurer since 1981.

The Firm Rep Program Experiences Its Most Successful Year in History. With the leadership of the Firm Rep. Program Chair, Dan McGinn ('67), \$185,408 was raised for The Wake Forest Fund for the School of Law from more than 540 alumni in 58 firms/offices in 2009-10. This represents an increase of 15 percent despite a struggling economy and the most money raised in the program's history. Of the participating





firms, 26 met their goal of 100 percent participation and they are highlighted below.

Wake Forest School of Law invites all law firms with a minimum of three alumni to participate in the program. For more information, please contact Jennifer S. Hudson, assistant director of law development at 336.758.5884 or via email at [hudsonjs@wfu.edu](mailto:hudsonjs@wfu.edu). Thank you to participating law firms and their representatives.

**Firms with 100 percent participation:**

Batts Batts & Bell LLP

(Jeffrey A. Batts, '86)

Bell Davis & Pitt (Steve Russell, '80)

Blanco Tackabery Matamoros

(Amy Lanning, '04)

Brooks Pierce McLendon et al.

(Forrest Campbell, '90)

Carruthers & Roth PA

(Howard Borum, '80)

Casstevens Hanner Gunter & Riopel PA

(Nelson Casstevens, '65)

Comerford & Britt (John K. Moser, '00)

Constangy Brooks & Smith

(Bill McMahon, '05)

Davis & Hamrick (Lee Davis, '77)

Davis Harwell (Joslin Davis, '77)

Hagan Davis (Chip Hagan, '77)

Hedrick Gardner et al.

(Megan Johnson, '05)

Johnston Allison & Hord

(Paul Kohut, '83)

Kilpatrick Stockton LLP (Atlanta)

(Ty Lord, '99)

Kilpatrick Stockton LLP (Winston-

Salem) (Will Joyner, '96)

McGuire Woods & Bisette, PA

(Doris Loomis, '81)

**U.S. Supreme Court Bar admits 14 Wake Forest alumni** The annual U.S. Supreme Court Admissions Ceremony admitted 14 Wake Forest University School of Law alumni into the Bar of the nation's highest court on March 8. Dean Blake D. Morant presented the group for approval at the Court.

Admitted to the 2010 Supreme Court were: **CHRISTOPHER BOSKEN ('06), JAMES NARRON ('75), JOYCE RIDDLE NEELY ('75), STEPHEN OBERG ('00), THOMAS ODOM JR. ('87), JAMES PARISH ('76), MATTHEW PHILLIPS ('06), CHRISTIN REISCHE ('89), JONATHAN ROGERS ('05), BRETT SHUMATE ('06), WYKESHA LEAHTRIS TRIPP ('99), GREGORY WALL ('04), JOHN WESSELL III ('76), and SCOTT WILLIAMSON ('88).**

In addition to being sworn into the court, those admitted had the chance to meet Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Chief Justice John Roberts at a breakfast following the ceremony. The group also celebrated with their families at a dinner with the dean at The Palms Restaurant in Washington, D.C.

The annual Supreme Court swearing-in event is open to all donors who make annual gifts to the law school. The Office of Development and Alumni Relations is now taking requests for the 2011 Supreme Court admissions ceremony, which will be held Monday, May 2.

Applicants are required to pay a fee of \$200 to the United States Supreme Court. If you are interested in participating in this memorable opportunity, please contact Nancy Pierce at 336.758.5800 or [piercen@wfu.edu](mailto:piercen@wfu.edu).

# ALUMNI NEWS

Mullen Holland & Cooper

(Reid McGraw, '89)

Parker, Hudson, Rainer, & Dobbs

(Keith Taylor, '06)

Poyner & Spruill LLP (Raleigh)

(Dink Warren, '84)

Poyner & Spruill LLP (Rocky Mount)

(Dink Warren, '84)

Smith Debnam et. al. (Bettie Sousa, '81)

Smith Moore Leatherwood, LLP

(Greensboro) (Travis Martin, '02)

Tuggle Duggins & Meschan PA

(Pete Evenson, '77)

Vernon Law Firm (John Vernon, '67)

Wells Jenkins Lucas & Jenkins

(Mike Wells, '74)

Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor

(John Dorsey, '91)

Thank you to the remaining  
participating firms:

Alston & Bird LLP (Atlanta)

(Steve Ensor, '85)

Alston & Bird LLP (Charlotte)

(Chris Gegg, '02)

Bailey & Dixon

(Carson Carmichael, '80)

Burns Day & Presnell P.A.

(Lacy Presnell, '76)

Craige Brawley Liipfert Walker LLP

(Susan Ryan, '05)

Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP

(Collins Barwick, '88)

Herring Mills & Kratt PLLC

(Bill Kratt, '87)

Hunton & Williams

(Brandon Van Balen, '02)

Ivey McClellan Gattton Talcott

(Bob McCellan, '78)

K&L Gates (Charlotte)

(Karl Sawyer, '77)

K&L Gates (Raleigh)

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An important but oftentimes overlooked role of life insurance is the one it can play in charitable gift planning. Consider the following options:

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Annual policy premiums are deductible as a charitable contribution.

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**Name the School of Law as a beneficiary or successor beneficiary of a group-term life insurance policy.** There is no charitable income tax deduction, but there may be income tax benefits to such an arrangement.

Life insurance allows you quite a bit of creativity in making charitable gifts. Your gift can be used to establish a future endowment in your name or to honor a loved one. The policy could also be used to assist in capital projects or simply to support the Wake Forest Fund for the School of Law.

*If you would like more information on a gift of life insurance to benefit the Wake Forest School of Law, please contact Chip Patterson '72, Director of Planned Giving, at 336.758.5288 or [patterah@wfu.edu](mailto:patterah@wfu.edu) or Erica Lyall '99, Associate Director of Planned Giving, at 336.758.4013 or [lyaller@wfu.edu](mailto:lyaller@wfu.edu).*





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 Kilpatrick Stockton LLP (Raleigh)  
 (Chris Matton, '94)  
 McDermott Will & Emery LLP  
 (David Mathus, '84)  
 McGuire Woods LLP (Charlotte)  
 (Landis Wade, '83, Susan Dion, '01)  
 McGuire Woods LLP (Richmond)  
 (Jeff Starling, '03)  
 Moore & Van Allen PLLC  
 (Michael Herbert, '01)  
 Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP  
 (Atlanta)(Jennifer Malinovsky, '92)  
 Nexsen Pruet Adams Kleemeier  
 (David Senter, '84)  
 Parker Poe & Adams et al. LLP  
 (Charlotte) (Grant Whitney, '79)  
 Parker Poe & Adams et al. LLP (Raleigh)  
 (Bruce Thompson, '94)  
 Poyner & Spruill LLP (Charlotte)  
 (Dink Warren, '84)  
 Robinson & Lawing (Bob Lawing, '73)  
 Smith Anderson Blount et al.  
 (John Madden, '83)  
 Teague Campbell Dennis & Gorham  
 (Jacob Wellman, '02)  
 Ward & Smith PA (Michael Parrish, '08)  
 Williams Mullen (Brad Nowak, '04)  
 Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice LLC  
 (Charlotte) (Matt Homan, '01)  
 Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice LLC  
 (Raleigh) (Ken Carroll, '85)  
 Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice LLC  
 (Winston-Salem) (Jim Phillips, '77,  
 Chad Brown, '06)  
 Wyrick Robbins Yates & Ponton  
 (Kemp Sherron, '84)  
 Young Moore & Henderson  
 (Matthew Gray, '03)

**E**ugene Pridgen elected president of the N.C. Bar Association Eugene C. Pridgen ('78), administrative partner for K&L Gates in Charlotte, was sworn in on June 26 as the 116th president of the North Carolina Bar Association.

Also elected to serve a two-year term as vice president of the NCBA was **DOYLE EARLY ('67)** of Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler in High Point. **KIM STOGNER ('94)** of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice in Winston-Salem was elected to a three-year term on the NCBA Board of Governors.

Six outstanding lawyers were inducted into the North Carolina Bar Association's General Practice Hall of Fame including **P.C. BARWICK, JR. ('60)** of Kinston, **HAROLD LEE POLLOCK ('78)** of Burgaw, and **EUGENE C. THOMPSON III ('66)** of Warsaw.

The following Wake Forest law alumni were appointed to be section chairs for the 2010-11 association year:

**JENNIFER K. VAN ZANT ('94)**, Antitrust & Trade Regulation Law section; **ELIZABETH M. REPETTI ('86)** and **ROBERT A. COX, JR. ('95)**, Bankruptcy section; **ALLISON VAN LANINGHAM ('96)**, Constitutional Rights & Responsibilities section; **CHRISTOPHER A. BEECHLER ('01)**, Criminal Justice section; **JULIA R. HOKE ('86)**, Education Law section; **MICHELLE D. REINGOLD ('90)** and **LORION M. VITALE ('95)**, Family Law section; **CYNTHIA B. ROTHSCHILD ('99)**, Intellectual Property Law section; **COE WILLIAM RAMSEY ('98)**, Sports & Entertainment section; **KENNETH C. HAYWOOD ('92)**, Zoning, Planning & Land Use section.

# ALUMNI NEWS

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*Alumni Reception at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys in Hilton Head, S.C., sponsored by Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC*

*N.C. Bar Association alumni reception in Wilmington*

*Professor Robert Walsh, Dean Blake D. Morant, Deborah Butler ('86), and Mrs. P.J. Morant at the N.C. Bar Association alumni reception*







#### TOP TO BOTTOM

Amber Kirby ('10), Geeta Karkhanis ('10) and Todd Kostyshak ('09) at the Washington, D.C., alumni reception sponsored by Parker Poe

Angie Cecil ('08) and Will Woodlee ('07) at the Washington, D.C., alumni reception

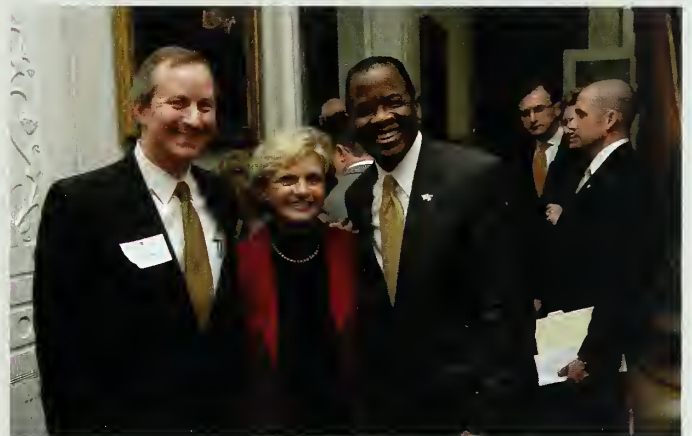
Dean Blake D. Morant (left) and Chuck Lee ('67) at the Washington, D.C., alumni reception



John Madden ('83) (left), Bev Perdue, and Dean Blake D. Morant at the N.C. Governor's Mansion

Alex Reyes ('09) and Bobbi Acord Nolan ('89) at the Atlanta alumni reception

John Mitchell ('07) (left), Jessie Cohan ('06), Jason Loring ('06), and Keith Taylor ('06) at the Atlanta alumni reception sponsored by Sutherland Asbill & Brennan, LLP



# CLASS NOTES

By Michael Graff

**"I just happened to have been in the right spot at the right time..."**

*- Laura Dildine ('10)*

Laura Dildine loved the classroom. She spent six years in one, teaching high school in Forsyth County. But when she started to see her enthusiasm outgrowing the traditional public school setting, she left teaching and began pursuing a law degree.

During her second year at Wake Forest School of Law, Dildine came upon an opportunity that merged her passion for education and her desire to help in a larger capacity. Through a fellowship with Wake Forest's Community Law and Business Clinic, Dildine visited Carter G. Woodson School, a small charter school serving a mostly black and Hispanic population in east Winston-Salem, in February 2009.

The school needed a library. So Dildine started building one.

Motivated by the school's passion for making a difference, Dildine initiated a remarkable community-wide campaign - with donations coming in from local businesses, Wake Forest, public libraries, the local newspaper

and dozens of other organizations and hundreds of individuals - that resulted in the accumulation of 5,000 books for Carter G. Woodson's 300 students. More than a year later, when Dildine stood to receive her law degree, Carter G. Woodson stood with a full library.

"I just happened to have been in the right spot at the right time, and I guess I was a catalyst to help bring all these people in Winston-Salem and North Carolina together," Dildine said. "After all those years of looking for reform, I realized there is reform right in front of me, and it's happening at Carter G. Woodson."

Before Dildine stepped onto campus, Carter G. Woodson's library system consisted of a weekly visit by a bookmobile. The school didn't have the money to build and operate a library. Charter schools are publicly funded for operations, but run by private boards and given autonomy to explore new ways and methods of teaching.

When Carter G. Woodson opened

13 years ago, a library was among the long-range goals. But until Dildine arrived, no real movement had been made. She began her campaign without any funding.

"She started what we call the journey," Carter G. Woodson principal Ruth Hopkins said.

That journey started modestly. Dildine, while she had a background in education, knew very little about opening a library. She researched it, though, and learned that she would need 10 books for every one student to be considered a full school library. During the middle of her summer fellowship for the Public Interest Law and Business Center, she had about 350 books. But after a story ran in the Winston-Salem Journal, donations came flooding in.

So did the help. People from all across the community gave up their Saturdays to accept, donate and organize the books.

"It was really a true community effort," Dildine said.

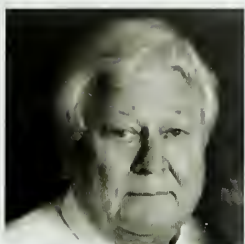
The generosity was staggering. Wake Forest donated study carrels. Womble Carlyle donated computers. Local churches, libraries, individuals and even other schools in the area donated books.

"It was great for me to have an unspeakable spirit with people who had the same vision."

Dildine continued to work with the school throughout the fall, on her own time, even after her fellowship had run its course. She saw it through







Fred Black



Fred Morrison



David Zacks



Carl Hibbert



Bob Benson

to the holiday break, when Carter G. Woodson hired a full-time librarian, Margarette Snow, thanks to a grant from the Winston-Salem Foundation. Dildine handed her work over to Snow before the spring semester.

Steve Virgil, an associate clinical professor of law and the director of the Community Law and Business Clinic, watched Dildine's relationship with the school grow from the day he first took her to Carter G. Woodson in February 2009.

"As a former teacher, she connected with the school in a deeper way than many students do," Virgil said. "Laura's also someone who's really looking for ways to serve and make the community better. We do have students who have continuing engagement with our clients or the area or mission. But Laura has a more personal investment."

Dildine, a Morehead City native, began a year-long clerkship for a federal judge after graduating. After that, she's not convinced she won't try to go back into education, on a larger scale.

"If I could close my eyes and say, 'Why did I go to law school? What would I like to be doing in five to 10 years?' I would definitely say I'd like to be affecting change in public education in North Carolina," Dildine said. ♦

## 1952

**RUSSELL E. TWIFORD** is a retired attorney in Elizabeth City, N.C. He received the N.C. Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the state's highest civilian honor.

## 1958

**H. GRADY BARNHILL JR.** received the Litigation Section Advocate's Award from the N.C. Bar Association. This award is the highest honor a litigation attorney in North Carolina can receive. He is a lifetime member of the Wake Forest University Law Board of Visitors and has led the Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice litigation practice for many years.

## 1962

**FRED S. BLACK** has practiced law in South Boston and Halifax County, Va., since 1962. He was a member of the Wake Forest University Law Board of Visitors under Dean John Scarlett.

**W. HERBERT BROWN JR.** retired in 2003 after practicing law for 40 years. He finished the Ironman Arizona in 2008 and the Ironman Lake Placid in the Adirondack Mountains in 2009. He finished second both times for his age group of 70-74. He and his wife, Keris, live in Charlotte, N.C.

## 1963

**FRED GILBERT MORRISON JR.** is a senior administrative law judge with the N.C. Office of Administrative Hearings. He received a lapel pin/tie tack for his 40 years of service from the governor of North Carolina. He and his wife, Carolyn, live in Raleigh, N.C.

## 1965

**WILLIAM B. CREWS** of Southern Pines, N.C., **PHILIP O. REDWINE** ('65) of Raleigh, N.C., and **JAMES R. VANCAMP** ('65) of Pinehurst, N.C., joined Dean Blake D. Morant in attending the law school's reception at the N.C. governor's Executive Mansion.

## 1966

**WILLIAM KEARNS DAVIS** is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem, N.C. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America, one of North Carolina's Super Lawyers and among the top 10 attorneys in business litigation. He has been named the 2010 Triad Area Bet-the-Company Litigator of the Year.

**JOSH MORTON JR.** opened a law firm 40 years ago in Albemarle, N.C. He moved the firm to Locust, N.C., in 2006. He is a candidate for Stanley County commissioner.

## 1967

**DAVID ZACKS** is with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Atlanta. He has been named a 2010 Georgia Super Lawyer in general litigation and one of America's Leading Lawyers for Business by Chambers USA. He has been named co-chair of the Wake Forest University Law Board of Visitors.

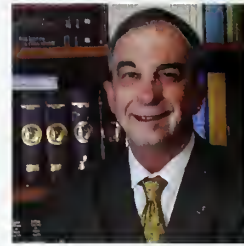
## 1968

**CURTIS P. CHEYNEY III** is the managing partner of Swartz Campbell LLC in Philadelphia. He has been named a Super Lawyer every year since 2005. He received a Certificate of Honor from the Pennsylvania Bar Institute for two

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Dan Taylor



Skip Capone



Joslin Davis

decades of service in continuing legal education.

## 1971

**WILLIAM R. LOFTIS** is a managing partner with Constangy Brooks & Smith LLP in Winston-Salem, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer.

**WALTER W. PITT JR.** is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America and a N.C. Super Lawyer in bankruptcy and creditor-debtor rights law.

## 1972

**CARL W. HIBBERT** is with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in estate planning and probate law.

## 1973

**JAMES E. CROSS JR.** is a partner with Royster Cross & Hensley LLP in Oxford, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer. He and his wife, Deb, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

## 1975

**ROBERT "BOB" BENSON** has formed a full-service law firm, Benson Brown & Faucher PLLC in Greensboro, N.C., with partners Drew Brown and James Faucher.

**JAMES W. NARRON** is with Narron O'Hale & Whittington PA in Smithfield, N.C. He has been named board chairman of the N.C. Community Foundation.

**WILLIAM E. WHEELER** is a managing partner practicing business, trust and estate litigation with Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler LLP in High Point, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer.

## 1976

**DAN TAYLOR** is with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Winston-Salem. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in business litigation and one of America's Leading Lawyers for Business by Chambers USA. He and **DAVID SMITH** ('84) played key roles in the 13-year case representing Cobell/plaintiffs in one of the largest class-action victories in U.S. history.

## 1977

**LUCIEN "SKIP" CAPONE III** has been named the university counsel at UNC-Asheville. He has been university counsel at UNC-Greensboro since 1991.

**JOSLIN DAVIS** is with Davis & Harwell PA in Winston-Salem. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer, one of the Top 100 Lawyers and one of the Top 50 Women Lawyers in North Carolina for the past five years. She was named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite and one of the Best Lawyers in America for the 16th consecutive year.

## 1978

**KAY HAGAN** is a U.S. Senator from North Carolina. She delivered the 2010 commencement address for the second graduating class of the Elon University School of Law in Elon, N.C.

## 1979

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

**J. ANTHONY PENRY** is a partner with Penry Riemann PLLC in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in construction law.

## 1980

**J. CLARK FISCHER** is a specialist in state and federal criminal law and criminal appellate practice with Randolph & Fischer in Winston-Salem. He has been named one of Charlotte Magazine's N.C. Super Lawyers. He is a competitive bodybuilder who won first place in the Natural Physique Association's Virginia State and Tri-Cities Championship and the North American Sports Federation President's Day Classic.

**STEPHEN M. RUSSELL SR.** is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

## 1981

**BETTIE KELLEY SOUSA** is a partner with Smith Debnam Narron Drake Saintings & Myers LLP in Raleigh, N.C. She is president-elect of the American Board of Certification, accredited by the American Bar Association.

## 1982

**D. ANDERSON CARMEN** is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers





Clark Fischer



Bettie Kelley Sousa



Gary Joyner



Steve Berlin



David Smith

in America in construction law.

**ANN WINDON CRAVER** is president of the Durham Library Foundation and chair of the Friends Board at the Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University. Her husband, **RHODES CRAVER** ('82), is managing partner of Kennon Craver Belo Craig & McKee PLLC in Durham, N.C. They are co-chairs of the Parents' Association and representatives on the Board of Trustees for the Asheville School in Asheville, N.C., where their son, John, is a student.

**GARY K. JOYNER** is with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in real estate law and one of America's Leading Lawyers for Business by Chambers USA.

**KEVIN McDUGALL** is executive vice president and general counsel of Xerium Technologies in Raleigh, N.C.

#### 1983

**JOHN D. MADDEN**, a partner with Smith Anderson et al., has been named co-chair of the Wake Forest University Law Board of Visitors.

#### 1984

**STEVE BERLIN** is a managing partner with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Winston-Salem. He and his wife, Bonnie, were co-chairs for the 2009 Arts Council Campaign for Winston-Salem and Forsyth County. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in environmental law and one of America's Leading Lawyers in Business by Chambers USA.

**DAVID C. SMITH** is with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Winston-Salem. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in business litigation. He and **DAN TAYLOR** ('76) played key roles in the 13-year case representing Cobell/plaintiffs in one of the largest class-action victories in U.S. history.

#### 1985

**THOMAS GRELLA** is with McGuire Wood & Bissette PA in Asheville, N.C. He has been named a fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

**DAVID GRAHAM LERNER** is associate general counsel/litigation with Stock Building Supply in Raleigh, N.C.

**KAREN M. WILSON** is a partner with Wall Esleek Babcock LLP in Winston-Salem. She has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

#### 1986

**RANDALL D. AVRAM** is with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Top 100 Super Lawyer in employment and labor law and one of America's Leading Lawyers for Business by Chambers USA.

**JEFFREY A. BATTS** has been elected to serve a three-year term on the business law section council of the N.C. Bar Association and is chairman-elect of the Rocky Mount Area Chamber of Commerce. He practices law in Rocky Mount, N.C., with five attorneys including his father, **JEFF D. BATTS** ('57), his brother, **MICHAEL S. BATTS**

('87), and his brother-in-law, **JOSEPH L. BELL JR.** ('91).

**JAMES E. MEADOWS** is a partner with FSB FisherBroyles in Atlanta. He has been named one of America's Leading Lawyers for outsourcing and one of the Best Lawyers in America for information technology law.

#### 1987

**GREGG McDUGALL** is a partner with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named chairman of the board of directors of The First Tee of the Triangle. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in general litigation.

**SUSAN SPARKS** trained as a trial lawyer, was a stand-up comedian, and graduated from Union Theological Seminary in 2002. She is senior pastor of Madison Avenue Baptist Church in New York. She wrote a book, "Laugh Your Way to Grace: Reclaiming the Spiritual Power of Humor." During April and the celebration of Easter, she was the first American Baptist pastor to preach on "Day 1," a national weekly ecumenical radio program.

**MICHAEL A. USAN** has been appointed to the Circuit Court Bench for the 17th Judicial Circuit over a criminal division in Broward County, Fla.

#### 1988

**CARL SALISBURY** leads the Insurance Recovery Practice Group at Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in New York. He and his wife, Casey, live in Westfield, N.J.

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## PROFILE

### REV. SUSAN SPARKS ('87)

**“Being a trial lawyer and a minister have a lot in common.”**

*- Susan Sparks ('87)*

Susan Sparks (JD '87) may be the only female standup comedian in the nation who serves as senior minister of a church. Add in her career as a trial lawyer and a country singer and you have the dynamic leader of the Madison Avenue Baptist Church in New York City.

“Being a trial lawyer and a minister have a lot in common,” says Sparks. “They require similar skills like persuasion, and the ability to come at problems with questions, not answers.”

Her new book, “Laugh Your Way to Grace: Reclaiming the Spiritual Power of Humor,” was released in May. The book includes a chapter referencing Wake Forest and is framed around her experience in “Mad Dog” Walker’s class.

She has used her skills as a lawyer to become a successful minister, but does she miss her work as an attorney?

“Why should I? Minister-lawyer? Same job, different clients,” she said.

Country music star Naomi Judd is a fan.

“Laughter, like music, is a universal language,” Judd says about Sparks’ book. “And Susan Sparks speaks this language like no other. ‘Laugh Your Way to Grace’ weaves humor and the sacred into one beautiful work of art. If you want to blast some fresh air into your spiritual life, then by all means read this book.”

Intersections International has honored Sparks for her interfaith work to promote justice, reconciliation and peace among diverse communities. Sparks also has been featured in the New York Times, USA Today and on ABC and CNN.

“I didn’t expect that I could find a career where I could bring all of who I am to what I do,” she says. “My advice to young lawyers is to bring your full self into what you do. Don’t leave part of yourself outside the door. It’s what sets you apart -- for clients, for juries, for all aspects of life.”

Sparks speaks to corporate and religious groups on things such as leadership, communications skills and life transitions. She teaches “standup comedy for non-standups,” which is aimed at lawyers, clergy and anyone who wants to learn about the power of humor in communication.

She recently toured with Rabbi and Muslim comics as part of a multi-faith comedy tour.

Sparks started her law career with Smith Currie & Hancock in Atlanta as a trial lawyer in employment law. She also worked for CitiBank and First USA Bank of Delaware. But when First USA

was bought out, she saw an opportunity to pay off her school loans and travel the world.

“I traveled for two years doing everything from working for Mother Teresa and climbing Mount Kilimanjaro to driving my Jeep Wrangler from New York City to Alaska. Whether it was the laughter of Buddhist monks or the Sacred Clowns of the Navajo, everywhere I went I found examples of how comedy – joy and laughter – was an integral part of the Holy,” she says.

On her website, [susansparks.com](http://susansparks.com), she writes a blog and offers a free weekly podcast. A recent entry is called “The Mulch Pile.”

“God bless mulch piles. For any of you gardeners out there, you know the magic of a mulch pile: a place where smelly fish carcasses and egg shells transform into rich, dark dirt; dirt that gives life to things like aromatic lavender and brilliantly colored day lilies ... I sat down to read the lectionary scripture for the week to prepare for the sermon and saw our scripture in Colossians 3. Who knew there was a parallel in mulch piles and the words of the Apostle Paul? Perhaps he was a gardener? “Get rid of all such things -- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth (the ‘trash’) and cloth yourself in the new self.” ... Whatever you do, don’t waste this life on trash that brings you down and stinks up your house. As Paul says, get rid of these things; take out the trash, throw it on the mulch pile and cloth yourself in something healing and wonderful and new.” ♦







Thomas Grella



Randall Avram



Jeff Batts



Gregg McDougal



Bryan Adams

**ROBIN SHEA** is a partner with Constangy Brooks & Smith LLP in Winston-Salem. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer for employment and labor law.

**AMY K. SMITH** is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. She has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in trust and estate law and a N.C. Super Lawyer in estate planning and probate.

#### 1989

**C.M. "MICKEY" METCALF** is an associate professor of law and management at Gardner-Webb University's Godbold School of Business in Boiling Springs, N.C. He serves as director for the Forsyth Center of Gardner-Webb in Winston-Salem. He was inducted as an honorary member of Delta Mu Delta and was a visitation team member from an ACBSP accreditation visitation to the University of Puerto Rico-Utardo. He and his wife, Jan, live in High Point, N.C.

**CHARLOT F. WOOD** is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. She has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in commercial litigation and workers' compensation.

#### 1990

**G. BRYAN ADAMS III** is a partner with Van Hoy Reutlinger Adams & Dunn PLLC in Charlotte, N.C. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in employment law.

**KENNETH P. CARLSON JR.** is a managing partner with Constangy Brooks & Smith

LLP in Winston-Salem. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer.

**DAVID WAYNE JOHNSON JR.** teaches and tutors English and math in schools in the Phoenix area. He helped produce a music education documentary, "From the 50 Yard Line."

#### 1991

**FRED M. WOOD** is a partner with Smith Moore Leatherwood in Charlotte, N.C., and co-chair of the business litigation team. He has been named one of America's Leading Lawyers and one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite.

#### 1992

**D. BETH LANGLEY** is with Hagan Davis Mangum Barrett Langley & Hale PLLC in Greensboro, N.C. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer and one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite.

**STEVEN H. LEVIN** is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves and a founding member of Levin & Gallagher LLC in Baltimore and Washington, D.C. He has been selected by The Judge Advocate General to be a military judge in the First Judicial Circuit.

#### 1993

**ERIC M. BRAUN** taught planning and the law in the Master of Public Administration program at N.C. State University in the spring and will teach municipal law in the fall. He is a partner in the offices of K&L Gates LLP in Raleigh and Research Triangle Park, N.C.

**KEITH BURNS** is of counsel with Morris Manning & Martin LLP in Durham, N.C. He has been named chair of the Durham district of Boy Scouts of America.

**JILL S. COX** is with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Winston-Salem. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in employment and labor law.

**BRUCE M. JACOBS** is with Spilman Thomas & Battle PLLC in Charleston, W.Va. He was recognized by Chambers USA in commercial litigation law.

**EDWIN G. WILSON JR.** is a superior court judge and chairman of the Rockingham County Education Foundation, formed to increase education levels.

#### 1994

**ERIC W. ISKRA** is with Spilman Thomas & Battle PLLC in Charleston, W.Va. He was recognized by Chambers USA in labor and employment law.

**W. CHRISTOPHER MATTON** is with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in business/corporate law and selected one of America's Leading Lawyers for Business by Chambers USA.

**MICHAEL J. MCCORMICK** is the managing partner of the bankruptcy department of McCalla Raymer LLC in Atlanta. He specializes in the representation of mortgage servicers.

#### 1995

**DANIEL C. BRUTON** is with Bell Davis &

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Keith Burns



Jill Cox



Christopher Matton

Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. He has been named, for the first time, one of the Best Lawyers in America in bankruptcy and creditor-debtor rights law.

**THOMAS R. CAMPBELL** has been elected judge of the Adams County Court of Common Pleas in Pennsylvania. He lives in Gettysburg with his wife, Tammie Brush-Campbell, and two sons, Collin (8) and Devin (4).

**HILLARY WHITAKER** has been made a partner at Wishart Norris Henninger & Pittman PA in Burlington, N.C.

## 1996

**FORD B. ROBERTSON** is with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Rising Star in real estate law.

**SARAH SPARBOE THORNBURG** has been elected to the board of directors of McGuire Wood & Bissette PA in Asheville, N.C.

**DANIELLE WILLIAMS** is a partner with Kilpatrick Stockton in Winston-Salem. She coached the law school's National Trial Team, which won the regional tournament to advance to the National Trial Competition in Dallas.

## 1997

**CHARLIE D. BROWN** is with Wishart Norris Henninger & Pittman in Burlington, N.C. He won accreditation as a Veterans Affairs attorney. He serves on the Estate Planning and Probate Law Specialty Committee of the N.C. State

Bar Board of Legal Specializing. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite.

**JOHN T. EARWOOD** has been named chief of staff for the Office of the Chancellor at Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C.

**BONITA J. HAIRSTON** is chief of staff, serving as principal aide and adviser to the chancellor, at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

## 1998

**DEBORAH HALVORSEN** is with Davis & Harwell PA in Winston-Salem. She specializes in family law and has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America for the first time.

**W. KEVIN McLAUGHLIN JR.** has been named deputy chief of staff for N.C. Gov. Bev Perdue.

**KEVIN G. WILLIAMS** is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. He has been named, for the first time, one of the Best Lawyers in America in commercial litigation and a N.C. Rising Star in business litigation.

## 1999

**FRANCESCO FERRINI** (LLM) is with Studio Legale IuraPlus, a private practice firm in Milan, Italy.

**NATARSHA D. NESBITT** is corporate counsel at CCS Medical, a mail order durable medical equipment supply company and pharmacy, in Florida.

**JASON NEWTON** is with Yates McLamb & Weyher LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in the Young Guns category.

**RYAN SHUIRMAN** is with Yates McLamb & Weyher LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in the Young Guns category.

## 2000

**RICHARD RUSSELL FOUST** is a partner specializing in real estate law with Stamey & Foust LLP in Trinity, N.C.

**MATTHEW A. KRAUSE** is a brigade judge advocate of the 7th Sustainment Brigade in the U.S. Army in Port au Prince, Haiti.

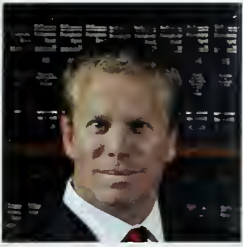
**CHRISTOPHER J. WELCH** and **JASON R. HARRIS** ('00) have formed Welch & Harris LLP in Jacksonville, N.C. They practice criminal defense and civil matters including maritime and admiralty law.

## 2001

**GREGORY D. HABEEB** is a partner with Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore LLP in Roanoke, Va. He received the highest rating in ethical standards and professional abilities in the Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review.

**GAVIN PARSONS** is an associate in the complex litigation group of Troutman Sanders LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Rising Star in business litigation.





Thomas Campbell

**ALEXANDER ROTH** (LLM) is a member of the Criminal Law Department of Berlin's Federal Department of Justice.

## 2002

**ERIC BASS** has been named a partner with Wishart Norris Henninger & Pittman PA in Charlotte, N.C. He and his wife, Jennifer, have one son.

**MATT BELL** is a member of Miller & Martin PLLC in Chattanooga, Tenn. He practices business law with an emphasis on mergers and acquisitions and procurement.

**BRIAN C. ELLSWORTH** is a partner with Alston & Bird LLP in Charlotte, N.C. He is a patent attorney with a specific emphasis on mechanical and electro-mechanical intellectual property. He and his wife, **LISA** ('02), have three children.

**ED ERGENZINGER** is director of intellectual property at the Duke Human Vaccine Institute. His daughters, Ellie (8) and Kate (6), asked if that meant they had to root for Duke, but of course the answer was no.

**ROBERTA B. KING** is with Bennett & Guthrie PLLC in Winston-Salem. She has been named chair of the N.C. Bar Association Young Lawyers Division for 2010-11.

**THOMAS D. RICKS** has started a corporate transactional law practice at Alexander Ricks PLLC in Charlotte, N.C.



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## PROFILE

### AMBER KIRBY ('10)

By Lisa Snedeker

Amber Kirby ('10) doesn't remember the night of Oct. 16, 2009, though friends and family have told her it was foggy and damp.

Kirby, a third-year student in the Wake Forest University School of Law, had gone home to Mount Olive, N.C. — about halfway between Raleigh and Wilmington — for fall break. She and a childhood friend were on a back road in Duplin County. Just out for a drive.

Kirby pulled to a stop sign on an unfamiliar stretch of highway. She stopped then hit the gas. A truck loaded with poultry struck her Mitsubishi Montero Sport on the passenger side.

She remembers the hospital but has no recollection of the accident and little recall of the month that followed. Her injuries, which included bleeding in her brain and a partially collapsed lung, were

severe. Kirby was determined, however, to graduate with her class.

On May 17, she did just that.

"This is exactly where I was supposed to be," she says about Wake Forest. "If I was at a different school, if I was anywhere else, this would be a completely different story."

It's a story that was nearly never told.

Like most law school students, Kirby's third year was frenetic. The editor-in-chief of the Intellectual Property Law Journal, she was responsible for helping organize a spring symposium, "Copyright v. Copyleft," practicing for trial team and chairing the Zelif Competition with fellow third-year law student Neubia Williams and second-year student Vanessa Zborek. She was also a research assistant for Professor Alan Palmiter.

But her classes and activities ended after the wreck, which left her in Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville for nine days. The Montero's steel chassis, she says, saved their lives. The driver of the tractor-trailer was unhurt.

"It was really bad in beginning and they put me in a coma because I was a little combative and so that my body wouldn't use energy to breathe. There is a month I don't remember," explains Kirby, who broke ribs and her collarbone and suffered nerve damage in her right eye, which caused double vision. "That took months to resolve. When I came back to school, I was terrified of going up and down stairs, but that has improved dramatically over time. I still have double vision but it's in a smaller

area now and I have become used to it.

"I'm very lucky. I'm also really stubborn."

Most worryingly for Kirby was the short-term memory loss. "The recommendation was not to go back to school for fall; I was done," she said. "But I pulled out all the stops, and it helped that my mom is an emergency room nurse and she was with me throughout the process.

"A brain injury is a very scary thing. I had my anti-trust book and I was trying to do some of the reading I had missed while I was home. I had been highlighting the material the night before, but I didn't remember anything from what I had read two days before and I was highlighting things that were not important. Everyone was telling me that your brain is not working.

"It's hard to have lost that time," she adds. "One of my favorite things about Wake Forest is its proximity to Hanging Rock State Park and fall at Hanging Rock is gorgeous. And then I get hit by a truck full of turkeys and miss everything."

She quit taking the pain medication, deciding instead to buy crossword puzzles, Sudoku and other brain games. She read the Wall Street Journal online and kept a journal, something she started doing when her father died of coronary artery disease on her 17th birthday. "That's how I worked my mind and what I did to make my brain work," she said.

Despite her extensive injuries, Kirby returned to law school Nov. 16, a month to the day after her accident. "When I came back to school I was still having

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*- Amber Kirby ('10)*





trouble with memory, but I didn't want anyone to know," she said.

Ann Gibbs, Associate Dean, Administrative and Student Services, told Kirby she could take the rest of the fall off, come back in the spring and finish her last semester in fall 2010.

"Amber is one of my heroes," Gibbs says. "She is an incredible person who literally willed herself to heal and graduate on time. We at Wake Forest supported her tremendous efforts and did what we could to assist her. While the victory of graduating on time is truly Amber's, she was fortunate to be within the warm and caring environment of Wake Forest during this difficult time."

Kirby never really thought too seriously about the offer to take a semester off, "but in the beginning, especially, it was good to know I had that option," she says with a smile. "I was adamant about graduating. I was going back to Winston-Salem with my roommates Nora (Wolf) and Natasha (Barone)."

Thanks to Lindsay Adamson of Information Services — who taped classes for Kirby — her classmates' notes and some of her professors, who granted her an extension on certain papers, Kirby not only passed all of her exams, she made Bs.

"Part of having a brain injury is that

you are going to make a mistake because you are not going to weigh options," she said. "I was thinking in circles and I couldn't trust my instincts. But I wanted to take my exams."

Passing her exams was a personal test as well. "I became very paranoid and I thought I had lost my critical-thinking abilities," she said. "I knew I could come back and graduate, but for me coming back and taking exams was a test. I thought I could pass them, but I needed to know I could."

Kirby says her professors were amazing throughout her recovery.

"Professor Steve Nickles, like so many people, sent me a card after my accident," she said. "But he included a little bag that he bought for me, the first sale that my classmate Darren Misar's wife made from her store, which sells bags. He showed his concern and support for me while supporting another student outside of the classroom. That's what makes Wake Forest great — superiority inside and outside of the classroom."

Kirby was surprised by the sense of community she felt after the wreck. For example, classmate Laura Dildine ('10) wrote her a note, even though they had never been close. "She sent me the most heartfelt message," Kirby said.

Kirby, who is 26, is preparing to take

the summer off for the first time since she started babysitting when she was 13. She says she wants to work in government and be involved in lawmaking to help shape public policy. In the fall, she will begin the LLM program in law and government at American University's College of Law in Washington, D.C.

"I love public interest and I'm really excited because they have a program where I can get an LLM and a master's degree in public policy in three semesters," she said. "I think I'm going to do that."

Kirby attributes her bright future to everyone at Wake Forest who has supported her over the past three years — especially since the accident. "I just want everyone to know how incredibly grateful and appreciative I am to Wake Forest and everyone here," she said. "My story is about all the love and support of others. My accomplishments are not my own. They belong to so many other people who have made it possible for me to get this far."

"I will do anything Wake Forest ever asks of me because I am incredibly indebted."

Kirby wants to dedicate her life to making others' lives better. "I want to do good my entire life. When it comes to law for me, if I'm not making someone else's life better, it's not what I want." ♦

# CLASS NOTES



Hillary Whitaker



Ford Robertson



Sarah Thornburg

**JASON W. WENZEL**, with Narron O'Hale & Whittington PA in Smithfield, N.C., has been named a N.C. Rising Star.

## 2003

**MONICA R. GUY** has been named a director at Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. She has been named a N.C. Rising Star in family law.

**NANCY MELINDA LADSON** opened a law firm in Atlanta, Sykes & Ladson LLC, practicing criminal, employment, entertainment, family and immigration law.

**MISTEY L. METZGAR** clerked for two years after graduation and had a private practice in domestic and family law for four years. She was appointed by circuit court judges in 2009 as a master for domestic relations and juvenile causes in the Circuit Court for Charles County, Md. She has two daughters, Alayne Morgan (5) and Alexis Paige (1), and a son, Aidan James (3).

**MICHAEL D. PHILLIPS** has been

named a director at Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. He practices civil litigation and has been with the firm since 2004.

## 2004

**NORRIS ADAMS** is a partner with Essex Richards PA in Charlotte, N.C. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in construction law.

**MANUEL MOCTEZUMA** (LLM) published an article, "An Update for Oil Industry Investors: Mexico Eliminates Restrictions and Introduces a New Oil Legal Framework," in the Currents International Trade Law Journal at South Texas College.

**SCOTT S. POELMAN** is with Jones Waldo Holbrook & McDonough in Salt Lake City, Utah. He practices tax planning for businesses and taxable estates.

**BRYAN G. SCOTT** is an associate with Spilman Thomas & Battle PLLC in Winston-Salem. He practices commercial and business litigation, construction law, insurance coverage and bad faith and products liability defense.

## 2005

**JENNIFER KALCEVIC** (LLM) is in-house counsel in the cosmetics department of Henkel AG & Co. KgaA Legal Department.

**FUSAKO KIRINUKI** (LLM) is project manager of the international legal group of Toyota Tsusho Corporation in Tokyo. **HIDEYUKI KOHATA** (LLM) is in the legal

section of Nippon Electric Glass at their headquarters in Japan. He served two years as director of Nippon's subsidiary company in Malaysia.

**WILLIAM J. McMAHON** is an associate with Constangy Brooks & Smith LLP in Winston-Salem. He has been named a N.C. Rising Star.

## 2006

**TESSA T. LEFTWICH** has been named a partner with Isaacson Isaacson Sheridan & Fountain LLP in Greensboro, N.C. She practices commercial real estate, estate administration and planning. She, her husband, and two sons live in Greensboro.

**JASON M. LORING** is an associate in the commercial finance practice group of Parker Hudson Rainer & Dobbs LLP in Atlanta. His wife, **JULIE DAVIS LORING** ('06), is an associate practicing labor and employment law with Ford & Harrison LLP in Atlanta.

**SACHIYO NISHIE** (LLM) is a legal officer in the International Law Department of Nippon Sheet Glass Co. in Tokyo. She is also serving as secretary to the executive committee.

**MARIYA ORLYK** (LLM) is senior attorney at CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz in Kiev, Ukraine.

## 2007

**SUSAN M. HUBER** has been named an associate attorney with Robinson Bradshaw & Hinson in Charlotte, N.C.

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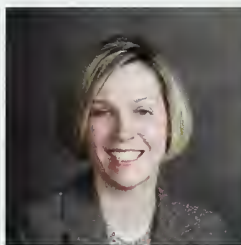




Danielle Williams



Charlie Brown



Deborah Halvorsen



Gregory Habeeb



Eric Bass

**YUANYUAN "IRIS" LI** (LLM) is pursuing a second LLM at The College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

**THEODORE SHIH** is a U.S. registered patent attorney in the intellectual property and technology group of Lowndes Drosdick Doster Kantor & Reed PA in Orlando, Fla. He attended the proclamation declaring the month of May as the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in the City of Orlando.

## 2008

**ANCHALEE TWEESAN** (LLM) attended a conference on bankruptcy law by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law.

## 2009

**ERIN E. SMITH** is a staff litigator with the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation in Springfield, Va.

**J. DAVID FREEDMAN** is an associate in the bankruptcy practice group of Parker Hudson Rainer & Dobbs LLP in Atlanta.

**SUTHI IAMCHARERNYING** (LLM) is training to become a judge in Thailand at the Judicial Training Institute in Bangkok.

**BAKHYTZZHAN KUSSAINOV** (LLM) is a staff attorney with TengizChevroil Ltd., a Chevron affiliate.

**ANDREW T. MILLER** has been named an associate attorney with Robinson Bradshaw & Hinson in Charlotte, N.C.

**MARTIN RINSCHIED** (LLM) is writing his doctoral thesis on copyright law.

**YINGJUN WANG** (LLM) is a secretary at the Guangzhou Arbitration Commission in Guangzhou, China.

## 2010

**ELESE EPPS** is an associate with Watson Roach Batson Rowell & Lauderback PLC in Knoxville, Tenn.

**CHRISTIAN FUEHNER** (LLM) completed a summer internship at the European Union Delegation to the U.S. Press and Public Diplomacy Section in Washington, D.C.

**XIN ZHANG** (LLM) completed a summer internship at The Legal Aid Society Juvenile Rights Practice Internship Program in Queens, N.Y.

## MARRIAGES

**TYRONIA MONIQUE MORRISON** ('04) and Reginald Smith. 11/7/09 in Browns Summit, N.C. They live in Atlanta. The wedding party included **Q. DANIELL JONES CHUNN** ('04), **LeROYA CHESTER JENNINGS** ('04), **NANCY LADSON** ('03) and **NAKIA POLLARD** ('04).

**ANASTASIA BASTIAN** (LLM '07) and Edward Campbell II. 2/6/10 in Nassau, Bahamas.

**VICTOR MANZANO** (LLM '07) and Adrianna Ortiz. 4/23/10 in Mexico City.

**JAMES SHANNON GATLIN** ('08) and Shannon Elizabeth Ahearn. 2/13/10 in

Houston. The wedding party included **NICOLE BISHOP** ('08) and **MICHAEL WEINSTEIN** ('08).

**RAWI NIRUNDORN** (LLM '08) and **ANCHALEE TWEESAN** (LLM '08). 5/9/10 in Bangkok, Thailand.

**LU ZHANG** (LLM '08) and Giumin Yang. 10/5/09 in Heilongjiang Province, China.

## BIRTHS

**DARREN S. CRANFILL** ('94) and Amanda Cranfill, Clemmons, N.C.: a son, Luke Miller. 12/3/09. He joins his sister, Ali (3).

**THOMAS A. BISSETTE** ('97) and Rachelle Bissette, Cornelius, N.C.: a daughter, Bernice Kathryn. 3/2/10

**ABDULAZIZ ALBOSAILY** (LLM '98) and Hessah Al-Marrzoqi, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia: a daughter, Talah. 9/09

**RICHARD RUSSELL FOUST** ('00) and Tammi Foust, Trinity, N.C.: a daughter, Madison Rhylee. 10/26/09

**BETH MABE GIANOPULOS** ('01) and Michael Gianopulos, Kernersville, N.C.: a son, Joshua Elliott. 1/21/10. He joins his brother, Jacob Alexander (6), and sister, Maria Elizabeth (4).

**GREGORY DAVID HABEEB** ('01) and Christy Brendle Habeeb, Salem, Va.: a daughter, Anna Elizabeth. 7/31/09. She joins her brothers, Daniel (4) and William (2).

# CLASS NOTES

## INTERVIEW JOE CHESHIRE '73

By John Trump

When he was young, Joe Cheshire wanted to be a teacher and a coach.

"Those are my real loves," he said, "to work with young people."

But Cheshire chose another direction in life, and those with whom he has crossed paths are thankful that he did. Cheshire ('73), of Cheshire Parker Schneider Bryan & Vitale in Raleigh, is a nationally known criminal-defense attorney. He was a key player in a case in which the owners of the Little Rascals Day Care Center in Edenton, N.C., were accused of sexually abusing children in their care. During that case, Cheshire was the victim of assaults and for a time wore a bullet-proof vest.

In the Duke lacrosse case, charges were dropped against the accused

players, and then-Durham County District Attorney Mike Nifong was disbarred for his inappropriate handling of the case.

"That case was an American phenomenon," Cheshire said during a visit to Wake Forest this past spring. "I was blessed to be a part of it and blessed to be a part of so many cases that made such a difference. We like to think our criminal justice system is great, but you can never have a perfect criminal justice system because it involves human beings."

Human beings, that is, who live under the magnifying glass of an incessant news cycle.

"All the news media said these guys were guilty," Cheshire said. "I shook

my finger at the media, and I said you people are lying to the American public.

"What happened in that case happens every day. People are falsely accused and have to prove their innocence. What was so powerful about the Duke case is if they had been young Hispanics, black or poor white men they would probably be in prison today."

Cheshire, the first Chief Justice of the Wake Forest Moot Court Board, also represented Alan Gell, who had been sentenced to death. He has represented rockers Bon Jovi and Motley Crue, as well as congressmen, state governors and heads of major corporations. He worked to create the Indigent Defense Service Commission in North Carolina and helped to found the first drug treatment





center in Wake County.

He has been listed in Best Lawyers in America since its inception and has an AV rating in Martindale-Hubbell,

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money before  
duty, you will  
develop a  
successful law  
practice no  
matter what you  
start."**

*- Joe Cheshire ('73)*

his bio says. In the inaugural N.C. Super Lawyers balloting process, which sought the input of every lawyer in the state with more than five years' experience in the practice of law, Cheshire was selected in 2006 by his professional peers to be among the Top 100 Lawyers in the state. He also was inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers that year.

"I knew I wanted to be a lawyer, but what resonated with me was criminal law -- you are social worker, a poverty worker and a job trainer.

"I wanted to be trial lawyer," said Cheshire, who has tried 40 first-degree murder cases. "I would go to the courthouse every time a good lawyer was trying a case. I would go watch him."

He told Professor Charley Rose and the law students, who had gathered in the Worrell Professional Center: "You would be stunned at how lawyers in the real world will help you, become invested in you and help you succeed. They become your mentors. When you pick a mentor, pick someone you respect -- not someone who is making a lot of money, but an honorable person."

"If you are caring, honest, hard working and not seeking money before duty, you will develop a successful law practice no matter what you start," Cheshire said. "The way I developed my practice is I got on a court-appointed list and I represented people who wanted me to be their lawyer, whether they could pay me or not ... I would represent them, and the second Christmas after they paid me \$5 a month I would send them a Christmas card and would forgive their debt."

At 14, Cheshire read "The Diary of Anne Frank." He began to ponder his life's work. "It really moved me and affected me deeply," he said.

About a year later, he was chosen to meet with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who visited Cheshire's school. The pair -- a teenager and a great civil rights leader -- spent two hours together.

"I came from a very forward-thinking Southern family, which suffered a lot during the civil rights movement. Dr. King gave me a sense that life needed an immense purpose. My dad taught me that when you are an old person lying on your bed, you want to look back on your life and say, 'I did the best I could. I helped the most people I could help.' Some people have the opportunity to help one person, and others help thousands. My two hours with Dr. King inspired me to try to do something in my life, to do something that could help as many people as possible. I chose the law to do that."

Cheshire visited Wake Forest in May for "A Conversation With" series. The series, celebrating its 10th anniversary, is sponsored by the School of Law. Cheshire's clients have included David Evans, who was wrongly accused in a 2006 sex scandal involving the Duke Lacrosse team; and Greg Taylor, who had served 17 years in prison after he was wrongfully convicted of murder in 1993. Cheshire took the case and, with the help of the N.C. Innocence and Inquiry Commission, fought for, and eventually won, Taylor's release.

He was there (in prison) based on someone else's confession," Cheshire said. "It's an amazing thing to walk a person out of prison who was actually innocent of what he was convicted of. You think about the changes you have gone through, and the changes the world has gone through, in 17 years. He couldn't figure out how to flush a toilet ... because it was self-flush." ♦

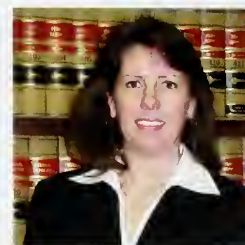
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Matt Bell



Roberta King



Tessa Leftwich

**ALEXANDER ROTH** (LLM '01) and Britta Roth, Potsdam, Germany: a daughter, Lotte. 11/16/09

**D. MICHAEL TUCKER** ('01) and Audrey Tucker, Colorado Springs, Colo.: a daughter, Molly Elizabeth. 6/9/10

**XINYI WU** (LLM '01) and Jordan Duan, Beijing, China: a son, Alex. 4/7/10

**BRIAN C. ELLSWORTH** ('02) and **LISA WETZL ELLSWORTH** ('02), Charlotte, N.C.: a son, Nathaniel Ralph. 12/30/09. He joins his sister, Grace (5), and brother, J.D. (3).

**BENJAMIN H. WHITE III** ('02) and Tiffany Mitzman White, Winston-Salem, N.C.: a son, Emery Joseph. 2/16/10

**CHRISTOPHER MEISTER** ('03) and **WHITNEY SEDWICK MEISTER** ('03), Phoenix, Ariz.: a son, Henry Rasmussen. 5/19/09

**KATHERINE McNULTY STRICKER** ('03) and Greg Stricker, Leesville, La.: a daughter, Charlotte Marie. 2/10/10

**PATRICK KELLY** ('04) and **JULIE BASSETT KELLY** ('04), Scarborough, Maine: a daughter, Sophie Blake. 12/30/09

**MANUEL MOCTEZUMA** (LLM '04) and **PAULINA CASTRO** (LLM '04), Mexico City, Mexico: a daughter, Paulina. 3/11/10

**BENJAMIN R. NORMAN** ('04) and Melissa Wellman Norman, Greensboro, N.C.: a daughter, Miller Ann. 10/31/09

**SCOTT S. POELMAN** ('04) and Heidi N. Poelman, Salt Lake City: a daughter, Adalyn Claire. 3/19/10. She joins her brother, Zachary (4), and sister, Ella (2).

**SAMUEL CHACON** (LLM '05) and Inés Vargas Christlieb, Mexico City, Mexico: a daughter, Fatima. 11/18/09

**RYAN FOTHERGILL** ('05) and **KAREN GJERDRUM FOTHERGILL** ('05), Santa Maria, Calif.: a daughter, Molly Margaret Louise. 1/8/10

**JAKE STUMP** ('05) and Christie Marzahn Stump, Orlando, Fla.: a daughter, Kate Elizabeth. 4/5/10

**ASHLEY LIU KIRKMAN** ('06) and Michael Kirkman, Atlanta: a daughter, Lily Ariel. 9/18/09

**JASON M. LORING** ('06) and **JULIE DAVIS LORING** ('06), Atlanta: a son, Oliver James. 5/23/10

**HANI AQIL** (LLM '08) and Khan Younis, Gaza: a daughter, Sara. 11/24/09

## DEATHS

**WILEY LEON LANE JR.** ('42), Jan. 3, 2010, Wilson, N.C. He worked for the federal government for five years and practiced law in Wilson from 1947 until his retirement in 2003. He was active in community affairs for the Young Democrats, Wilson Jaycees, Wilson

County Boy Scouts and the Eastern N.C. Scout Council. He enjoyed traveling, fishing, hunting and golf. He is survived by his wife, Susan; two daughters; a son; two grandchildren; and a brother, Julian Lane.

**THOMAS SHULL JOHNSTON** ('49), June 6, 2010, Jefferson, N.C. He served in the Aviation Cadet Corps in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He practiced law with his father, Ira T. Johnston, and then with his son, John, until retirement. He was mayor of the Town of Jefferson and was inducted into the N.C. General Practice Hall of Fame. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; three sons, Jeffrey, Thomas and John; a grandson; and a great-grandson.

**JOHN FRANK YEATTES JR.** ('52), April 2, 2010, Greensboro, N.C. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard. He was an assistant city attorney, a legal advisor to the Clerk of Court and a retired judge for the 18th Judicial District of North Carolina. He loved photography, fishing and baking.

**SPENCER BYRON ENNIS** ('53), May 22, 2010, Burlington, N.C. He was a retired district court judge for the N.C. Judicial District 15A. He is survived by his wife, Stasia.

**ROBERT SAMUEL WEATHERS** ('53), March 9, 2010, Greensboro, N.C. He served in the U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps and worked in the insurance industry. He served for 10 years as assistant attorney general for the N.C. Department of Justice and was assistant





Susan Huber



Theodore Shih



David Freedman



Andrew Miller

district attorney in the 9th District. After retirement from the state government, he had a private legal practice. He was a Mason for 50 years.

**LLOYD KENYON RECTOR** ('53), March 22, 2010, Winston-Salem, N.C. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a second lieutenant in the Judge Advocate General Corps. After a brief private legal practice in Granite Falls, N.C., he returned to the Army, advancing to brigadier general. He earned 14 medals and commendations and after retiring in 1984, he served as the director of continuing education for the Wake Forest School of Law until 1996. He is survived by two sons, Neil Kenyon and Kyle Thomas; a daughter, Carole Bankhead; and two grandchildren.

**CHARLES R. WILLIAMS** ('54), June 29, 2010, Bunnlevel, N.C. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a teacher and a retired attorney having worked for the Department of the Army, the Department of the Navy and the Army Reserves.

**HOWARD FABING TWIGGS** ('57), March 4, 2010, Raleigh, N.C. He was a lawyer for more than 50 years and was still practicing with Twiggs Beskind Strickland & Rabenau PA in Raleigh, N.C. He served the Roscoe Pound Civil Justice Institute in Washington, D.C., the N.C. Chief Justice's Commission, the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, the International Society of Barristers and the American Board of Trial Advocacy. He was a board member and

president of the American Association for Justice, served 34 years as a member of the N.C. Advocates for Justice and was president of the Wake County Bar Association and the N.C. Tenth Judicial Bar. He received the Joseph Branch Professionalism Award from the Wake County Bar Association in addition to other awards from the associations he served. He served in the N.C. House of Representatives from 1966 to 1974. He served the University in many ways in addition to the Law Alumni Council and the Board of Visitors and received the Distinguished Alumni Award. He is survived by his wife, Betty; four daughters, Mary Catherine, Jennifer, Elizabeth and Ashley; six grandchildren; and one sister.

**KEVIN J. MAHER** ('64), Jan. 11, 2010, Easton, Conn. He began his legal career with his father at Maher & Maher in 1964 and later founded Maher & Williams, a workers' compensation firm. He loved to read, ski, play golf and travel.

**RICHARD SPURGEON OWENS** ('72), May 15, 2010, Wilmington, N.C. He was a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army and practiced law in Southport and Wilmington, N.C., for 35 years. He supported historic preservation and was a sailing enthusiast. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Arlene, and two children, Joseph Marshall and Jessica Claiborne.

**PAGE ALLEN MITCHELL** ('74), Jan. 7, 2010, Walkertown, N.C.

**JIMMIE R. KEEL** ('78), Jan. 7, 2010, Tarboro, N.C.

**DORIS CARTER GAMBLIN** ('85), Dec. 8, 2009, Salisbury, N.C. She was an attorney with the Doris Gamblin Law Office in Lexington, N.C.

**JOY AMMONS CIRIANO** ('89), Feb. 26, 2010, Burlington, N.C. In 1990 she became an assistant district attorney in Fayetteville, N.C., and in 1991 she became assistant district attorney in Alamance County. She was in a private practice with the Vernon Law Firm and was an adjunct professor who taught gender and the law at Elon University. In 2001 she became the executive director of Family Abuse Services for Alamance County and led efforts to establish a Family Justice Center. She received the N.C. State Bar Association Centennial Award.

## FRIENDS

**OPAL C. WEATHERLY**, April 9, 2010, Winston-Salem, N.C. She was a retired library technician for the School of Law. She and her husband, Royce Raymond Weatherly, the superintendent of buildings at Wake Forest from 1947 to 1981, moved with the College to Winston-Salem in 1956. She was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by a son, Royce Jr.; a daughter, Marcia; and two grandchildren. A memorial service was held in Wait Chapel. Memorials may be made to Wake Forest Baptist Church, PO Box 7326, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27109.

# CLASS NOTES

## PRO BONO SPOTLIGHT RICH MCPHERSON ('10)

By John Trump

James [Rich] McPherson ('10) wants to listen when others do not. To give strength and comfort when others have not. To fight when others will not. To see what others cannot.

McPherson, the first student of the Wake Forest University School of Law to be named a N.C. Albert Schweitzer Fellow, could do no less.

In honoring the legacy of the Nobel Prize winning doctor, McPherson spent more than 200 hours last year working for the Children's Law Center of Central North Carolina as a Guardian Ad Litem. It's a calling that McPherson, who at one time envisioned a life as a history teacher and coach, has followed even before deciding to pursue a career in law.

"Sometimes they describe it as being the eyes and the ears of the court," he said. "You really investigate the factual circumstances of a case — educational history, their welfare, you look at their

medical history, how they interact with siblings and parents. It's putting all those things together and figuring out what constitutes the best interest of the child."

The mission of the Fellowship is developing "leaders in service" and each year supports about 200 Schweitzer Fellows nationwide in conceptualizing and carrying out service projects that address the unmet health-related needs of underserved individuals and communities.

"That's really what I wanted to do as my pro bono work — while in law school and once I get into my career," said McPherson, who is working for U.S. District Court Judge Richard Vorhees before taking a position in the litigation department with McGuireWoods LLP in Charlotte.

Though he grew up in Potomac, Md., McPherson attended Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif., where he majored in religion and sociology. He spent some time as a student-teacher in California but grew weary of that state's regimented approach to teaching.

"There is so little creativity that a teacher can use in the classroom, and I just felt like with the law you can be a little more creative in terms of how you can help people," he said. "I had the desire to provide people with practical help. When I decided I didn't want to (teach), that I wanted to go to law school and become an attorney instead, I really saw advocating for kids as something that fit my previous experience."

McPherson was among 26 graduate students from North Carolina's health and human services schools selected as

Albert Schweitzer Fellows, including five from the Wake Forest University School of Medicine. McPherson and the other graduate students will become Schweitzer Fellows for Life, joining a network of more than 2,000 Schweitzer alumni who are skilled in, and committed to, addressing the health needs of underserved people throughout their careers as professionals.

As an Albert Schweitzer Fellow, McPherson designed a three-part project. First, and not surprisingly, he decided that he would continue work as a Guardian Ad Litem with the Children's Law Center, taking on "high-conflict" custody cases and providing direct advocacy to children.

"I thought about my areas of interest, and how I could design a program to meet an unmet health need in an underserved population.

"Without a Guardian Ad Litem in these situations," he said, "it's basically one parent saying something against another parent with no one looking out for the best interest of the kids."

He saw the second part of his endeavor as a means of bridging the gap between people who provide free and low-cost services — health, legal, etc. — and people who need the services but don't know where to go. McPherson compiled a community-resource manual that included addresses and phone numbers of the providers.

McPherson then set out to develop a training program for Guardians Ad Litem working on high-conflict cases and cases involving issues of domestic violence between the parents.

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*- Rich McPherson ('10)*





Pending legislation has delayed implementation of the training program, but some of McPherson's research was presented to a legislative committee trying to draft standards for Guardians Ad Litem.

McPherson traveled to Raleigh with Wake Forest law professor Suzanne Reynolds and attorneys from the Children's Law Center.

"That was really an unexpected highlight," he said.

The Schweitzer selection committee could not have made a more wonderful choice than McPherson, according to Reynolds.

"Rich has everything it takes to make things happen," she said. "He's smart, personable, committed, and energetic. He has a wonderful way with children – and with judges. Wherever he is, the children of that community will be better off because of Rich. He'll be a fantastic lawyer as he litigates complex business cases, but I'm betting that he'll be happiest when he's representing children, and I'm sure that he'll always make pro bono work a part of his life."

The Children's Law Center, McPherson says, "taught me a lot about advocating in each particular case, but also about taking a big picture approach on how to help kids

in pretty difficult situations."

He said Reynolds, a strong advocate of pro bono service, has left an indelible impression, shaping his commitment to becoming an ethical attorney dedicated to providing free services for children in need.

Oftentimes, McPherson said, Wake Forest School of Law Dean Blake D. Morant refers to "the lawyer as a public citizen." Coincidentally, Morant gave the commencement address at the Pepperdine University School of Law on May 21.

Morant's definition of a lawyer's rule in society has had no small effect on how McPherson will practice his chosen profession.

"That has really shaped my understanding of what I want to be as an attorney in terms of being involved in private business but also being devoted to public service, pro bono work and bettering the legal profession."

In Charlotte, McPherson plans to do pro bono work with Council for Children's Rights.

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**October 5**

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Author, "Legal Feminism: Activism, Lawyering, and Legal Theory"

**October 8-9**

**Homecoming and Reunion 2010**

**October 12**

**New York City Alumni Reception**

**October 22**

**Law Board of Visitors Fall Meeting**

**November 5**

**Wake Forest Law Review Symposium**

After Twenty Year Experience with the 1991 Civil Rights Act, What Does the Future Hold?

**December 3**

**38th Annual Partners' Banquet**

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