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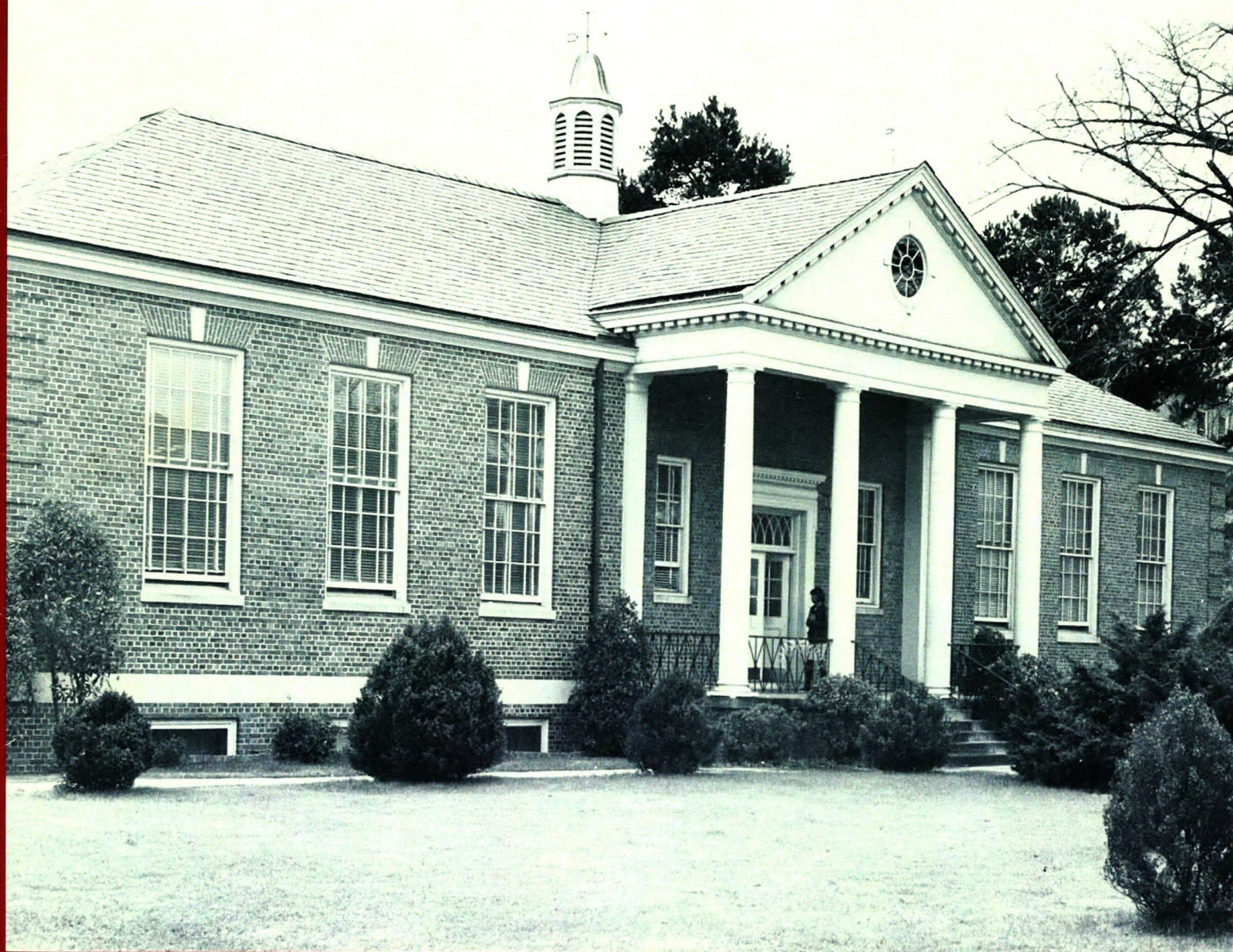
NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF LAW

75th

ANNIVERSARY

Friday, November 7 - Saturday, November 8, 2014





*North Carolina Central University
School of Law 75th Anniversary Gala
Saturday, November 8, 2014
6:00 – 10:00 p.m.*

Cocktail Reception The Garden Court Ballroom
Doubletree by Hilton RTP

Welcome Dean Phyliss Craig-Taylor

Acknowledgement of Special Guests The Honorable Wanda Bryant
Mistress of Ceremonies

Reflections Professor Mary Wright
Former Dean, 1990 – 1994

Dinner is Served

Music By: J. Reese Group featuring Beverly Crowder

Soloist Valerie Thomas, Class of 2001

Introduction of Keynote Speaker Dean Phyliss Craig-Taylor

Keynote Address Willie Gary, Class of 1974

Closing Remarks Thomas M. Ringer
Former Professor, Former Dean 1985 - 1986

Please join us to continue the celebration immediately following



November 8, 2014

Dear North Carolina Central University School of Law Alumni and Friends,

Congratulations and best wishes on the 75th anniversary of the School of Law! In 1939 when the North Carolina State Legislature voted to establish the School, then North Carolina College for Negroes paved the way in educating students of color who sought to further their education and earn a Juris Doctor degree when other institutions' doors were closed to them.



Some 75 years later, hundreds of individuals have gained their degrees and have served in a variety of notable roles in the field of law, including several local and state judges, mayors and congresspersons. The School of Law has served as a true gateway to opportunity for alumni from a diverse range of ethnicities. From operating solo law practices to serving as Judge Advocate Generals in the U.S. Air Force, our graduates stand front and center in the field of law, both in North Carolina and throughout the United States.

The School of Law has long been an award-winning, nationally ranked program of distinction for NCCU. We remain committed to delivering the same high quality education that will prepare the best law scholars in the 21st century and for years to come.

At NCCU, we are on a journey toward Eagle Excellence, or E-squared: excellence in our classrooms, excellence in our service and excellence on our campus. It is the collective investment of our entire university community—students, faculty, staff and alumni—that provides a high-quality educational experience to all who choose North Carolina Central University. Eagle Excellence means that we are focused on student outcomes, operational success and financial success.

Thank you for your commitment to and investment in the School of Law and North Carolina Central University. We value our partnership with you as, together, we make Eagle Excellence a reality!

In Truth and Service,

Dr. Debra Saunders-White
Chancellor

| WELCOME HOME



It is my esteemed pleasure to serve as Dean of this wonderful institution, particularly at this place in its illustrious history. As we celebrate 75 years of existence, we must take the time study our past and understand its importance. We must appreciate those who paved the way for this law school and ensure that the NCCU School of Law will stand as a beacon of light in the future—positioned at the forefront of legal education to serve the next generations of the disenfranchised and underserved. I am proud to lead the charge in this season of celebration-- as we celebrate our history and continue to move towards our destiny.

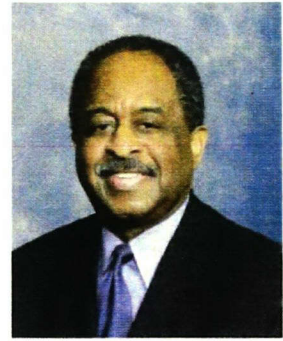


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November 8, 2014



Congratulations North Carolina Central University School of Law

On behalf of the Mayor and City Council of Durham, North Carolina, I extend a hearty congratulation on the celebration of your 75th Anniversary. We are indeed fortunate to have such a prestigious educational facility of law in the City of Durham.

The School of Law has thrived and taken its rightful place in history as a law school that produces, not just lawyers; but, social engineers, who foster change and promote fairness and justice through the practice of law.

Once again, congratulations on your 75th Anniversary and may your endeavors to meet the challenges of this century be fulfilled.

Sincerely,



William V. "Bill" Bell
Mayor



COUNTY OF DURHAM

WENDELL M. DAVIS
COUNTY MANAGER

October 27, 2014

Dean Phyliss Craig-Taylor
North Carolina Central University School of Law
640 Nelson Street
Durham, NC 27707

Dear Dean Craig-Taylor,

Greetings! On behalf of Durham County Government, I take great pleasure in extending my sincere congratulations on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the North Carolina Central University's School of Law. Since its inception in 1939, this educational institution has remained true to its mission to train young men and women for successful careers in the legal profession. Specifically, this law school has endeavored to equip some of our country's best and brightest individuals with the tools needed to become outstanding and competent lawyers. Founders indeed envisioned that this Law School would serve persons of color in an age where opportunities for legal training and practice in the larger community were severely limited. Fortunately, with zeal, dynamic leadership and tremendous support, NCCU's School of Law has transitioned with the times evolving to become a first choice law school for men and women from diverse backgrounds.

Graduates of NCCU's Law School serve communities locally, nationally and internationally as practicing attorneys, legal scholars, elected officials and more. Certainly these alumni are committed to successful endeavors and unselfishly working on behalf of others.

Congratulations as you celebrate this milestone event and we wish North Carolina Central University's School of Law much success in the years to come!

In Truth and Service,

Wendell M Davis
Durham County Manager



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October 28, 2014



Dean Phyliss Craig-Taylor
North Carolina Central University School of Law
640 Nelson Street
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Dear Dean Craig-Taylor:

On behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, it gives me great pleasure to extend sincere congratulations to you and the North Carolina Central University School of Law as you prepare to celebrate 75 years of educating some of the most highly qualified individuals who have not only served our community well, but have served our state and nation in prominent positions due to the exceptional legal training they received at NCCU School of Law.

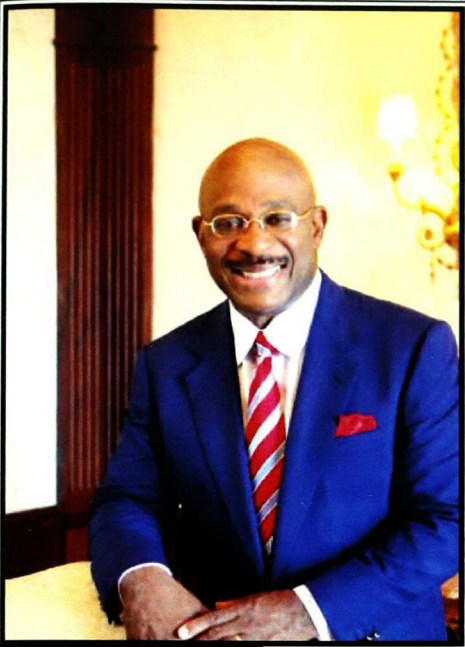
Durham is proud to have the NCCU School of Law nationally recognized as one of the most outstanding law schools. Although we recognize the leadership, competence, and diversity offered, we appreciate the value that others see in our local University.

I wish you the best and continued success as you celebrate this auspicious milestone. Your leadership and commitment to the students and the University are exemplified in its success. Again, congratulations!

In Truth and Service,

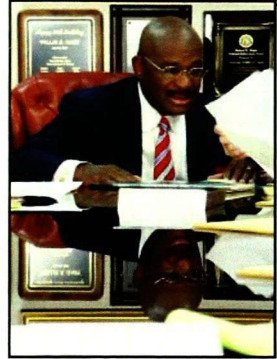
Michael D. Page, Chairman
Durham County Board of Commissioners

Willie E. Gary



Attorney Willie E. Gary earned the reputation as "The Giant Killer" by taking down some of America's most well-known corporate giants on behalf of his clients. He has won some of the largest jury awards and settlements in U.S. history, including cases valued in excess of \$30 billion. Gary's amazing success has earned him national recognition as one of this country's leading trial attorneys.

In May 2002, he was featured in Ebony magazine as one of the "100 Most Influential Black Americans." Forbes Magazine has listed him as one of the "Top 50 attorneys in the U.S." Gary has been featured in many of the nation's most respected media publications, such as The New York Times, The Chicago Tribune, The Boston Globe, Ebony, Jet, People, Black Enterprise, Fortune, The



New Yorker and The National Law Journal.

His remarkable legal career and tireless work on behalf of his clients have been well documented on "60 Minutes," the "CBS Evening News," and ABC's "World News Tonight with Peter Jennings." He also made a guest appearance on "The Oprah Winfrey Show," and made a live appearance on CBS's "The Early Show" with Bryant Gumbel. Willie Gary's triumphant rise to the top is no overnight success story.

His vast appeal stems from his desire to be the best and a passionate work ethic he learned through his humble beginnings. One of 11 children of Turner and Mary Gary, Willie Gary was born July 12, 1947 in Eastman, Georgia and was raised in migrant farming communities in Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas.

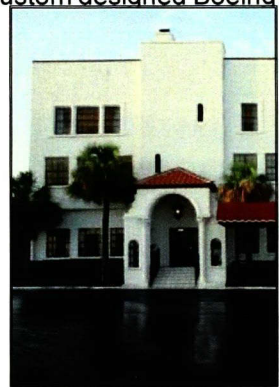
His unwavering desire to earn a college education ultimately led him to Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina where the all-state high school football player would earn an athletic scholarship after being told there was no room for him on the team. Gary went on to become the co-captain of Shaw's football team during the 1969, 1970 and 1971 seasons. Earning a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Gary went on to North Carolina Central University in Durham, North Carolina where he earned a Juris Doctorate in 1974. Upon earning his law degree, Gary returned to Florida with his childhood sweetheart, Gloria, now his wife.



Gary was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1974 and opened his hometown's first African American law firm with the help of Gloria, who assisted him at his new practice. Gary's practice has since grown into the thriving national partnership known as Gary, Williams, Parenti, Watson and Gary, P.L.L.C., consisting of 37 attorneys, a team of paralegals and a professional staff of over 100. The firm operates out of three offices. Two of the three offices are located on the St. Lucie River in historic downtown Stuart, Florida; one of which is the former Pelican Hotel where Gary worked as a dishwasher during his teenage years. The third office overlooks the Indian River Lagoon in Fort Pierce, Florida.

Gary is a member of the National Bar Association, the American Bar Association, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, American Association for Justice, Martin and St. Lucie County Bar Associations and the Million Dollar Verdict Club. He has tried cases in 45 states and is in great demand as a motivational speaker throughout the U.S., delivering speeches at law schools, universities, churches, chambers of commerce and to various groups throughout the country.

Gary often travels on his 32 passenger, custom designed Boeing 737, which carries a full flight crew and is appropriately named "Wings of Justice II." The luxurious jetliner facilitates Gary's extensive travel schedule, allowing him to handle more cases, while enabling him to get home faster so he can spend time with his family.

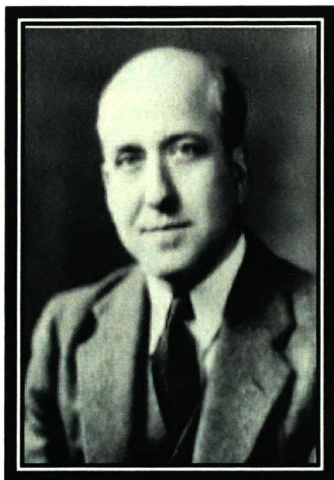


Known as a businessman, churchman, humanitarian and philanthropist, Gary is deeply involved in charity and civic work. He is committed to enhancing the lives of young people through education and drug prevention. In 1994, he and his wife, Gloria, formed The Gary Foundation to carry out this formidable task. The Gary Foundation provides scholarships, direction and other resources to youth, so they can realize their dreams of achieving a higher education. In 1991, Gary pledged \$10.1 million to his alma mater Shaw University. He has also donated millions of dollars to dozens of Historically Black Colleges and Universities throughout the U.S.

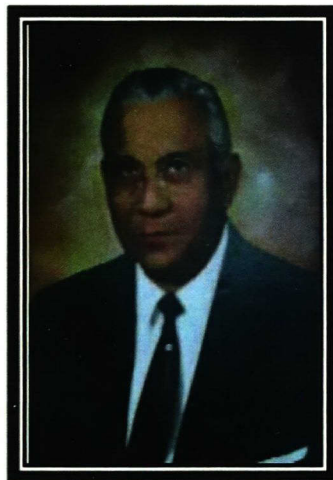
In addition to being a lawyer, philanthropist and motivational speaker, Gary continues to serve on the board of trustees of numerous universities and foundations. He has received honorary doctorates from dozens of colleges and universities. He is also active in numerous community organizations including the NAACP, National Urban League, Civitan International, United Way of Martin County, Martin Memorial Hospital Foundation and many others.

The Gary's oldest son, Kenneth, is president & CEO of The Gary Foundation and Gary Enterprises, the family's real estate management company. Sekou followed in his father's footsteps and is a trial attorney. Ali earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and is vice president of the Gary Foundation. The Gary's youngest son, Kobie, is a graduate of Nova Southeastern University and works with his father in the law practice.

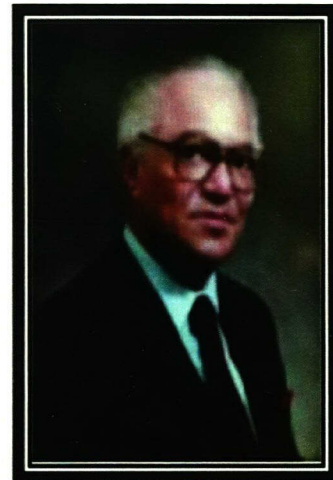
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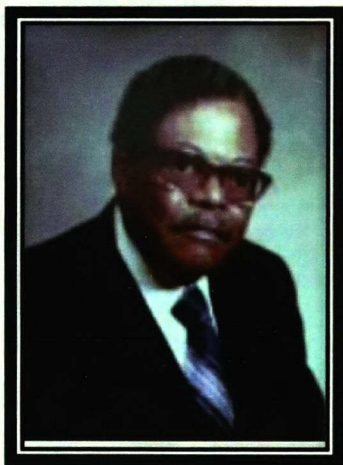
Maurice T. Van Hecke
1939 – 1942



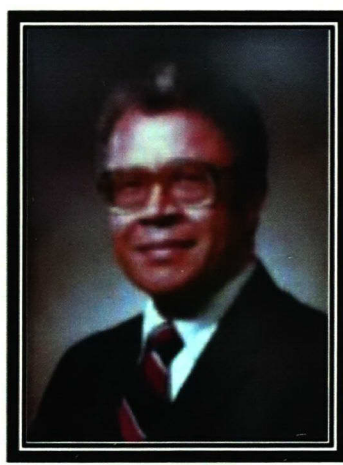
Albert L. Turner
1942 – 1965



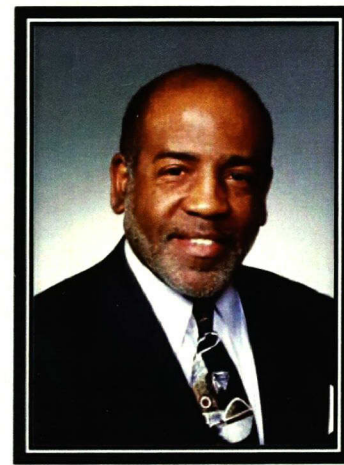
Daniel G. Sampson
1965 – 1969



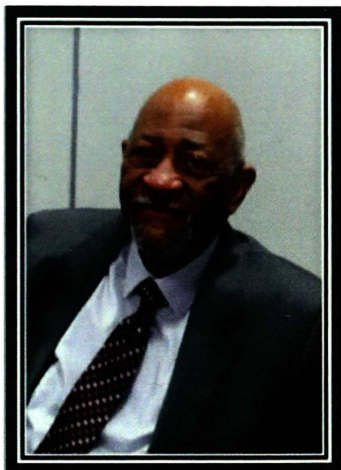
LeMarquis DeJarmon
1969 – 1976



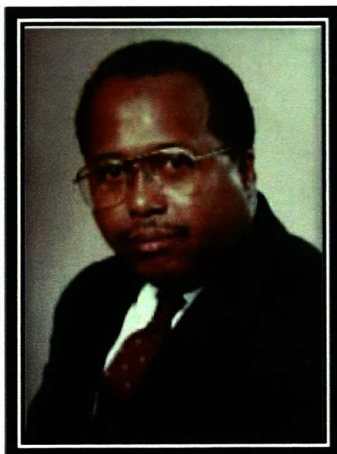
Harry E. Groves
1976 – 1981



Charles E. Daye
1981-1985



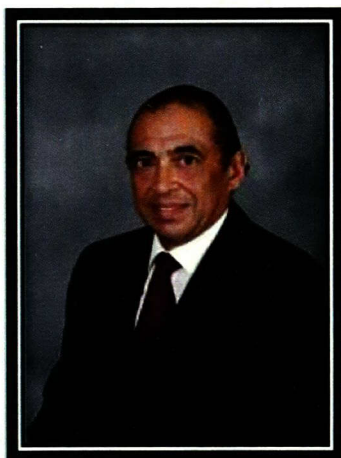
Thomas M. Ringer
1985-1986



Louis Westerfield
1986-1990



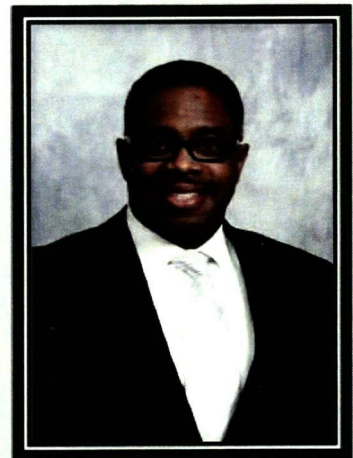
Mary E. Wright
1990-1994



Percy R. Luney, Jr.
1994-1998



Janice L. Mills
1998-2005



Raymond C. Pierce
2005-2012



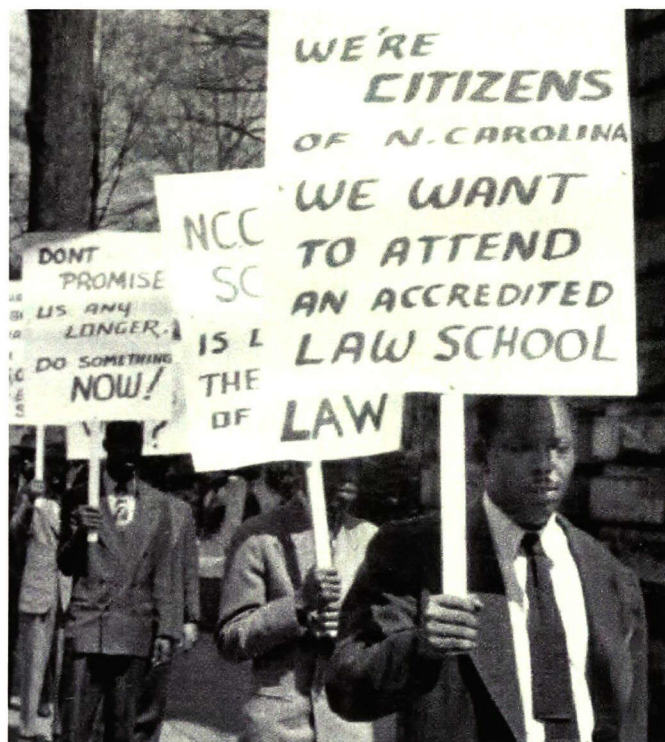
So far...

When the Law School opened in September 1940, Lewiston native Robert Bond was joined by four other students, who were selected from a pool of fifteen applicants from states ranging from Texas to Maryland. By the time Bond became the Law School's first graduate in 1943, total enrollment was only six.

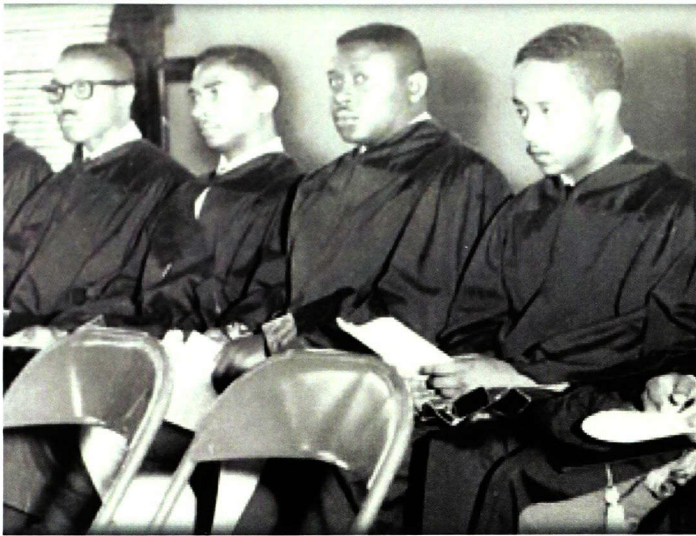
The Law School occupied part of the Administration Building's top floor, until it moved to Avery Auditorium in 1950. In-state tuition that first semester was \$50. Out-of-state tuition was \$62.50. Room-and-board charges were \$20 per month, and student casebooks cost approximately \$30 per year. Tuition for in-state students did not increase until 1946, when it rose to \$75 a semester.

A first-year course of study was offered during the 1940-41 year, including civil procedure, contracts, torts, real property and agency. Second-year and third-year courses were added in 1941 and 1942.

The first-year curriculum duplicated what law school students studied at the all-white law school in nearby Chapel Hill. Not only did the two law schools share Van Hecke as dean, they also shared several professors and a law librarian. Other law professors during those formative years came from Duke University. In 1941, three full-time black instructors were added to the



To gain attention and support to desegregate the University of North Carolina, students and civil rights advocates staged a protest march from Durham to Chapel Hill.



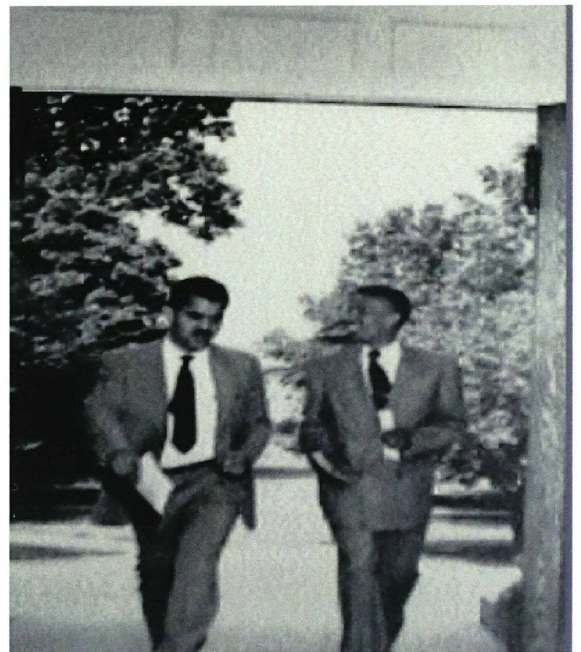
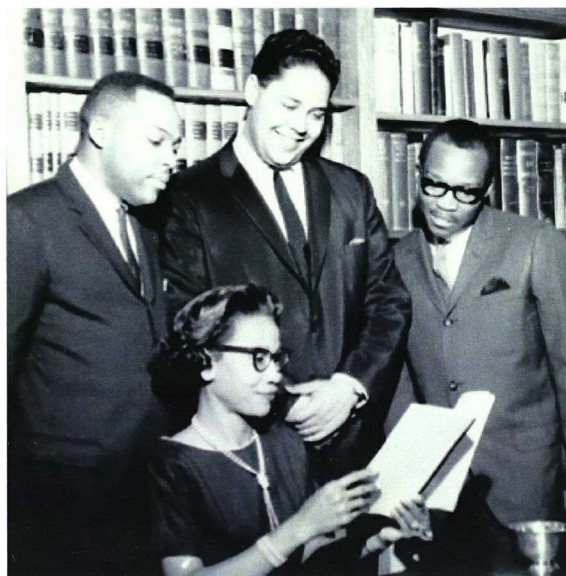
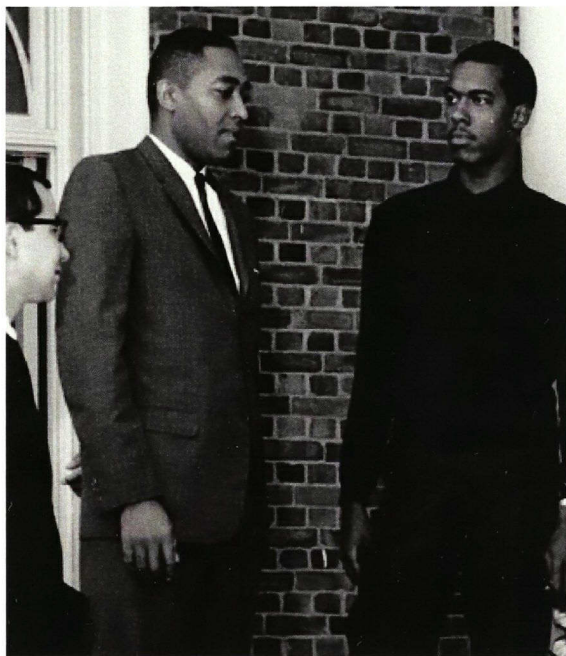
faculty. Among them was Albert L. Turner, who was dean of the Law School from 1942 to 1965.

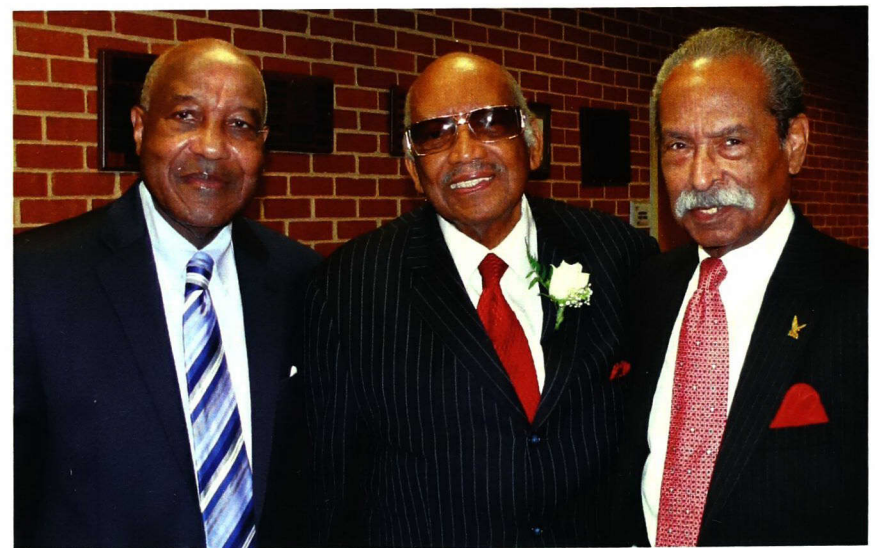
Enrollment continued to be relatively low during World War II, when more than one million African-Americans served in the Armed Forces. Night classes were offered for local businessmen, attracting prominent Durham blacks such as John Wheeler and J.J. Sansom, Jr., both of whom later served as president of the largest black controlled bank in the South, Durham's Mechanics and Farmers Bank.

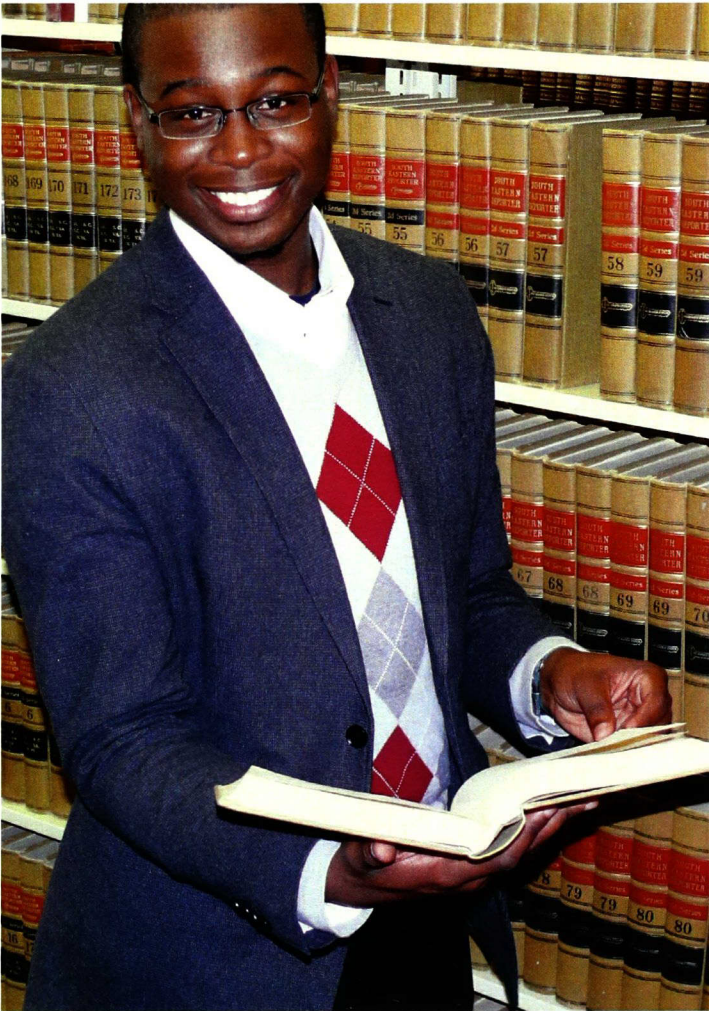




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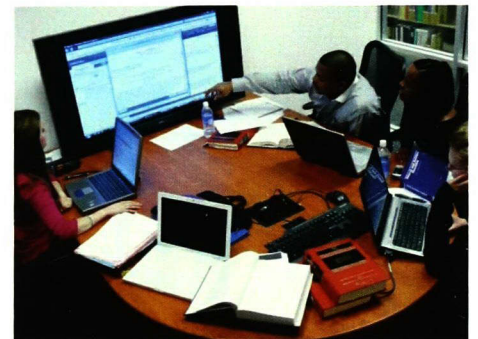




ALBERT L. TURNER LAW BUILDING



Named in honor of the longest serving Dean of the law school, it was constructed in the late 1970's and opened in 1980. As the result of a North Carolina State Bond Referendum the Law School completed a total renovation/addition of the 87,672 sq. ft. building in 2005. This renovation added an additional 12,361 sq. ft.



Clinical Space

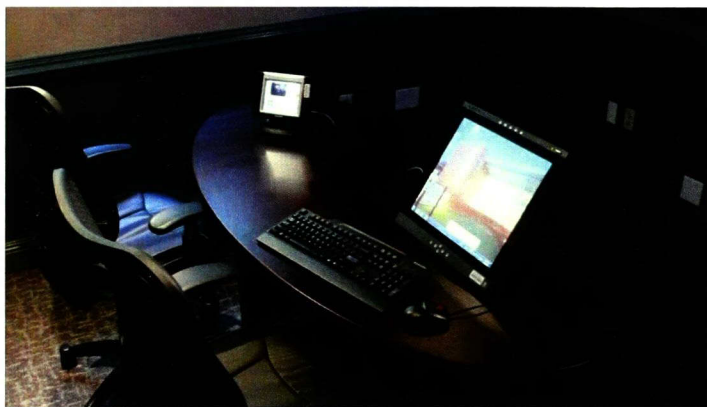
The law clinic occupies 3,598 sq. ft on the ground floor. The law clinic houses the following rooms: a library, conference room, court/classroom, interview room and 13 offices.

Law Library

The Law Library's facilities are adequate to accommodate its collection, patrons, staff, services and programs. There are 33,152 square feet allocated to library functions with 38,921 linear feet of shelving capacity. The total seat count to accommodate students and patrons is 434. These seats are located throughout the building.

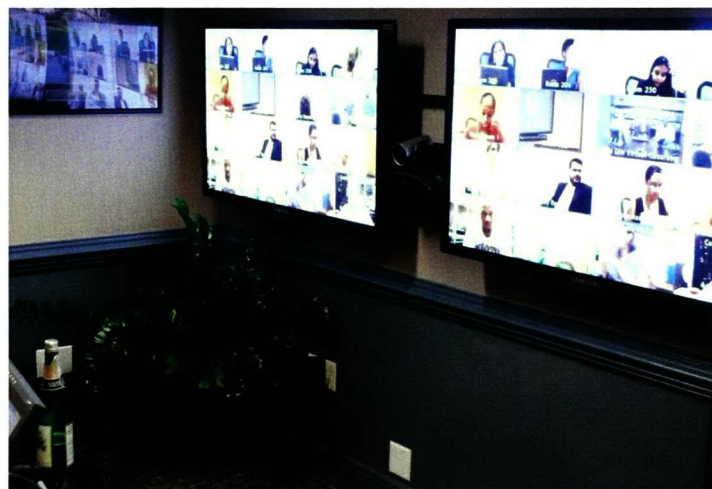
Group Study Rooms and Carrels

There are a total of 109 carrel seats for individual quiet study on the ground level and third floor, and 28 seats on the second and third floors of the library. There are 11 group study rooms (8 within the library and 3 outside of the library). There is a large reading room on the second floor of the library.



The Virtual Classroom

Located in the lower level of the law school building, the virtual classroom is custom designed with two 54" high-definition plasma screens, a custom made cherry table that can accommodate the professor in a seated or standing position, a Smart Technology Symposium which is used as an electronic white board and ambiance to make for a familiar teaching environment. The Virtual Classroom connects each student from their computer or laptop equipped with a camera, microphone, broadband and Polycom's Desktop Video Conferencing Client. This solution allows the law school to connect up to 32 students at 32 different endpoints, 16 on each screen.



Attorney Ralph Frasier and Attorney James "Butch" Williams presenting at Eagle Empowerment session.



Telepresence Room

In the fall of 2010, the School of Law received funding from the U.S. Commerce Department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), making it possible to expand broadband infrastructure and deliver vital legal services throughout the state using Telepresence and High Definition Video Conferencing at Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State University, North Carolina A&T, Winston-Salem State University and Legal Aid Offices. The Law School has Polycom's RPX 418 Telepresence System with 4 screens that seats 18 people within the room, allowing for new opportunities with distance education.



MOOT COURTROOM RENOVATIONS





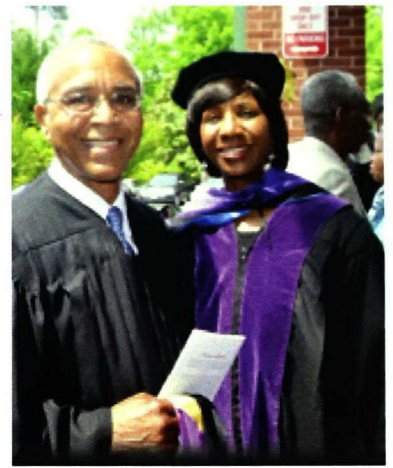
In 1939, the founders of North Carolina Central University School of Law could only dream of the future and imagine great things for our law school. Their most aspiring dreams have come true as we celebrate our 75th Anniversary.

NCCU School of Law is proud of the over 100 alumni judges who have served, or currently serve in courts across the country.

Gale M. Adams '84
James R. Adams '82
Benjamin G. Alford '78
Rossie D. Alston '82
Maxine L. Archer '76
John H. Banks '73
Rufus A. Banks '92
Camille Banks-Payne '01
Ronald Barbee '70
Edgar L. Barnes '86
Randolph Baskerville '76
Keith E. Bell '91
George G. Braddy '92
Brenda G. Branch '01
S. Quon Bridges '81
John M. Britt '89
Betty J. Brown '80
Wanda G. Bryant '82
L. Todd Burke '86
Elaine O. Bushfan '91

Lonnie W. Carraway '83
John B. Carter, Jr. '79
Sammie Chess '58
William A. Cobb '78
J. Carlton Cole '87
Craig Croom '97
Jason B. Crump '97
Richard R. Davis '98
Carmela M. Del Vecchio '74
Archie Elliott '71
Richard A. Elmore '82
Patricia D. Evans '83
James H. Faison '87
Linda L. Falls '87
Milton F. Fitch '72
Angela C. Foster '94
Linwood O. Foust '73
Michelle Fletcher Free '95
Henry E. Frye Jr. '87
Ernest B. Fullwood '72

Crystal A. Gaines '89
Beryl Sansom Gilmore '70
Walter H. Godwin, Jr. '77
Phyllis M. Gorham '90
Cy A. Grant '81
Keith Gregory '94
Athena Malloy Groves '94
Nathan H. Gwyn '87
Pauline Hankins '94
Paul A. Hardison '84
George W. Harris '67
Addie M. Harris-Rawls '89
Gary L. Henderson '99
Calvin Hill '94
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Donnie Hoover '74
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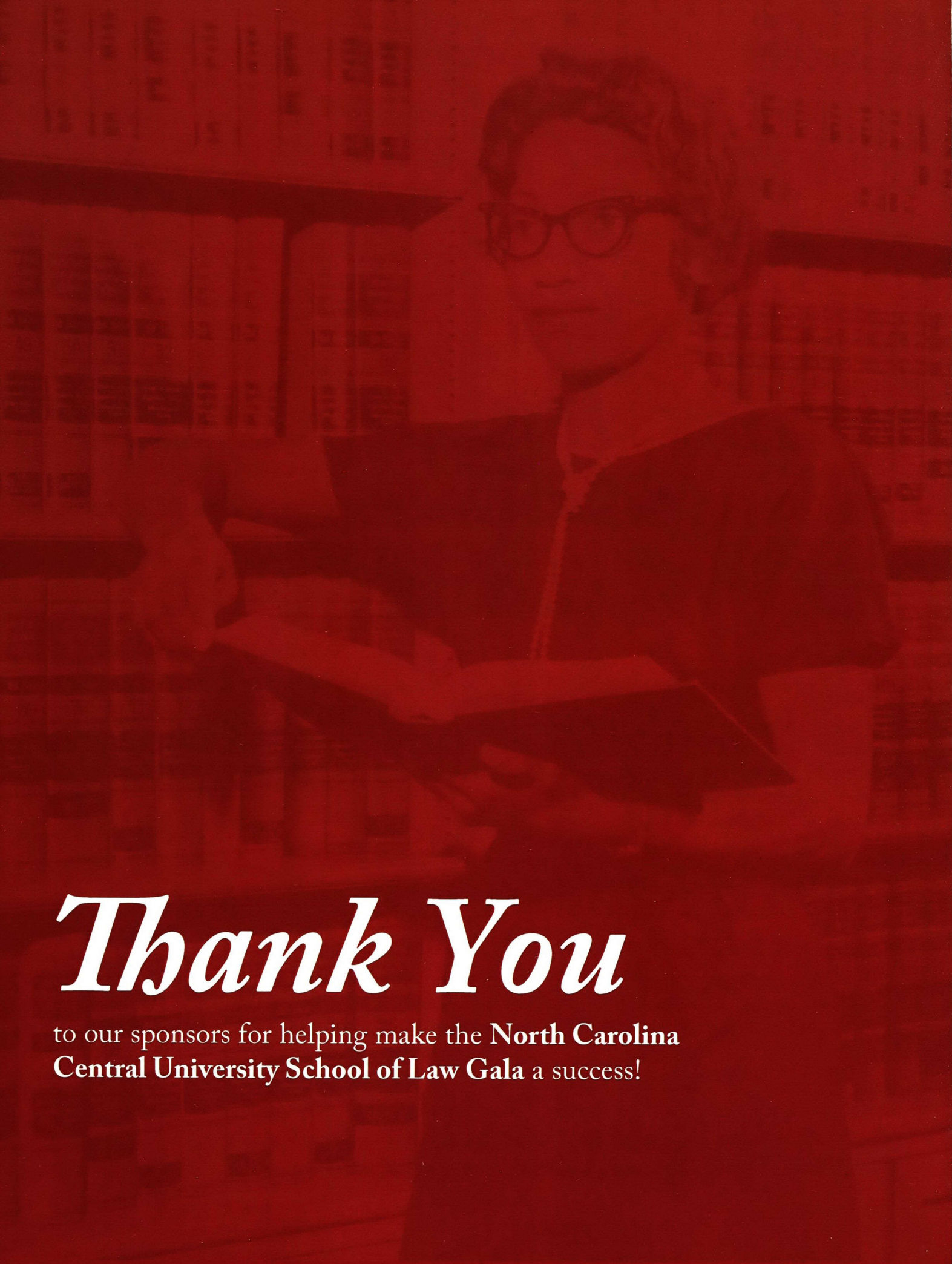
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Randle L. Jones '89
Thomas L. Jones '79
Carol A. Jones-Wilson '94
Toni S. King '00
Ulysses B. Leverett '80
Ola M. Lewis '90
Avery M. Lowery-Crump '97
Peter Mack '93
James E. Martin '75
LeRoy K. Martin '84
Lawrence C. McSwain '79
Rayford A. Means '79
Vershenia B. Moody '95
Michael R. Morgan '79
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Henry W. Oxendine '73
Regina R. Parker '92
Wendy G. Phillips '90
Paul M. Quinn '90
Eula E. Reid '97
Herbert L. Richardson '76
Mary Rudd Robinson '80
Michael A. Robinson '81
Peter F. Rogers '76
Vinston M. Rozier '01
Beverly Scarlett '93
Meredith A. Shuford '97
Amy R. Sigmon '98
Herman L. Sloan '81
Timothy M. Smith '91
A. Leon Stanback '68

Regina Newell Stephens '87
William T. Stephenson '85
Quentin T. Sumner '75
Lee Teague '97
Milton A. Tingling '82
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Joseph J. Williams '88
Amanda L. Wilson '99
Arenda L. Wright Allen '85
Carolyn J. Yancey '93
Reuben F. Young '85

National Rankings

20th, Best Law Schools in Practical Training, 2008 (National Jurist)
7th Most Diverse Faculty, 2009 (National Jurist)
1st, Best Value Law Schools, 2009 & 2007 (National Jurist)
9th Most Popular Law Schools, 2010 (US News)
4th Most Diverse Law Schools, 2011 (National Jurist)
25th Best Public Interest Law Schools, 2011 (Prelaw)
4th Top Law Schools for Clinical Opportunities, 2011 (National Jurist)
7th Best Schools for Bar Exam Preparation, 2012 (National Jurist)



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The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Dear NCCU School of Law Alumni, Faculty, Family and Friends,

Congratulations to North Carolina Central University School of Law on its 75th Anniversary! NCCU School of Law started in 1939, in the North Carolina House of Representatives with House Bill 18, which authorized North Carolina College to establish a law school for African-Americans. What began as a way to keep African-Americans out of the UNC School of Law in Chapel Hill, actually created more African-American attorneys than the legislature could have ever imagined.

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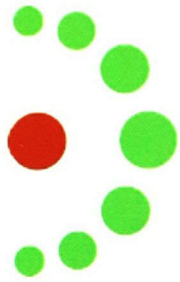
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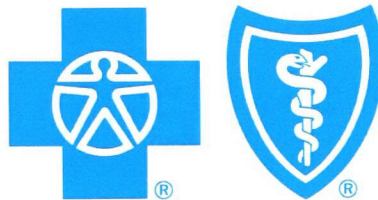
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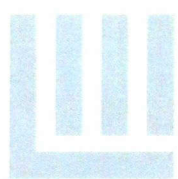


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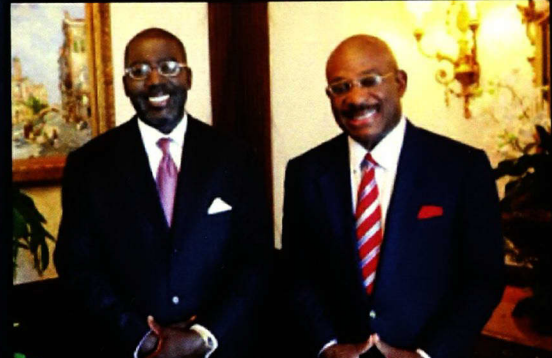
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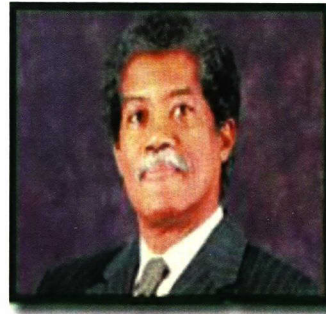
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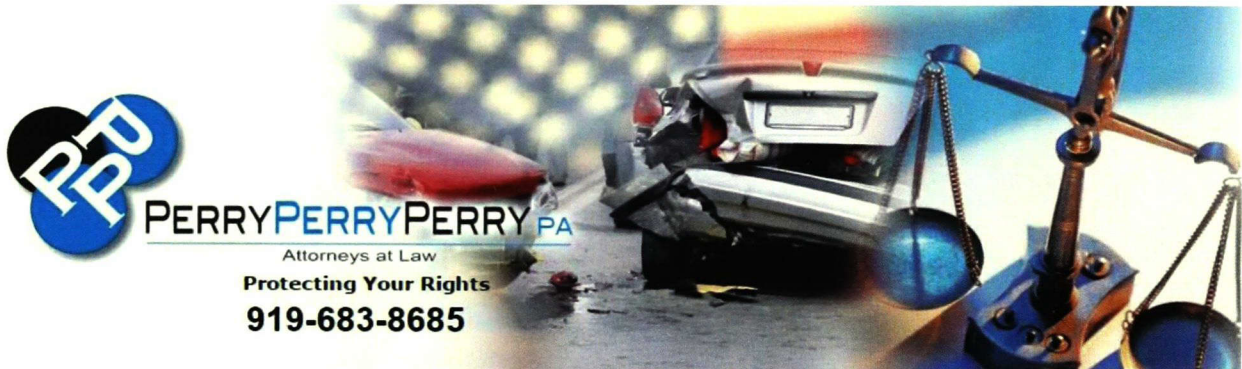


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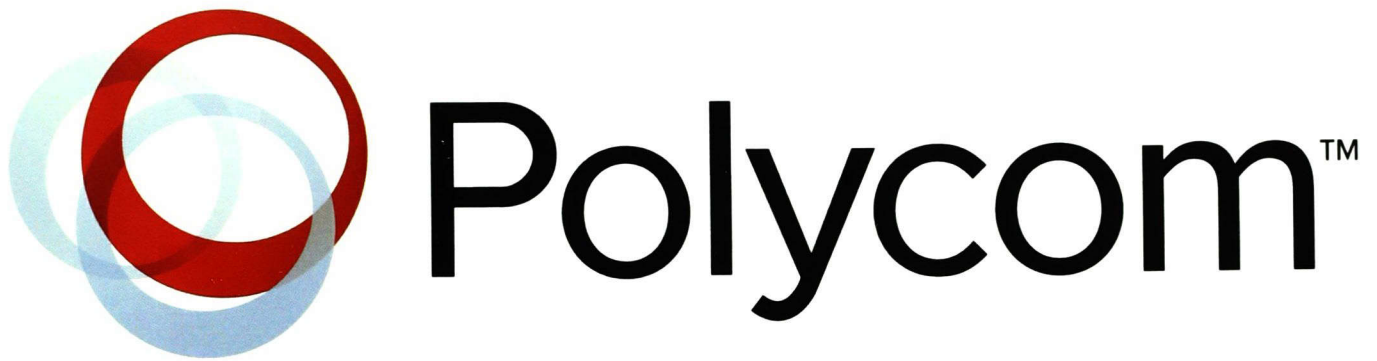


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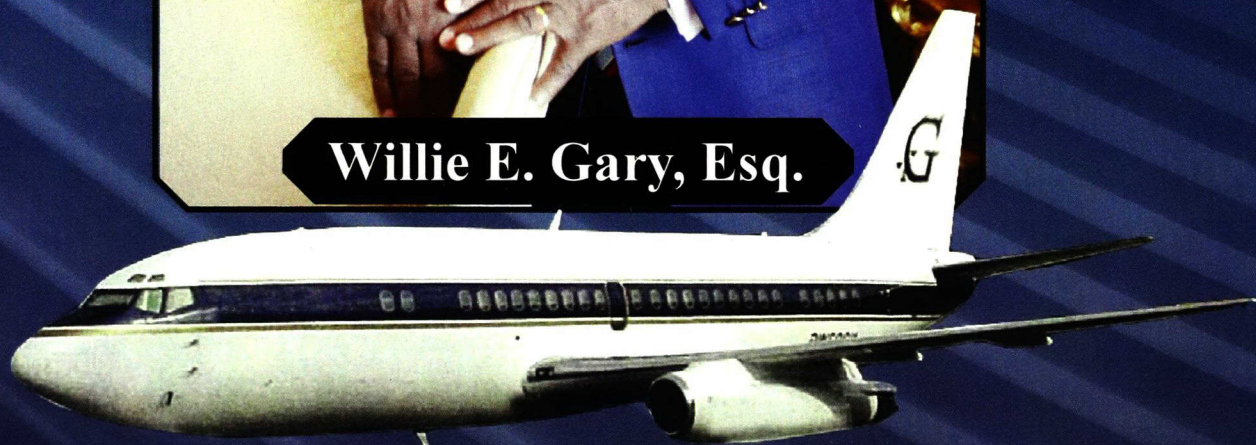
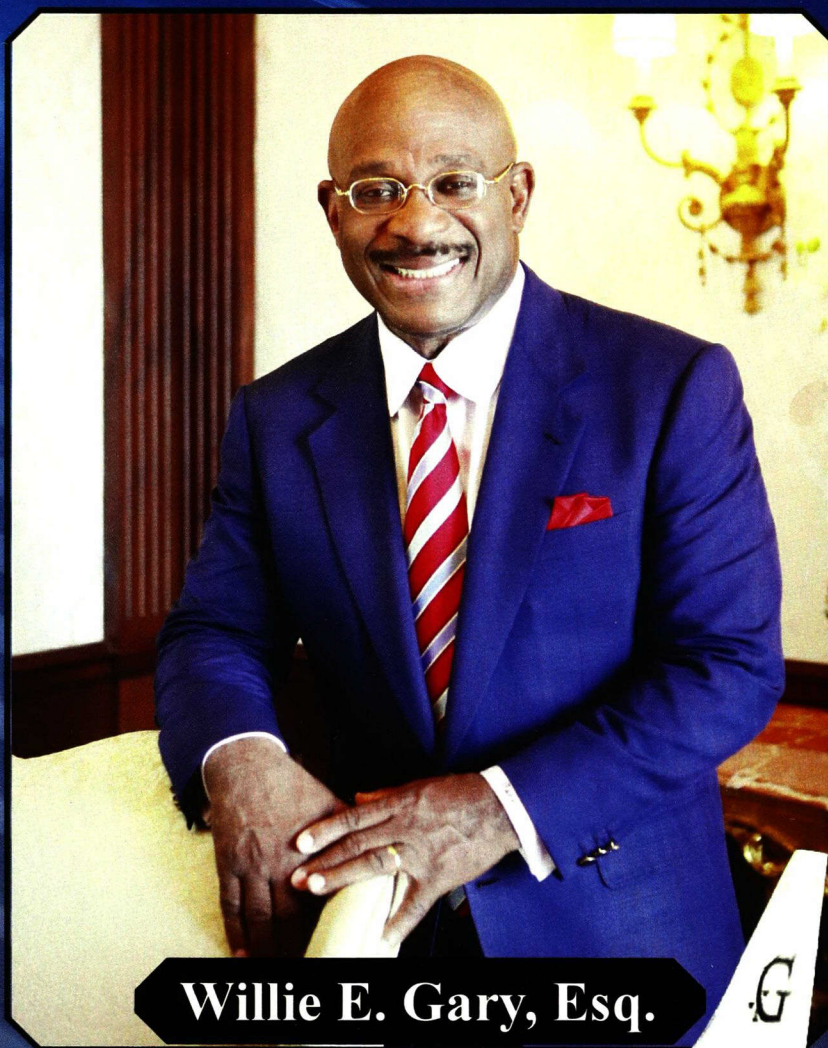


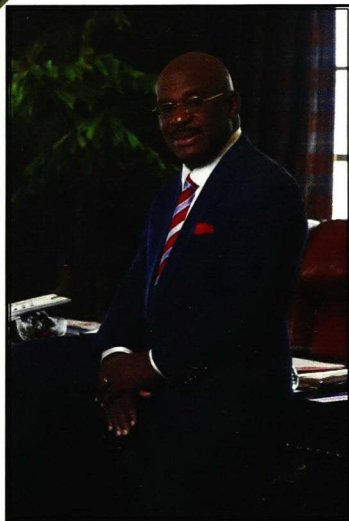
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In May 2002, he was featured in *Ebony* magazine as one of the "100 Most Influential Black Americans." *Forbes* Magazine has listed him as one of the "Top 50 attorneys in the U.S." Gary has been featured in many of the nation's most respected media publications, such as *The New York Times*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *The Boston Globe*, *Ebony*, *Jet*, *People*, *Black Enterprise*, *Fortune*, *The New Yorker* and *The National Law Journal*.

His remarkable legal career and tireless work on behalf of his clients have been well documented on "60 Minutes," the "CBS Evening News," and ABC's "World News Tonight with Peter Jennings." He also made a guest appearance on "The Oprah Winfrey Show," and made a live appearance on CBS's "The Early Show" with Bryant Gumbel. Willie Gary's triumphant rise to the top is no overnight success story.

His vast appeal stems from his desire to be the best and a passionate work ethic he learned through his humble beginnings. One of 11 children of Turner and Mary Gary, Willie Gary was born July 12, 1947 in Eastman, Georgia and was raised in migrant farming communities in Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas.

His unwavering desire to earn a college education ultimately led him to Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina where the all-state high school football player would earn an athletic scholarship after being told there was no room for him on the team. Gary went on to become the co-captain of Shaw's football team during the 1969, 1970 and 1971 seasons.

Earning a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Gary went on to North Carolina Central University in Durham, North Carolina where he earned a Juris Doctorate in 1974. Upon earning his law degree, Gary returned to Florida with his childhood sweetheart, Gloria, now his wife.



Gary was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1974 and opened his hometown's first African American law firm with the help of Gloria, who assisted him at his new practice. Gary's practice has since grown into the thriving national partnership known as Gary, Williams, Parenti, Watson and Gary, P.L.L.C., consisting of 37 attorneys, a team of paralegals and a professional staff of over 100. The firm operates out of three offices. Two of the three offices are located on the St. Lucie River in historic downtown Stuart, Florida; one of which is the former Pelican Hotel where Gary worked as a dishwasher during his teenage years.



Gary is a member of the National Bar Association, the American Bar Association, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, American Association for Justice, Martin and St. Lucie County Bar Associations and the Million Dollar Verdict Club. He has tried cases in 45 states and is in great demand as a motivational speaker throughout the U.S., delivering speeches at law schools, universities, churches, chambers of commerce and to various groups throughout the country.

Gary often travels on his 32 passenger, custom designed Boeing 737, which carries a full flight crew and is appropriately named "Wings of Justice II." The luxurious jetliner facilitates Gary's extensive travel schedule, allowing him to handle more cases, while enabling him to get home faster so he can spend time with his family.

Known as a businessman, churchman, humanitarian and philanthropist, Gary is deeply involved in charity and civic work. He is committed to enhancing the lives of young people through education and drug prevention. In 1994, he and his wife, Gloria, formed The Gary Foundation to carry out this formidable task. The Gary Foundation provides scholarships, direction and other resources to youth, so they can realize their dreams of achieving a higher education. In 1991, Gary pledged \$10.1 million to his alma mater Shaw University. He has also donated millions of dollars to dozens of Historically Black Colleges and Universities throughout the U.S.

In addition to being a lawyer, philanthropist and motivational speaker, Gary continues to serve on the board of trustees of numerous universities and foundations. He has received honorary doctorates from dozens of colleges and universities. He is also active in numerous community organizations including the NAACP, National Urban League, Civitan International, United Way of Martin County, Martin Memorial Hospital Foundation and many others.

The Gary's oldest son, Kenneth, is president & CEO of The Gary Foundation and Gary Enterprises, the family's real estate management company. Sekou followed in his father's footsteps and is a trial attorney. Ali earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and is vice president of the Gary Foundation. The Gary's youngest son, Kobie, is a graduate of Nova Southeastern University and works with his father in the law practice.

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