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Over these intervening years, we have started a number of new programs. We opened the Elder Law Clinic. This clinic and our Litigation Clinic allow half our graduates to have a live-client contact clinical experience. This compares to an ABA law school average of 20 percent of graduates having clinical experiences. We started the Chief Justice Joseph Branch Inn of Court in 1990 which has by far the greatest law student participation of any of the 350 Inns in the country. We recognized the effects of globalization on our economy and the practice of law by beginning a Master of Laws degree program for international lawyers. This program is already rated as one of the top such programs in America. We expanded our summer study abroad programs by adding programs in Vienna and Venice.

We also won a number of national awards and recognitions. Two years ago we won the prestigious E. Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Award given by the American Bar Association annually to a law-related organization for excellence in projects that enhance professionalism among lawyers. In previous years, we won the Emil Gumpert Award for Excellence in Teaching Trial Advocacy from the American College of Trial Lawyers, participated in winning the Hamison Tweed Award from the ABA for the law school's service in the Forsyth County Domestic Violence Advocacy Center, and won the Outstanding Member-Group Project Award from the National Association for Public Interest Law for our required pro bono activity day during first-year orientation. Two years ago, the *National Jurist* magazine selected Wake Forest University School of Law as "the best private law school for your money."

All of this was achieved only with the great support of our close-knit Wake Forest School of Law community. In my initial column, I indicated that what caused me to come to Wake Forest was that all parts of the greater law school community, including alumni, have a tremendous "sense of loyalty and support for the Wake Forest School of Law as an institution" and "great morale and sense of close community." In that

This is my penultimate *Dean's Column* for the *Jurist*. As you know, I will be stepping down as Dean on July 31, 2007.

In thinking about this column, I reread the very first *Jurist* column that I wrote for the fall/winter 1989 issue. The last paragraph of that column closed: "Kathie and I have greatly enjoyed meeting many of you in our first four months here. We are excited to be part of the Wake Forest School of Law family and look forward to a great future with you."

It did turn out to be a "great future with you." All the wonderful things that have happened at our law school over these years happened because of the great work of the constituent parts of our law school community, including especially our alumni. First, we designed, funded, and built the Worrell Professional Center for Law and Management. The building opened and was dedicated in the spring semester of 1993. In my first year's column, I had said "our present building is simply inadequate." As uniquely lovable as Carswell Hall was, it was certainly inadequate. The new building, which would not have been possible without our great alumni support, has turned out to be truly magnificent.

"With your help, a lot of great things have happened at our law school in the years since I wrote my first Dean's Column."

column, I pledged that we would develop more as a nationally prominent and recognized law school, but in a way that would be consistent with the traditions that made Wake Forest different. I quoted both our alma mater (“Thine is a glorious fame, constant and true”) and then President Tom Hearn, who, when asked whether he was going to make Wake Forest University to be like a famous northeastern school, replied that his aspiration was to be a better and nationally known Wake Forest.

In our development and national acclaim over these years, we have become much more nationally known, but have been constant and true to the traditions of what makes Wake Forest unique. We have emphasized a personal teaching relationship between faculty and students, the Pro Humanitate values of the legal profession, and a sense of community with our students.

There has been a major transition in the faculty in these 18 years, with more than half of the current faculty joining the school. Legendary teachers such as Foggy Divine, Hank Lauerman, and Jim Taylor have passed away. Others such as Richard Bell, Rhoda Billings, Butch Covington, Buddy Herring, Debbie Parker, Don Scarlett, and Jim Sizemore have retired. However, we have been able to replace them with great teachers. With alumni funding, we have been able to create four faculty chairs and three endowed professorships. A couple of years ago, our faculty was ranked third in books per faculty member and 11th in law review articles per faculty member out of almost 200 law faculties. Despite this stellar record of scholarly pursuits, our faculty remain outstanding classroom teachers. I review all our student-faculty evaluations every semester, and I can attest to the high level of teaching and interaction with students. At a meeting of our law boards last spring, leaders of our student organizations spoke time and again about their personal one-on-one interaction with our faculty and the great relationship that exists between the faculty and our students.

Perhaps the most important achievement was the more than tripling of scholarship aid for students after discounting inflation. Almost all of this increase was made possible by alumni donations. This has continued the tradition of one generation of Wake Foresters giving back so that a Wake Forest legal education can remain affordable for future generations.

With your help, a lot of great things have happened at our law school in the years since I wrote my first *Dean's Column*. I thought, however, that it was a great time for a change both for the school and for me. I walked into the President's and Provost's offices on the last day of the second Capital Campaign of my deanship to announce my intention to step down as Dean. It was both the end of the second Capital Campaign and the fulfillment of the second Long Range Plan of my deanship. Our new President, Nathan Hatch, had indicated an intention to start a new strategic planning process for the university leading to another capital campaign. I thought it would be a good time for a new leader at the law school.

Over these years, I have had many outstanding opportunities put before me to do other things in other places. None has tempted me in the least. Kathie and I love Wake Forest. Ironically, a few weeks after my announcement, I received a letter from someone I knew asking me to consider being dean at another law school. I basically told him that there was no law school better than Wake Forest and if I wanted to be a law dean I would have continued here. Kathie and I are going to stay here with you. We look forward to being part of this wonderful community for many years to come. ☺

—Dean Robert K. Walsh

Dean's Years of Service to be Honored

WHEN DEAN BOB WALSH announced his plans to retire at the end of this academic year, alumni began talking about how to express their appreciation and recognize his 18 years of leadership for the law school.

At the October 27 joint meeting of the Law Board of Visitors and the Law Alumni Council, the members approved a **resolution** to designate this entire academic and fiscal year as the Robert K. Walsh Scholarship Year. (See full resolution on this page.)

By designating this academic year as The Robert K. Walsh Scholarship Year, a plan has been created to emphasize the need for law scholarships that the Dean has heralded most frequently. Throughout this special year, alumni, faculty, and friends may participate in at least one of the three ways described below.

First, make a gift to help endow the Bob and Kathie Walsh Law Scholarship. As a permanent tribute to the Dean's achievements, plans are well underway to endow a law scholarship named the Bob and Kathie Walsh Scholarship. The minimum goal is \$250,000 and the Walsh Year Committee hopes to far exceed that figure in order to endow a significant scholarship to honor the Walsh years.

Secondly, another way to support the campaign for Dean Walsh is to make a gift to a new or existing scholarship at the Law School. All gifts for scholarships will be added to our total raised in this year which has been designated the Robert K. Walsh Scholarship Year.

Thirdly, increase your gift to the Law Fund in honor of Dean Walsh. Over half of the funds donated to the Law Fund go toward law scholarships. These funds will also be added to the total raised for scholarships during the Robert K. Walsh Scholarship Year. With an increased gift to the Law Fund during this special year, you help expand the number of scholarships that are awarded on an annual basis to law students.

THE ROBERT K. WALSH SCHOLARSHIP YEAR COMMITTEE

CHAIRMEN:

Nelson Casstevens (JD '65), Tom Comerford ('72, JD '74), and Dan McGinn ('64, JD '67)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS INCLUDE:

Larry Price (JD '72), Gary Gough ('68, JD '74), Max Justice (JD '70), Mike Wells (JD '74), Terry Bennett (JD '70), Lee Davis (JD '77)

For more information about making a contribution to the Walsh Scholarship, you may contact any of these committee members or the law school's Development Office at (336) 758-5537.

NOTE: *A retrospective of Dean Walsh's achievements at the School of Law will be published in the next issue of the Jurist scheduled for June 2007.*

Robert K. Walsh Scholarship Year at the School of Law

WHEREAS, Robert K. Walsh is a most loyal member of the Wake Forest family, who served the Wake Forest University School of Law as Dean from 1989 to 2007, and

WHEREAS, Robert K. Walsh exemplifies the University's motto of *Pro Humanitate* through his faithful service to Wake Forest and the community; he led the School of Law through the development and completion of two long-range strategic plans for the school; developed increased financial resources through the implementation of two university-wide capital campaigns, resulting in increased financial aid to students and the creation of four faculty chairs and three endowed professorships; opened the Legal Clinic for the Elderly, and

WHEREAS, Robert K. Walsh is admired by his contemporaries, having won a number of awards and honors for the School of Law, including membership in the prestigious Order of the Coif, the Emil Gumpert Award for Excellence in Trial Advocacy from the American College of Trial Lawyers, and the E. Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Award from the American Bar Association for its three-year comprehensive professional education program, and

WHEREAS, Robert K. Walsh's loyalty and service to Wake Forest have been constant and true: he created the Master of Laws degree program for international lawyers; started summer study programs in Vienna and Venice; moved the School of Law into the Worrell Professional Center; drove the success and progress of the School of Law which, in 2004, led the *National Jurist* magazine to declare Wake Forest the "best private law school for the money" in the United States, and

WHEREAS, Robert K. Walsh's leadership brought to the School of Law many nationally renowned guests, including U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts, Associate Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and retired Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and U. S. Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist.

WHEREAS, Robert K. Walsh is deeply devoted to providing opportunity; he made scholarships his first priority for School of Law fundraising; visited alumni and friends to share the message of the need for scholarships in order to ensure the future of the School of Law and to help keep students out of debt, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this the 27th day of October 2006 that the 2006-2007 academic year be designated the Robert K. Walsh Scholarship Year at the School of Law. ♪

The foregoing resolution was signed by President Nathan O. Hatch and adopted by the Law Board of Visitors and the Law Alumni Council on October 27, 2006.

“A Conversation With Chris Swecker (JD ’81)” Intrigues Students

CHRIS SWECKER (JD ’81) returned to the law school on September 14 as our first guest in this year’s “A Conversation With” series. The “Conversation With” programs bring role model legal professionals to the law school to speak informally with students in an interview-style format about their careers in the law. Professor Charley Rose moderated this session which highlighted Mr. Swecker’s fascinating career in the FBI.

Mr. Swecker’s outstanding 24 year career in the FBI began in 1982, after serving for a year as an Assistant District Attorney. He entered the FBI as a Special Agent and was assigned to the Charlotte, North Carolina Field Office. Over the next 15 years, he was consistently recognized for his superior abilities and given increasing supervisory responsibilities as he

was transferred to field offices in Oklahoma City, Miami, Houston and, finally, back to Charlotte, where he was designated as Special Agent in Charge in 1999.

In April 2004, FBI Director Robert Mueller named Mr. Swecker as Deputy Assistant Director for the Criminal Investigative Division (CID) at FBI Headquarters where, after a few months, he was named as the Assistant Director, CID. This FBI division coordinates, manages, and directs all criminal investigative programs nationwide. These investigations focus on financial, violent and organized crime; public corruption; violation of individual civil rights; corporate fraud; and drug-related crimes. His success at the CID led to his appointment in February 2006 as the Acting Executive Assistant Director of Law Enforcement Services. After his recent retirement from the FBI in July 2006, Mr. Swecker joined Bank of America as the Senior Vice President for Global Corporate Security Operations in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Swecker captivated the standing-room-only crowd with intriguing stories from his FBI tenure, including the disruption of drug cartel dealings as a field agent in Miami, his experience as the on-scene commander of the FBI operations in Iraq, and his



Chris Swecker awaits a question from Professor Charley Rose

supervision of the dismantlement of a Hezbollah terror cell in Charlotte.

The “Conversation” provided a unique glimpse into the career opportunities within the FBI and the outstanding success of Mr. Swecker within this organization. Mr. Swecker’s modest demeanor, obvious work ethic and dedication to his profession showcased him as an impeccable role model for Wake Forest students and an outstanding participant in our “A Conversation With” series.

BRIEFS

On September 29, the School of Law, Babcock Graduate School of Management, and the School of Medicine hosted a symposium entitled “Biotechnology Research: Innovation, Funding and Ethics.” The focus was on issues concerning the interface of law, business and medicine. The keynote speaker was Arthur Caplan, Director of the Center for Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Caplan was named one of the ten most influential people in biotechnology and bioethics in the *National Journal*.

The law school co-sponsored a lecture on October 10 by Professor Gordon Wood, the Alva O. Way University Professor of History at Brown University, on “The Origins of American Constitutionalism.” Professor Wood is one of America’s most distinguished historians and the winner of a Pulitzer Prize.

General William Suter, the Clerk of the United States Supreme Court, gave a lecture with interesting stories about the Supreme Court and its justices to the law school community on October 18.



General William Suter

A panel of the North Carolina Court of Appeals judges held the 14th annual session at Wake Forest and heard two cases, *State v. Leyva* and *Miller v. Progressive American Insurance Company*. The panel included Chief Judge John Martin, and Judges Rick Elmore and Doug McCullough.

On November 6, the law school hosted the third annual William Wilson Lecture. Louis Lowenstein, the Simon H. Rifkind Professor Emeritus at the Columbia University School of Law, gave this year’s lecture entitled “Mutual Funds: Journey Into the Whirlwind.” Professor Lowenstein’s areas of interests include corporations, corporate finance, and accounting. The lecture series is funded through an endowment established by William T. Wilson, III to promote issues and opportunities at the intersection of law and business.



Professor Lowenstein delivers Wilson Lecture

The 35th Annual Edwin M. Stanley Moot Court Competition was held on November 17. The panel of judges included: Judge Paul V. Niemeyer and Judge William B. Traxler, Jr. of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and Judge Edward Earl Carnes of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. Chad Ziepfel (JD ’08) won the final argument, Corey Houmand (JD ’08) won Best Brief, and Jennifer Avriett (JD ’08) received the Berkowitz Award.

The semi-final judges were an outstanding panel which included: Justice George Wainwright of the North Carolina Supreme Court; Rhoda Billings and I. Beverly Lake, former Chief Justices of the North Carolina Supreme Court; Sidney Eagles, former Chief Judge of the North Carolina Court of Appeals; Jack Lewis and Ralph Walker, former judges of the North Carolina Court of Appeals.

A WORD FROM THE DEAN SEARCH COMMITTEE

Dear Wake Forest Community:

GREETINGS FROM THE WAKE FOREST dean search committee. To our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends, our loyalty to all of you makes us conscious of the significant responsibility we shoulder as we engage in this process. Even while we are hard at work, we thought it high time to give you a progress report.

As you know, Dean Robert K. Walsh announced in July that he would step down effective July 31, 2007. We were saddened by the news but grateful for the eighteen years of devoted service and heartened to hear that Bob plans to remain with us on the faculty.

Provost William C. Gordon and President Nathan O. Hatch appointed the dean search committee on September 12, 2006. On September 22, the committee held its first meeting, joined by Jerry Baker, the president of Baker and Parker Associates, the executive search firm assisting in the search, and a former member of the University's board of trustees.

Even before the first meeting, the search committee set about soliciting the input of the various parts of the Wake Forest community. Provost Gordon met with the faculty on September 19 to explain the process, and the search committee scheduled meetings with staff, faculty, students, and the combined Law Board of Visitors and Law Alumni Council. To each of these constituent groups, the committee provided a number of prompts to help facilitate discussion. At a brunch on September 28, the staff shared their ideas on the qualities that will be important for the next dean of the law school. On October 2, the search committee organized an afternoon and dinner retreat at which the faculty broke into small groups and reconvened to offer their perspectives both on the attributes the committee should seek in our new dean and on the direction of the law school. On October 4, the search committee convened a town meeting for a discussion from the students' perspective. On October 27, the joint meeting of the Law Board of Visitors and Law Alumni Council devoted its afternoon session to discuss both the process and the goal of the dean search, with input from the provost and the search committee. The LBOV/LAC broke into small groups for intense discussions and reported their conclusions to the assembled group.

During this period of engaging the Wake Forest community, we have also been active on the recruiting front. In the first week of October, the search firm posted an announcement of the position in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, the SSRN Legal Scholarship Network, the Academic Keys, and a variety of specialized publications. Various members of the community posted the announcement

on listservs to which they belong — the Law Deans' listserv, the Law Associate Deans' listserv, the listserv for Women in Legal Education, the listserv for Minorities in Legal Education, and various law professor blogs. Later in the month, we focused on identifying a pool of candidates. To develop this pool, we wrote to all deans, all associate deans, and all faculty appointments chairs, encouraging them to send us names of attractive candidates. We met with each member of the faculty and asked for names. We identified persons representing various segments of legal education and called and emailed them, seeking names of well-qualified candidates. We identified schools that had recently concluded dean searches and asked members of those search committees to share names of good candidates. As these names come in, the search committee meets weekly to review the suggestions and to write letters and follow up with telephone calls to the candidates the process continues to identify.

As we focus on particular candidates, we will continue to seek the input of the Wake Forest community. We are working on a survey of students and alumni and will ask these groups to spend a few minutes online to give us still more input into the person we should be looking for and on the needs of the law school.

I'm afraid that there may not be a great deal to report during the stage devoted to talking with the candidates whom we have identified. We must respect the confidentiality of the nominees so that much of the work during this time period will be behind the scenes. As we narrow the pool, the next steps will vary with the confidentiality concerns of the candidates. We anticipate some preliminary interviews with candidates off campus during early January, with more focused off campus interviews in late January and early February.

We anticipate on campus interviews in February and March. Again, the process will vary depending on the candidates' need for confidentiality. If the process follows what we have done in the past, we will engage the candidates in some or all of the following:

- small group sessions with faculty, staff, and representative groups of students
- a session with the entire faculty
- meetings with representative groups of alumni
- interviews with the President and Provost
- dinner meetings with faculty and friends
- exchanges with the Winston-Salem community.

Everyone who meets the candidates will have the opportunity to share their reactions

and evaluations with the search committee. As I mentioned, the committee feels an enormous responsibility to all of you. We are looking for that person who will lead wisely, respecting what is distinctive about Wake Forest and appreciating the contributions of all members of this community. At the same time, we are looking for that person who will help us determine the steps we need to take to meet the challenges facing legal education and inspire us to take them. If all goes as planned, we should be extending an offer to the person we want to be our new dean in March.

We welcome input from all of you. We are certainly all in this endeavor together. ☺

— Suzanne Reynolds, Chair, Dean Search Committee

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FACULTY NOTES

CAROL ANDERSON is co-authoring a book with Mark Mandell, a former president of the American Trial Lawyers Association. This fall, she organized and hosted a two-day NITA teacher training program for adjunct trial practice faculty at the law school.

MARCIA BAKER recently reviewed three 2006 American Association of Law Libraries conference program sessions for the One Person Library newsletter. Following her previous CALI lesson about Attorney General Decisions, she has a forthcoming lesson on Federal Agency Decisions.

BOBBY CHESNEY presented an article on the topic of terrorism prosecutions, "Beyond Conspiracy? Anticipatory Prosecution and the Challenge of Unaffiliated Terrorism," during a faculty workshop at the University of Iowa in September. The article will be published next spring by the *Southern California Law Review*. The *Iowa Law Review* has agreed to publish a separate article by Professor Chesney — "Unraveling Deference: *Hamdan*, Judicial Power, and Executive Treaty Interpretations" — also next spring. In October, Professor Chesney took part in a symposium on the Supreme Court's *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld* decision sponsored by the *George Washington Law Review*, which will subsequently be publishing his article, "The Origins and Evolution of the State Secrets Privilege." In mid-December, he participated in a scholarly workshop sponsored by the American Society of International Law in San Diego, and in a government-sponsored conference on cybersecurity held at Microsoft's headquarters. In early January, Professor Chesney moderated two panels at the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools in Washington, DC. The first, under the auspices of the Section on New Law Professors, examined the impact of blogs and online distribution networks on legal scholarship. The second, an ad hoc panel assembled to address a late-breaking topic, examined the court-stripping provisions of the Military Commissions Act of 2006. Later in January, Professor Chesney spoke about the latest developments in Guantanamo detainee litigation at a 21st Judicial District Bar/Forsyth County Bar Association luncheon, and also during a lunchtime session for students at Wake.

JENNIFER COLLINS' co-authored paper, "Criminal Justice and the Challenge of Family Ties," has been accepted for publication by the *University of Illinois Law Review*. She recently presented her newest paper about the criminal justice system's treatment of the parent-child relationship to a conference of junior scholars held at the University of Miami School of Law.

CHRIS COUGHLIN is working on a book about the fundamental principles of legal analysis and writing with a focus on how technology has altered some of the more traditional forms of legal communications. The working title of the book is "A Lawyer Writes" and it will be published by Carolina Academic Press. In addition, she has recently been named the Co-Chairperson of the Wake Forest University Program in Bioethics. This past semester, she spoke to the Wake Forest University School of Medicine on "The Ethics of Clinical Drug Trials in Developing Nations" and was a conference planner for an academic symposium entitled "Biotechnology: Innovation, Funding and Ethics." The symposium was sponsored by the Wake Forest University School of Law, the Babcock Graduate School of Management, and the Wake Forest University School of Medicine/Comprehensive Cancer Center.

MICHAEL CURTIS and SHANNON GILREATH joined Adjunct Professor BOB HUNTER in filing an amicus brief in the Supreme Court of North Carolina on behalf of the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers and the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina. The brief urges the Court to reverse a recent ruling of the Court of Appeals in the case of *In re RLC*, which upheld the application of the "crime against nature" law to criminally punish minors who engage in oral sex.

TIMOTHY DAVIS published "Regulating Sports Agents: Intended and Unintended Consequences" in a sports law symposium issue of *Willamette Law Review*.

MAUREEN EGGERT will serve as co-chair of the CLE committee for the Education Section of the North Carolina Bar. She recently served as moderator and speaker for the program "Up and

Down the Career Ladder: Finding the Right Rung for You," presented at the American Association of Law Librarians' Annual meeting in St. Louis. She also spoke at a CLE on "Small Practice Management" in Greensboro.

SHANNON GILREATH's recently published book, *Sexual Politics: The Gay Person in America Today*, has been nominated for the American Library Association's Stonewall Prize for Nonfiction. He spoke on the book's themes as a convocation speaker at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington in October and then at the University of North Carolina Law School (Chapel Hill). Professor Gilreath has also contributed an article entitled "A First Amendment for Sexual Orientation?: Homosexual Conduct as Expressive Conduct after *Lawrence v. Texas*" to a symposium issue on gender, sexuality, and the military for the *Duke Journal of Gender Law and Policy*. He recently completed a new casebook by West Law Publishing entitled "Sexual Identity and the Law in Context: Cases and Materials."

MIKE GREEN represented Wake Forest University at the installation of Bill Powers as the 28th President of the University of Texas. Powers and Green are Co-Reporters for the Third Restatement of Torts. Green and Powers recently presented a draft of the latest chapter of the Restatement (Third) of Torts to the Council of the American Law Institute. Approval by the Council is required before a draft may be presented for final approval by the membership of the ALI at its annual meeting each May. The chapter addresses liability for emotional harm. The Council approved that draft, and it will be presented to the membership at the ALI meeting in May 2007 for final approval. In October, Green and two others made a presentation on "Managing Complex Litigation" at the American Judges Association Meeting in New Orleans. He also spoke at the Judicial Conference of the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit on developments in causation under the federal Vaccine Act. Finally, Professor Green published an article, based on a talk he gave last April in Vienna at a European Tort Law Conference. The article is entitled "The Role of the Jury in American Tort Law."

MARK HALL spoke at the annual Health Law Teacher's meeting, on future direction of the field. He spent the month of June at the American Institute for Economic Research, working on consumer-driven health care, and he published an article on this topic in the *American Journal of Bioethics*.

JOHN KORZEN and 3L Appellate Advocacy Clinic students filed a Petition for Certiorari in the United States Supreme Court, in the case of *Dexter Theatre v. Thomas v. United States*. 3Ls Pam Gohlke and Jen Selin drafted the Argument section of the Petition, which raises questions about the standard of review and statutory factors to be applied to criminal sentencing following the Court's 2005 decision in *Booker v. United States*, issues on which the federal circuits are split. And in September, the North Carolina Court of Appeals adopted an argument drafted by 2006 graduate and Clinic student Scott Harris, in the case of *Lucille Griggs v. Shamrock Building Services, Inc.* The issue was whether the common law "completed and accepted" rule should apply to a cleaning service, and the Court of Appeals held that it did not apply, thereby reversing a summary judgment that had been entered against Ms. Griggs. Amanda Zimmer, another Clinic student and 2006 graduate, also worked on the brief to the Court of Appeals, which was filed last February.

KATE MEWHINNEY's article, "Ideals and High Heels: A Look at Wake Forest University's Elder Law Clinic," was published in *The North Carolina State Bar Journal* and is being reprinted by the ABA Commission on Law and Aging in its newsletter, "Bifocal." Professor Mewhinney recently attended the Advanced Elder Law Institute of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys where she moderated a panel on "Medical Futility as a Healthcare Rationing Issue." The newest addition of her E-Clinic newsletter describes the latest cases handled by the students in the Elder Law Clinic. The newsletter and other resources for families, senior citizens and the lawyers who serve them can be found on the E-Clinic website at www.law.wfu.edu/eclinic.

SUSAN MONTAQUILA spoke at the joint meeting of the European American Business Forum and the French-American Chamber of Commerce of North Carolina in Charlotte in October. The title of the presentation was "Comparative Law for the US and European

Business Communities." Dean Montaquila also served as a member of the Selection Committee for the Palestinian Rule of Law Program in New York on December 8 at the Open Society Institute along with Judith Horowitz, Dean for International Studies at Duke Law School and Sylvia Polo, Dean of Graduate Studies at Columbia Law School. Finally, she has agreed to serve as Co-chair (with Pete Evanson) of the Law School Liaison Committee of the International Law and Practice Section of the North Carolina Bar Association.

JOEL NEWMAN's arrangement of the Beatles' "Baby You Can Drive My Car" in four-part harmony for clarinets and bass clarinets debuted on October 24 at the Arbor Acres retirement home. The piece was performed by the Wake Forest Clarinet Choir, of which he is a member. Previous performances of his arrangements include Elvis Presley's "Are You Lonesome Tonight?," arranged for string quartet and performed at his daughter's wedding, and the Beatles' "I Want To Hold Your Hand," played on the Wake Forest carillon bells last year. He also plays clarinet and saxophone with the Dixie Dawgs jazz ensemble, and occasionally plays jazz on Wednesday evenings at Speakeasy's in downtown Winston-Salem.

J. WILSON PARKER gave a presentation at a symposium on "Biotechnology: Innovation, Funding and Ethics" held on the Wake Forest campus in September. This effort was the result of collaboration between Wake Forest University's School of Medicine, School of Law, and Babcock Graduate School of Management. He spoke on the proper roles of federal and state government in regulating stem cell research. His talk was entitled "Terry Schiavo, the Commerce Clause, and the Degradation of American Politics." Professor Parker was also the Constitution Day speaker at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro on September 19th. He spoke on judicial review and the right of privacy. His talk was entitled "Judicial Review: Its Importance in Contemporary American Life."

WENDY PARKER spoke this summer at the University of Colorado Law School Workshop on Judicial Deference. In September, she submitted her book chapter for publication to *Education Law Stories*. It is entitled "The Story of Grutter v. Bollinger: Affirmative Action Wins." She also

attended the Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies at the University of Texas School of Law in October. In November, she presented a work-in-progress entitled "Desegregating Teachers" to a student seminar on Different Perspectives on Employment Discrimination at Duke Law School and to the faculty at Wake Forest law school. Professor Parker was recently quoted in a *New York Times* article entitled "Brown v. Board of Education, Second Round." She served as a panelist at the American Association of Law Schools (AALS) in Washington, D.C. where she spoke on the topic of "What's Happening with Injunctions." She has accepted an invitation to speak at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock for a symposium on the 50th anniversary of the Little Rock Central High School Crisis.

RALPH PEEPLES has been re-appointed to the North Carolina Bar Association's Task Force on Tort Reform by Bar Association president Clark Smith. On December 8, 2006, Professor Peeples spoke to the Medical-Legal Committee of the North Carolina Medical Society and the North Carolina Bar Association about medical malpractice reform.

SUZANNE REYNOLDS, on behalf of the law school, interviewed Justice Sandra Day O'Connor for the law school's "A Conversation With ..." series on September 21 in Wait Chapel. In response to Professor Reynolds' questions, Justice O'Connor discussed her life, her role on the Court, and her advice for law students. Provost Gordon also named Professor Reynolds to chair the Dean Search Committee, charged with finding a replacement for Dean Walsh when he retires effective July 31, 2007. This past summer Professor Reynolds completed the annual supplements to her three-volume treatise, *Lee's North Carolina Family Law*. In October, she presented an update on family law as part of the continuing legal education program for the annual meeting of the North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys and in December, she gave a family law annual update for the Legal Aid Society CLE.

SIMONE ROSE recently presented at the Biotechnology Symposium held by the Law/MBA/ and Medical Schools at Wake Forest University. The topic was "From Bench to Bedside: Accelerating the Transfer of Academic Research from the Laboratory to the Marketplace."

SIDNEY SHAPIRO's administrative law casebook (third edition) has been published by Thompson-West. The *Administrative Law Review* published Professor Shapiro's article, "A Standards-Based Theory of Judicial Review and The Rule of Law," in its latest issue. A book chapter authored by Professor Shapiro appeared in a recent book published by Cambridge University Press. The title of the book is *Rescuing Science from Politics*, and Professor Shapiro's chapter was on "Politicizing Peer Review: The Legal Perspective." His most recent article, "The People's Agent: Executive Branch Secrecy in an Age of Terrorism," appeared in *Law and Contemporary Problems* published by Duke University School of Law. Shapiro's co-author is Rena Steinzor of the University of Maryland. The article was part of a symposium issue on "Sequestered Science: The Consequences of Undisclosed Knowledge." Professor Shapiro moderated a panel on "Preemption and Federal Regulation" at the fall meeting of the Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Section of the American Bar Association in Washington, D.C. He also spoke at an informal faculty seminar held at President Nathan Hatch's house on "Discursive Policy Analysis: An Alternative to the Cost-Benefit Methodology."

RICHARD SCHNEIDER and several students from his environmental law class followed one of his cases up to the Supreme Court in Washington, D.C. Professor Schneider is the Legal Chair of the North Carolina Chapter of the Sierra Club. The North Carolina Chapter, along with Environmental Defense, applied for cert in a case against Duke Energy regarding important Clean Air Act issues. The case was argued before the Justices on October 31. Professor Schneider and the students listened to the arguments and were given the red carpet treatment by William K. Suter, the Clerk of the Court.

MARGARET TAYLOR was invited to serve as faculty at a seminar, "Immigration Law for Judges of the U.S. Court of Appeals." The two-day seminar in Washington, D.C. was sponsored by the Federal Judicial Center and the Georgetown University Law Center.

GEORGE WALKER chaired a panel discussion, "Definitions for the 1982 Law of the Sea Convention: Recent Developments in the Law of the Sea," and presented a "Tentative Final Draft, Terms in the 1982 U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea that the

Convention Does Not Define," at the International Law Association (American Branch) annual meeting in New York City in October. Professor Walker chairs the ABILA Law of the Sea Committee and was reporter for the project. He is also a member of the ABILA Executive Committee. Recently he published *Defining Terms in the 1982 Law of the*

Sea Convention IV: The Last Round of Definitions Proposed by the International Law Association (American Branch) Law of the Sea Committee, in the 2005-06 Proceedings of the International Law Association (American Branch), pp. 23-72, reprinted from the lead article in 36 Cal. W. Int'l L.J. 133 (2005). ☪

LAW SCHOOL WELCOMES TWO NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

THE LAW SCHOOL IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE the addition of two outstanding legal practitioners to the faculty this fall — Kami and Omari Simmons. This dynamic husband/wife team came to the law school from Washington, DC where Kami was an Assistant United States Attorney, and Omari was in-house corporate counsel for a multinational corporation. They individually fill curricular needs in the criminal law and commercial law areas that have been temporarily covered by visiting faculty following the retirements of Rhoda Billings and Butch Covington.

Kami Chavis Simmons received a B.A. with Highest Honors from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1996, where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She then attended Harvard Law School, where she was an Earl Warren Scholar. After receiving her J.D. from Harvard in 1999, Professor Simmons worked as an associate at private law firms in Washington, D.C., where she participated in various aspects of civil litigation, white-collar criminal defense, and internal investigations. In 2003, she became an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia. She has represented the United States in a wide range of criminal prosecutions and has argued and briefed appeals before the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. Professor Simmons was also an adjunct lecturer at American University, Washington College of Law. She will teach Criminal Procedure and Professional Responsibility.

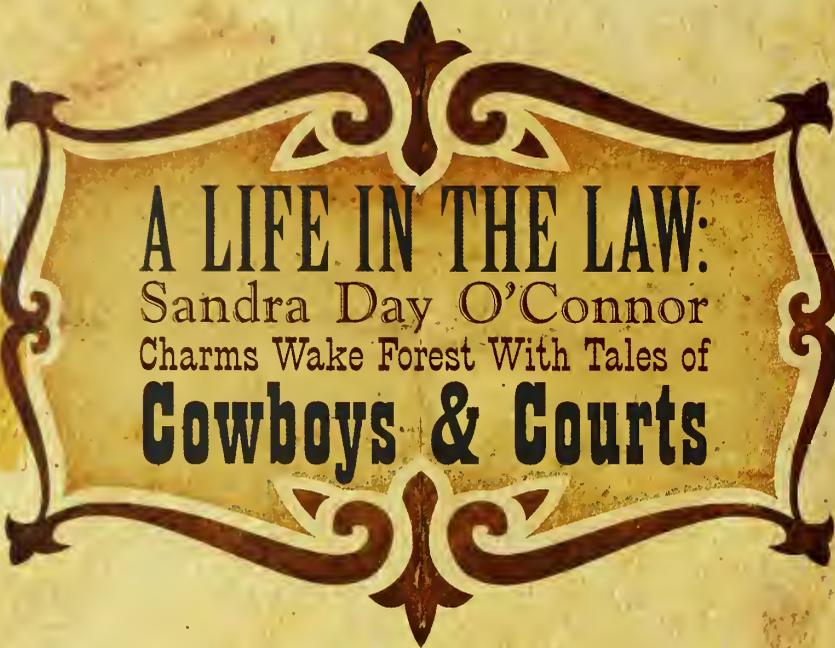


Professor Kami Chavis Simmons



Professor Omari Scott Simmons

Professor Omari Scott Simmons has returned to Wake Forest to teach at the law school. He graduated magna cum laude from Wake Forest University in 1996. He then attended the University of Pennsylvania School of Law and received his J. D. in 1999. At Penn, he was the recipient of the Sadie T. M. Alexander Distinguished Graduate Award, the Thouron Award, and the Fontaine Fellowship. After receiving his J. D., Professor Simmons clerked for the Honorable Chief Justice E. Norman Veasey of the Delaware Supreme Court. After his clerkship, he attended the University of Cambridge, Pembroke College, in the United Kingdom where he received an LL.M. in International Commercial Law in 2001. Professor Simmons has worked as in-house corporate counsel for two multinational corporations and worked for a private law firm in Washington, D.C. He is also the president of the Simmons Memorial Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit organization which provides college consulting services to vulnerable students. Professor Simmons will teach Contracts and Sales.



A LIFE IN THE LAW: Sandra Day O'Connor Charms Wake Forest With Tales of Cowboys & Courts

By Ellen Dockham

WENTY-FIVE YEARS TO THE DAY after she took her Supreme Court Justice oath of office, Sandra Day O'Connor faced a much different but just as eager audience: law students and faculty at Wake Forest University. They were treated to a display of the same charm and trademark no-nonsense character that persuaded President Ronald Reagan to name O'Connor to serve as the first female on the nation's highest court.

"That was a memorable moment," O'Connor told members of the Wake Forest community who gathered to hear her speak as part of the law school's ongoing "A Conversation With..." series that brings students face-to-face with legal role models.

"Ronald Reagan was the last president to have come to the Supreme Court for the investiture of a justice. The other presidents have wanted to have television coverage — and we don't have television at the Supreme Court — so other presidents have done it at the White House. But that day, Ronald Reagan and his wife, Nancy, asked John and me to go to the White House and ride with them up Pennsylvania Avenue to the Supreme Court."

What a ride that was for a woman who had grown up in a four-room adobe house with no indoor plumbing or electricity on an Arizona ranch. She never believed she would ascend to the Supreme Court, even after her official 30-minute interview with Reagan in the Oval Office. "Probably what he liked best was my cattle ranch upbringing," said O'Connor, who is the third Supreme Court justice — preceded by Ruth Bader Ginsburg and John Roberts — to visit the law school in the past year.

"We probably talked more about horses and fence building than we did about crucial issues at the Supreme Court," she said. "I remember getting on the plane and thinking 'what an amazing couple of days.' I saw Washington, D.C., for the first time, and I met the president. I also thought, 'Thank heavens I don't have to go do that job. I knew I would not be asked to do that. It made no sense.'"

But asked she was, much to her surprise. "I really did not think I would be asked to do that [serve on the Supreme Court], and I was greatly relieved. It's fine to be the first [female], but you don't want to be the last," O'Connor said.

O'Connor didn't get a honeymoon period after her swearing-in; she had to

attend her first meeting with the other justices that very day. "It was my first case, and it was electrifying to think that I had a voice," she remembered. "It came to me 4-4, and that was the story of my life."

Professor Suzanne Reynolds, who hosted the conversation with O'Connor, asked the former justice how she was able to cast those pivotal 5-4 votes. "I don't know," O'Connor said with candor. "You do the best you can. Some subject areas I knew nothing about, and I had to do so much work to get up to speed. You want the Court to reach a result at the end of the day that's reasonable and workable. We're there to try to craft principles of federal law based on the text of the statutes. If the statute's clear, that's the end of the line. Sometimes, I learned as a legis-



Justice O'Connor answers a question posed by Professor Suzanne Reynolds

lator, the text of the statute is not clear; there are many things to be interpreted and then what do you do? Then you do the best you can."

If it's the Constitution that must be interpreted, that's even tougher, O'Connor said. "It's fine to say look at the intent of the framers, but what if it's a search and seizure case and the language is that unreasonable search and seizures are invalid?" she said. "What's unreasonable today? The framers didn't know about DNA testing, did they? Or blood alcohol testing or fingerprints. You have to draw conclusions based on the framers' basic intent. That's where the judgment calls come in to play. I don't think judges are



Justice O'Connor with Professor Emeritus Rhoda Billings

sitting there legislating from the bench, but there are times when there is no precedent, no precise text, and you have to figure out what was intended. It's a challenge."

O'Connor's philosophy on challenges came through clearly during the conversation, Reynolds said. "She's refreshing; she just gets things done," Reynolds said. "You don't dwell on challenges too much; you just deal with them and move on. She really takes charge. Whenever she found herself in a tough spot, she figured out how she could work in the system and make it better. Her philosophy as a Supreme Court justice reflects that. Whenever there were divisions in the country and on the Court, she saw her task as building a bridge in this divide. That's a wonderful role model for our students."

One such tough issue was abortion. "Frankly, the *Roe v. Wade* decision test and the trimesters and so on wasn't a very recognizable judicial sort of a standard," O'Connor said. "So we had to do the best we could. Whether that was the best, I don't know, but it helped for a while. The problem is that the American people are by no means at rest on any area in the abortion context. They're just not. They're very uneasy with everything about it, with regulation or no regulation. It's been a very difficult area for the American people and certainly for the Court."

Another tough spot in which O'Connor found herself was trying to make a career as a woman in a man's world. She faced that challenge with the same roll-up-your-sleeves attitude that she learned growing up in a mostly male environment, surrounded by cowboys, rattlesnakes, bobcats and skunks on the isolated, 200,000-acre Lazy B Ranch. By the time she was eight years old, O'Connor was riding and shooting. In 2002, she was inducted into the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame in Fort Worth, Texas. "Each of us is shaped very much by our childhood experiences," she said. "What did I learn? All of us were expected to help with the work. There wasn't a telephone. If something went wrong, you couldn't open the Yellow Pages and get help. You had to do it yourself. If a motor vehicle broke down, you had to fix it. If the windmill didn't work, you had to repair it. If the cattle were sick, you had to treat them. If a cowboy had a tooth ache, you had to pull his tooth. If I was assigned to do something, I had to do it right. Those are good lessons in life: a little responsibility, a sense of the practical."

It never occurred to O'Connor when she finished Stanford Law School at age 22 that she wouldn't be able to find a job. She had been attracted to the law after taking an undergraduate law course at Stanford with an influential professor, Harry Rathbun, who taught his students that a single individual can make a difference in the world. "I really didn't know what I would do with a law degree," she said. "I didn't know lawyers, didn't know what they did. I didn't even know what a tort was. I thought it was something

you bought in the bakery downtown."

By graduation, she had decided to marry John O'Connor, whom she met while working on the *Stanford Law Review*, and she needed a job. "I had paid no attention to the fact that there were no women lawyers. I called the firms that put up notices at Stanford, but nobody would talk to me. John and I were going to get married, and we both liked to eat, and one of us had to work. I was a year ahead of him, so that was me."

O'Connor had a friend whose father was able to get her an interview at Gibson, Dunn, and Crutcher, a prominent firm in California. "I got an interview with a partner, and he said, 'How do you type?' I said, 'I'm OK, not great.' He said, 'If you can type well enough, we might be able to get you a job here as a legal secretary, but we have never hired a woman as a lawyer, and I do not see the time when we will.'"

O'Connor responded by opening her own practice in Phoenix, and went on to serve as the assistant attorney general of Arizona and later as a state legislator, Superior Court judge, and Arizona Court of Appeals judge before receiving Reagan's nomination to the Supreme Court. A delicious irony occurred when Reagan's attorney general, William French Smith, called to see if she would come to Washington to meet with the president. Smith had been a partner at none other than Gibson, Dunn, and Crutcher. "I said, 'I assume it's for a secretarial position.' But of course it turned out to be for the Court. Ronald Reagan had said he would put a woman on the Court, and there weren't very many Republican women judges."

Speaking of Gibson, Dunn, and Crutcher, the former justice also had the pleasure of being invited to speak at the firm's 100th anniversary. "It was lovely," she said.

O'Connor remembers those early days and struggles with good humor, and she advised law students to work at having that same attitude. "Let me tell you something: You have to get along to go along," she said. "You can argue all you want on the issues, but at the end of the day, you want to be friends with your opponents. You must make that a habit. Don't make enemies of people with whom you have professional work that puts you in opposition. Treat people with respect and understand that people have to oppose you at times."

It's precisely that type of advice that makes the "A Conversation With..." series so valuable, said Dean Robert Walsh. "Our theory with this series is that while law students might have developed a moral compass in terms of things like honesty and dishonesty from their parents, they don't always know the customs of the legal profession. We want them to learn from role models, and I can hardly imagine a better role model for our law students than Sandra Day O'Connor's life in the law," Walsh said. "She was so frank and candid in interrelating the life experiences from her childhood with the very distinguished lawyer-judge she became."

Chris Greco, a third-year law student from Hillsborough, New Jersey, seems to have learned precisely the lesson for which Walsh was hoping. "Justice O'Connor taught us that through hard work and persistence, people can overcome significant obstacles. She never stopped working hard in her life, even at times when it looked as if she had reached a glass ceiling. Her hard work led her to succeed at the highest level in the legal community," Greco said. "It means a lot to our law school to be able to attract leaders in the legal community, whether it is Justice O'Connor, Justice Ginsburg, Chief Justice Roberts, or the various U.S. Court of Appeals judges that have visited Wake Forest during my time here. It is an inspiration to our law students, and it also reflects very well on Wake Forest that such prominent legal scholars take the time to visit with our law school." ☪

ALUMNI NOTES



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1968

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1978

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Mike Colliflower

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1981

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1987

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1997

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1998

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1999

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NATHAN MYERS HULL (JD '99) is a senior partner with Hull & Chandler PA in Charlotte, NC, focusing on corporate transactions and business litigation. His wife, Lauren Bennett-Ale Hull ('99), completed a residency in family medicine and joined Carmel Family Physicians.

RYO KAWAMURA (LL.M. '99), **YORIKO SAKAI** (LL.M. '02), **JUN FURUTA** (LL.M. '05), **HIROSHI KISHIMOTO** (LL.M. '05) and **KATSUO YAMAURA** (LL.M. '06) attended the Tokyo LL.M Alumni Club send-off dinner for the "incoming" Japanese LL.M students.

KETEVAN KVARTSKHAVA (LL.M. '99) is a partner in Business & Legal Consulting in Tbilisi, Georgia, and a member of the Ethics Committee of the Georgian Bar Association. She is one of two former Muskie scholars invited by the Muskie Foundation to attend a commencement workshop in Washington, D.C.

2000

TODD M. ERICSSON (JD '00) practices residential real estate with Clawson & Staubes LLC in Charleston, SC.



Todd M. Ericsson

SCOTT T. HORN (JD '00) is a shareholder and director of Allman Spry Leggett & Crumpler PA in Winston-Salem. His concentration is in business, contracts and commercial real estate.

TRENT E. JERNIGAN (JD '00) is in the real estate development practice group of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC in Winston-Salem. He has been selected to serve a three-year term on the Real Property Section Council for the N.C. Bar Association.

MARCUS S. LAWRENCE JR. (JD '00) formed the law firm Thorn Lawrence PL in Tampa, FL, specializing in civil litigation and estate planning.

STEVEN C. MCRAE (JD '00) and **THOMAS R. PEAKE II** (JD '95) have formed Peake & McRae PA in Graham, NC.

APRIL BEEMAN METWALLI (JD '00) is senior advisor to the Chris Carney for Congress campaign. She and her husband, **ADAM METWALLI** ('96, MD '00), and their daughter, Ellen, live in Houston, TX.

CHRISTOPHER M. TREBILCOCK (JD '00) is an associate of Miller Canfield in Detroit, MI. He is on the board of directors of Planned Parenthood of Southeast Michigan.



Christopher M. Trebilcock

2001

BETH MABE GIANOPULOS (JD '01) is associate counsel at North Carolina Baptist Hospitals Inc. in Winston-Salem.

MASARU TAKEYASU (LL.M. '01) is a member of the legal department of Kao Corporation-Tokyo. He is studying the Chinese language and legal system at the University of Hong Kong.

2002

ERIC BASS (JD '02) is with Wishart Norris Henninger & Pittman in Charlotte, NC. He is a member of the N.C. Bar and recently gained membership in the S.C. Bar.



Eric M. Bass

LACHINA DOVODOVA (LL.M. '02) is an associate at Fracassi Mahdavi Sissman & Rand LLP in Fairfax, VA.

EMERSON C. MOSER (JD '02) is with Dinsmore & Shohl LLP in Cincinnati, OH. He was named an "Ohio Super Lawyer — Rising Star" by Law & Politics Media.



Emerson C. Moser

2003

AIDH SULTAN AL-BAQME (LL.M. '03) is pursuing an S.J.D. at the University of Western Australia School of Law.

WEIBKE HOLZAPFEL (LL.M. '03) is practicing with Cleary Gottlieb in Frankfurt, Germany.

VIRGINIA LEE "GINGER" ROLFES (JD '03) is an associate at Kilpatrick Stockton LLP, focusing on commercial real estate and finance, in Charlotte, NC.

2004

JOHN H. MCTYEIRE (JD '04) has joined the transactional department of Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in Raleigh, NC.



John H. McTyeire



Manuel Moctezuma and family

MANUEL MOCTEZUMA (LL.M '04) is on the board of directors of the Hispanic Bar Association. He is a foreign counsel at Ajamie LLP in Houston, TX.

EDWARD T. "TED" SHIPLEY III (JD '04) practices corporate law and civil litigation with Spilman Thomas & Battle PLLC in Winston-Salem.

2005

TAYLOR ARNOLD ('94, JD '05) is an attorney in Raleigh, NC. He has created the Controlled Mindstorms web site to showcase products of independent inventors and tell the stories behind them.

SAMUEL CHACON (LL.M '05) is practicing with Galicia-y-Robles SC in Mexico City, Mexico.

SU-BEOM LEE (LL.M '05) is with the Law Office of P.J. Lee in Los Angeles, CA.

PHILLIP J. LONG (JD '05) is an associate with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, NC.



Phillip J. Long

YUNG-CHI TAN (LL.M '05) and Jun Furuta (LL.M '05) celebrated their engagement at a party in Taipei.

S'THEMBISO TEMBE (LL.M '05) is a state law advisor with the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development in Cape Town, South Africa.

2006

MUHANAD ASSAF (LL.M '06) is teaching banking law at a Palestinian university.

REBEKAH G. BALLARD (JD '06) has joined the litigation department of Frost Brown Todd LLC in Lexington, KY.

STEPHEN MARSHALL (JD '06) is an associate in the litigation group of Fish & Richardson PC in Boston, MA.

YOUSEF NASRALLAH (LL.M '06) is bureau chief for the Chief Justice Office in Palestine.

MARIYA ORLYK (LL.M '06) completed an internship at the main office of CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz in Vienna, Austria, to prepare for her position as attorney in the Kiev office.

MARRIAGES

JOHN MCCUNE ('84, JD '87) and Holly Henry. 6/17/06 in Ocala, FL. They live in Lynn Haven, FL.

ROY STEVEN CALHOUN (JD/MBA '97) and Jennifer Anne Levinson. 4/8/06 in West Monroe, LA. The wedding party included NEIL HORN (JD '97) and STEVEN BLAIR WILSON (JD '97).

MICHAEL HOFFMANN (LL.M '99) and Kristina. 4/06 in Hamburg, Germany.

FREDERICK BERTRAND ADAMS II (JD '00) and April Yaisa Ruffin. 8/19/06 in Winston-Salem. They live in Greensboro, NC. The wedding party included KARONNIE TRUZY (JD '01).

VIRGINIA LEE "GINGER" BAILEY (JD '03) and Robert Jerome Rolfes. 5/20/06 in Charlotte, NC.

ERICA ANNE BAUGH (JD '04) and Douglas Randall Marcoux. 7/8/06 in Port Gamble, WA. They live in Sammamish, WA. Attending were JULIE BASSETT (JD '04) and PAT KELLY (JD '04).

NANCY K. BURNS ('01, JD '04) and RAYMOND T. BRITT ('01). 6/3/06. The wedding party included P. DEVAN CULBRETH ('99, JD '04) and CASSIE RICH ('01, JD '04). Attending were ANNE ARNOLD ('06), JENNIFER DEVOR (JD '04), JON FOGG (JD '04) and BESS PARRISH (JD '04).

BIRTHS

KRISTIN DECKER OGBURN (JD '93) and TATE OGBURN (JD/MBA '96), Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Joanna Porter. 5/25/06. She joins her sister, Virginia Decker (19 mos).

PETER CARLINO ('92, JD '95) and CATHY CARLINO ('92), Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Sophia Antonina. 3/8/06. She joins her sisters, Olivia (6) and Gabriella (5).

HOPE CULPEPPER MEWBORNE (JD '97) and Jeffrey D. Mewborne, Greenville, NC: a daughter, Andrea Claire. 3/1/06. She joins her brothers, Travis (6) and Luke (3).

CHRISTOPHER KEVIN BEHM (JD '98) and Kristen Behm, Wilmington, NC: a daughter, Jesette Catherine. 6/15/06

STACEY THURMAN BRADFORD (JD '99) and Franklin Bradford, Birmingham, AL: a son, Harry Franklin III. 12/8/05

WILLIAM BRUMSEY ('92, JD '99) and Joanna Garbee Brumsey ('92), Currituck, NC: a son, William Brumsey V. 5/15/06. He joins his sisters, Emma (4) and Paige (1).

TROY D. CAHILL (JD '99) and Jeneanne O. Cahill, Alexandria, VA: a son, Samuel Thomas. 9/5/06. He joins his brothers, Jack (3) and Will (1).

ROBERT MICHAEL CHANDLER (JD '99) and Autumn Stokley Chandler ('98), Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Reagan Kincaid. 6/8/06

SEAN SWEENEY (JD '99) and AMY WILDER SWEENEY ('99), Gaithersburg, MD: a daughter, Allison Elaine. 4/26/06

TINA LLOYD HLABSE (JD '99) and ANDREW STEWART HLABSE (JD '99), Raleigh, NC: a daughter, Lilah Sinclair. 2/5/06. She joins her sister, Cassidy Marie (4)

KATE BARBER JERNIGAN (JD '00) and TRENT JERNIGAN (JD '00), Winston-Salem: a daughter, Adelaide Tart. 6/11/06. She joins her brother, James (1 1/2).

BETH EGGLESTON LORSBACH (JD '00) and Justin Lorsbach, Antrim, NH: a daughter, Hannah Maria. 2/2/06

JEFF D. BRAINTWAIN (JD '01) and TRACY COBB BRAINTWAIN (JD '01), Atlanta, GA: a daughter, Catherine Frazier. 2/1/06

ANGELO BAGNAROSA (LL.M. '04) and Nina Horvath, Paris, France: a son, Luca. 10/17/06

MANUEL MOCTEZUMA (LL.M. '04) and M. PAULINA CASTRO ESPINOSA (LL.M. '04), Houston, TX: a son, Santiago. 8/06

DEATHS

C.M. "CHICK" MCCracken ('31, JD '32), Sept. 16, 2006, Asheville, NC. He spent his last year in Spartanburg, SC. He was retired from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Buncombe County School System.

WILLIAM WAYNE STATON ('38, JD '41), Oct. 1, 2006, Sanford, NC. He was a veteran of World War II, receiving a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star. He practiced law for 56 years, serving as senior partner with Staton Doster Post & Silverman in Sanford, NC. He was a member of the N.C. General Assembly for 22 years. He served on the Board of Trustees for Wake Forest when the school moved from Wake Forest to

Winston-Salem. He is survived by two sons, William Wayne Staton Jr. and Allyn Moore Staton ('75), and a brother, Benjamin S. Staton ('40).

CHARLES R. "CHICK" JARRELL (JD '42), July 2, 2006, High Point, NC. He practiced law in High Point for over 60 years. He took special pride in representing those less fortunate.

FRANK C. AUSBAND ('47, JD '48), Sept. 14, 2006, Sea Level, NC. He served during World War II in the U.S. Air Force as a pilot. He was a retired lawyer and member of the N.C. and Forsyth County Bar Associations. He was the first judge of recorder's court in Kernersville, NC, serving for six years.

MARVIN KEY BLOUNT JR. (JD '66), Nov. 24, 2006, Greenville, NC. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve and was admitted to the N.C. Bar in 1966. His private practice, The Blount Law Firm PA, specialized in personal injury, class action and complex litigation. He was the first recipient of the Pitt County Bar Association Outstanding Service Award. He served on the Wake Forest Law Board of Visitors. He is survived by his wife, Jan, two sons, MARVIN III (JD '96) and James, a daughter, Jane, a stepson, Charles, a stepdaughter, Anna, and eight grandchildren.

DANIEL A. FRAZIER (JD '73), Nov. 20, 2006, Pfafftown, NC. He was the owner of Northside Legal Services and a member of the N.C. Bar.

PAUL PRESTON HINKLE JR. ('68, JD '73), May 30, 2006, Mocksville, NC. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War, receiving the Purple Heart. He practiced law and tax work. He worked with the IRS Estate Division in Greensboro, NC, Linn and Shuford Partners and Happ Roberts.

RAYMOND ALEXANDER MCALLISTER (JD '84), Sept. 19, 2006, High Point, NC. He worked for Bob Browns B&C Association, Sara Lee Corporation, and was an attorney. While in Miami, FL, he was a human resources management consultant and a business law professor at Carlos Albizu University.

LISA THOMPSON KELLY ('80, JD '85), Nov. 5, 2006, Charlotte, NC. She was an estate-planning attorney for 20 years, most of that time at Essex Richards PA. She recently co-founded Foster Kelly PA. She is survived by her husband, PETER ('79), two daughters, Erin and Allison, and her parents.

JOHN DAVID THALHIMER (JD '95), Oct. 30, 2006, Marietta, GA. He is survived by his wife, Ellen, son, Jacob (2), daughter, Melanie (8 mos.) and father, Jack.

GIVING BRIEFS

GIFTS TO THE LAW SCHOOL BREAK PREVIOUS RECORDS

GIFTS TOTALING MORE THAN \$5 MILLION were received during the 2005-2006 fiscal year. Because of the generosity of alumni and friends, the law school celebrated its most successful year of fundraising on record. Your gifts created:

- Over \$4 million in endowed gifts
- Over \$664,000 for the annual Law Fund
- Over \$360,000 for Law Alumni Scholarships
- A robust 16 per cent increase over last year's gifts

New endowments include:

- James R. Van Camp Scholarship
- Tom and Joyce Comerford Scholarship
- Fred and Francis Paschal Law Scholarship
- Thomas K. Hearn, Jr. Law Leadership Scholarship
- Albert R. Bell Family Endowed Law Scholarship
- William A. Klopman, Jr. Law Scholarship
- Judge Hiram H. Ward Scholarship

ALUMNI CREATE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP TO HONOR RETIRED PROFESSOR "BUTCH" COVINGTON

A GROUP OF ALUMNI DONORS have successfully led a campaign to endow a scholarship for their law professor, I. Boyce "Butch" Covington, who retired in 2003. Chaired by Charles E. Trefzger (JD '84), the committee solicited gifts from classmates and law school alumni who took classes under Professor Covington. From 1977 until his retirement, he taught contracts, sales, secure transactions, and other courses at the law school.

The committee requests that other alumni consider making gifts to the Covington Scholarship. To make a gift, please send your check made payable to WFU, P.O. Box 7227, Winston-Salem, NC, 27109, and indicate "for the Covington Scholarship" on your payment. For more information, please call Holly Marion at (336) 758-5537.

SCHOLARSHIPS CREATED TO HONOR DEAN WALSH

MORE THAN \$180,000 has been raised for a scholarship to honor Dean Robert K. Walsh upon his retirement. Alumni serving on the Walsh Year campaign committee agreed to a minimum goal of \$250,000 to name the Bob & Kathie Walsh Law Scholarship. All alumni are invited to participate by making a gift to this fund between now and June 30.

In addition, more than \$3.5 million has been raised for law scholarships during the Robert K. Walsh Scholarship Year. All gifts for scholarships will be added together for a total amount raised in tribute to the 18 years of dedicated service by Dean Walsh.

RUSS (JD '52) AND ROSABELLE TWIFORD ADD THEIR NAMES TO DONOR WALL

RUSS AND ROSABELLE TWIFORD recently received a plaque commemorating the addition of their names to the \$1 million Donor Wall. Dean Walsh was on hand to thank the Twifords for their generous support of the law school over the past years. The Donor Wall, located in Reynolda Hall, recognizes donors who make cumulative life time gifts of \$1 million or more.



Dean Walsh thanks Russ (JD '52) and Rosabelle Twiford

GIVING BRIEFS

HOWARD BORUM (JD '80) NAMED FIRM REP CHAIRMAN

HOWARD L. BORUM, a director with Carruthers & Roth, P.A. in Greensboro, has been named chair of the Firm Rep Program for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. Howard graduated from N.C. State University before entering Wake Forest law school and was admitted to the North Carolina Bar in 1980. His practice is focused on commercial real estate development and finance.



The Firm Rep Program is a fund raising campaign that supports the Law Fund and generates alumni participation. The program is open to any firm where three or more Wake Forest law alumni are employed. Firms achieving 100% participation are recognized at the Annual Partners' Banquet in the fall and are listed prominently in the *Jurist* and the Donor Report. If your firm qualifies for the Firm Rep Program and would like to participate, please contact Margaret Mehaffey, Assistant Director of Annual Giving, at (336) 758-5884 or mehahmh@wfu.edu.

ALUMNI GIVE IRA'S TO LAW SCHOOL UNDER NEW LAW

ON AUGUST 17, 2006, President Bush signed into law the Pension Protection Act of 2006, a package of legislation which includes a provision allowing charitable contributions from an Individual Retirement Account to qualified charities. From now until the end of 2007, you have an unprecedented opportunity to help the School of Law at Wake Forest with charitable IRA transfers. Here's how:

Individuals age 70-1/2 and older may transfer up to \$100,000 per year directly from a traditional or Roth IRA to qualified charities such as the School of Law at Wake Forest University.

- The charitable distribution counts toward minimum required distribution requirements.
- Charitable distributions may be made in addition to any other charitable giving you may have planned.
- Because the distribution generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, even non-itemizers can benefit.

The provision does include some limitations. For instance, distributions must be made to qualified charities as defined by federal regulations; distributions cannot be used to fund charitable remainder trusts or charitable gift annuities; and state tax treatments may differ.

For more information about using your IRA to help the law school, please call Chip Patterson, Director of Planned Giving at (336) 758-5288 or (800) 752-8568 or at patterah@wfu.edu. As always, we recommend you seek the advice of your tax and/or legal advisors before deciding on a course of action.

ALUMNI EVENTS

2006 PARTNERS' BANQUET DRAWS 145 ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

LAW CLASSMATES, FIRM PARTNERS, faculty, and alumni attended the 34th annual Partners' Banquet on October 27. The signature event for donors to the law school, the Banquet recognizes donors making gifts of \$500 or more to the law school each year. The 2006 Partners' Banquet reception was sponsored by Bell, Davis, & Pitt. Features included the recognition of Porter B. Byrum (JD '42) with the presentation of the Dean Carroll Weathers Award. The key note speech was given by Provost Emeritus Dr. Edwin G. Wilson ('43).



Porter Byrum (JD '42) gives his acceptance speech after receiving the Dean Carroll Weathers Award.



(l-r): Leon H. Corbett Jr. (59, JD '61) chats with President Nathan Hatch at the Partners' Banquet.



David (JD '85) and Cynthia Daggett are loyal donors who have attended the Partners' Banquet for many years.



(l-r): Larry Sitton ('61, JD '64), Dixie Wells (JD '99), and Patrick Auld ('92) enjoy the reception at the Partners Banquet.

PORTER BYRUM (JD '42)



WHEN PORTER BYRUM (JD '42) received the School of Law's highest honor, the Carroll Weathers Award, at the annual Partners' Banquet in October, he would probably have preferred to be hunting or fishing instead of wearing a suit sitting in a fancy country club. He's not someone who likes a lot of attention or who puts on airs. He'd just as soon talk about the 300-pound Russian boar he killed 20 years ago as his half-century career as an attorney and highly successful businessman in Charlotte. Whatever success he's had, he would say, is a tribute to the example set by his father, a Baptist minister.

Byrum, 86, is only the seventh person (see box) to receive the Weathers award since it was first awarded to and named for Carroll W. Weathers ('22, JD '23), who served as dean of the School of Law from 1950 until 1970. "In many ways, his story is typical of many Wake Forest graduates," said Dean of the School of Law Robert K. Walsh. "He didn't come here from a rich background, but Wake Forest gave him a boost. Because of that, he has been committed to giving the next generation a chance to succeed."

Byrum hasn't had a typical legal career. After opening his sole practice in Charlotte more than 50 years ago to take whatever cases would come through the door, he spent much of his career working with only two clients, who not coincidentally became lifelong friends. With one,

he traveled around the world buying and reselling airplanes. He helped the other develop one of Charlotte's first shopping centers, which he would later buy.

Although he stopped practicing law five years ago, he continues to manage the shopping center from a small, non-descript office — decorated with the mounted heads of two 9-point bucks he killed a few years ago — in the basement of one of the center's buildings. He gives a colorful account of how he tracked down that Russian boar on property he owns near Charlotte; its mounted head stares down ferociously on his conference table.

The boy who loved hunting and fishing grew into the man who began buying land in the Charlotte area in the 1950s, not for development purposes, but so he'd have a place to take his dogs out on a Saturday and hunt all day. For the last 14 years, he's leased about 250 acres outside Huntersville, N.C., that he bought because of the abundance of quail on the property, to the Carolina Renaissance Festival, a medieval fair held during the fall that attracts tens of thousands of visitors.

In recent years, he's donated land in Union County, N.C., near Monroe, for two schools — Porter Ridge Elementary and High School — and a church. "It makes me feel very humble when those little kids come in and thank me for what I've done," he says. "I get a feeling that I've done something good in the world. I think back to the sermons my daddy gave years ago about being a good steward of what you have."

In 1998, he funded the John Thomas Byrum Scholarship in memory of his father, a 1908 graduate of Wake Forest. The scholarship, which is usually awarded to two students in each class, has supported 20 students since it was established.

"I know that I didn't pay my way when I went to Wake Forest," says Byrum, who, along with three of his brothers, received free tuition to Wake Forest because his father was a minister. "Given the circumstances, my daddy never would have been able to have gotten four boys through Wake Forest, so somebody ought to pay back the debt. And it makes me feel good to do that."

Byrum was born in Forsyth County and grew up in Wilmington and Edenton, N.C. Growing up during the Depression, his father never had much money, so he and his brothers learned to love the outdoors, hunting quail, rabbits, squirrels and deer, and fishing. "There was an old mill pond, and my brother made a boat that gave me more joy than any one thing that came into my life," he recalls.

The simple pleasures of growing up a country boy and the lessons learned from his father still mark his life. "From the time I was born until the time I went to Wake Forest, my daddy didn't give me more than \$5 that I could just go out and spend for whatever I wanted," he

says, not with bitterness, but with a sense of appreciation that his father gave him far more important things. “He was the same daddy down there in the mill pond with mud up to his waist as he was in the pulpit. What he believed, he believed, and lived it day by day, and he wanted us to live it.”

Since his father had gone to Wake Forest, it was a given that he and his brothers would go there, too. Byrum’s oldest brother, Paul (’34, LLB ’42), was a school teacher in Rowland, N.C., before his death in 1978. Conwell “Cliff” (’37, MD ’41), now 90, is a retired doctor who lives in Raleigh, NC. David (’47, JD ’51), 88, is a retired attorney in Charlotte. John, 92, was the only brother not to attend Wake Forest; he graduated from N.C. State and was an engineer and salesman for General Electric for 40 years before retiring.

“Daddy had one ambition in life: to college educate his five boys,” Byrum says. “He lived to see all five of us with college degrees. When I walked out of the church there in old Wake Forest, he said ‘son, I’ve carried you as far as I can carry you, you’re on your own.’ I remember looking at the diploma thinking how am I going to survive.”

Byrum tried to join the Army and Navy as an officer but was turned down because he was colorblind. That didn’t keep him from being drafted into the Army, and he was in Europe by Christmas of 1944, just in time for the Battle of the Bulge. He served with distinction — once pin-pointing the position of a Germany artillery battery that was pouring fire on America troops so that it could be destroyed — and was eventually promoted to captain. The war ended as he was in London waiting for the expected invasion of Japan; instead of finding himself on a troop ship to Japan, he was on the Queen Mary heading home.

After leaving the army (he later served briefly in Korea), he moved to Charlotte and literally hung out his shingle, paying \$10 a month for a small office in the law building in downtown Charlotte. He asked the real estate agent across the hall if he could use his waiting room in the unlikely event he had more than one client at a time. “Everybody who knew me thought I’d fail because I’d vowed I’d never work for anybody else,” he says, with his characteristic plain-spoken candor. I wasn’t going to be anybody’s lackey. If I didn’t have but one client a year, at least it would be mine.”

He soon got his first client — for a divorce case — who paid him more than his new suit cost, and he was on his way. He achieved some financial stability when several businessmen convicted of embezzlement offered him \$200 a week for every week he kept them out of jail while he was appealing their convictions. There was no question they were going to jail, he laughs now as he recalls the case. But he did his job well enough — even petitioning the U.S. Supreme Court to hear the case, which declined — that he kept them out of jail for a year.

One client who wandered into his office on a Saturday afternoon needed help buying a government surplus C54 fuselage, which he intended to refurbish and sell. When the client, Jenks Caldwell, needed some more money to close the deal, Byrum thought it sounded like a pretty good deal and agreed to put up \$500. That was the beginning of Charlotte Aircraft Corporation. He represented the company until retiring in 1993, frequently traveling around the world — to Argentina, China, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland — to broker deals to buy and sell airplanes.

Byrum is nothing if not loyal, and another client from the 1950s would also become a longtime friend and client. When A.V. Blankenship developed Park Road Shopping Center in Charlotte — the first large shopping center in the city when it was built in 1956 — he hired Byrum to help with the financing arrangements. When he decided to sell the shopping center in 1967, he encouraged Byrum to buy it because no one knew the workings of the business better than he did.

The center, with a Harris Teeter grocery store, Great Outdoors Provisions Co. and 60 other stores, celebrated its 50th anniversary in November. Typically, Byrum skipped the grand celebration — he was out hunting. 🦌

RECIPIENTS OF THE CARROLL WEATHERS AWARD
(IN THE ORDER OF THEIR SELECTION)

Carroll W. Weathers (’22, JD ’23)*, dean of the School of Law, 1950-1970.

Joseph Branch (JD ’38)*, retired chief justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court and a former chairman of the University’s board of trustees

Leon Rice*, University trustee

James W. Mason (JD ’38)*, former chairman of the University’s board of trustees and an attorney in Laurinburg, N.C.

Fred Williams Sr. (’38, JD ’40), an attorney in Greensboro, N.C.

Murray C. Greason Jr. (’59, JD ’62), former chairman of the University’s board of trustees and an attorney in Winston-Salem

*deceased

ALUMNI EVENTS

RALEIGH AND CHARLOTTE LAW ALUMNI ATTEND FALL RECEPTIONS

FIRST LADY MARY EASLEY ('72, JD '75) welcomed law school alumni to the Governor's Mansion in Raleigh on September 12. More than 90 people attended the special event with Mrs. Easley.

On November 8, Charlotte area alumni gathered at Myers Park Country Club thanks to alumni who served as sponsors. Gene Pridgen (MBA '75, JD '78), a sponsor and a member of the Dean Search Committee, spoke to attendees about Dean Walsh's retirement and the search for a new dean. More than 40 people attended the event which was also sponsored by Robert Brinkley (JD '81), Kurt Lindquist (JD '83), and Dorian Gunter ('75, JD '79).



Charlotte alumni who attended the Law School's reception at Myers Park Country Club include (l-r); Dorian Gunter ('75, JD '79), Jody Carpenter ('80, JD '84), Chris Swecker (JD '81) and Robert Brinkley (JD '81).

REUNION WEEKEND RE-KINDLES WFU ALUMNI TIES

LAW CLASSES ENDING in '0 and '6 held their reunions during Homecoming Weekend at Wake Forest, September 29-30. The classes of '66, '76, and '86 created special social events for their classmates. In addition, classes raised money for a reunion gift to the Law Fund.



The Class of 1966 held their 40th law school reunion in September. Attending the party hosted by Rhoda Billings, Jim Williams, and Bill Davis were (l-r front row): Rhoda Billings, Jene Thompson, Marshall LaFar, Jim Rogers; (second row) Fred Smith, Tom Grady, Bill Davis, Maurice Horne; (third row) Leary Davis, Jim Hunter, Jim Williams, Bill Lopp.



The Class of 1976 celebrated their 30th law school reunion at the home of Dan and Gwynn Taylor. (l-r front row): Tom Sager, Dan Taylor, Joe Green, Rob Marshall (middle row): Catharine Arrowood, Paula Potoczak, Dianne Sellers, Linda Bridgman, Susan Montaquila (back row): Tom Davis, Gray Smith, Steve Karr, Dick Beyer, Jack Clark, Bob Tait, and Danny Davis.

ALUMNI EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE
UPCOMING LAW SCHOOL EVENTS IN
2007

- February 22** Atlanta Law Alumni Reception
Alston & Bird LLP
- March 7** Tampa Law Alumni Reception
TBD
- April 27** Dean Robert K. Walsh Tribute
Banquet
- May 13** Washington, D. C. Law Alumni
Reception
- May 24** New York City Law Alumni
Reception
The University Club



WAKE FOREST WOMEN-IN-LAW BREAKFAST FEATURES SUPREME COURT JUSTICE O'CONNOR

A GROUP OF TOP WOMEN ALUMNI DONORS had the opportunity to share an intimate breakfast with U.S. Supreme Court Justice (Ret.) Sandra Day O'Connor at the Graylyn Conference Center on Friday, September 22. The program was led by Rhoda Billings (JD '66).

NCATLA AND THE N.C. BAR ASSOCIATION CONVENTION FEATURE WFU ALUMNI EVENTS

A BREAKFAST MEETING for Wake Forest law school alumni was held at the annual convention of the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers. More than 25 alumni attended the event held at Sea Trail at Sunset Beach on June 14. The event was hosted by Immediate Past President of the Academy Cliff Britt ('82, JD/MBA '86), Michael Bailey ('74, JD '77), Wade Byrd (JD '73), and Howard Twigg ('54, JD '57).

The N.C. Bar Association reception was held at Morehead City on June 16. The event for Wake Forest was hosted by the law firm of Kilpatrick Stockton.



(l-r): Howard Twigg ('54, JD '57), Cliff Britt ('82, JD/MBA '86), Mrs. Allen ("Ebbie") Bailey, Michael Bailey ('74, JD '77), Wade Byrd (JD '73), and Dean Walsh pose at the Wake Forest alumni breakfast event, during the annual meeting of the NC Academy of Trial Lawyers.

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