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Law students applaud the participants and the judges
at the Moot Court Competition that featured Chief Justice John Roberts

Front cover, from left, Judge Allyson K. Duncan, U.S. Court of
Appeals, for the Fourth Circuit; Chief Justice John Roberts Jr.; and Justice
Henry E. Frye Sr., Former North Carolina Supreme Court Justice

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DEAR ALUMNI

The legal profession is changing. Increasing levels of persons graduating from law school, decreasing ability of law firms to absorb large numbers of new law school graduates and rising resistance of corporate clients against paying high billing rates are examples of some of these changes. Exponential growth of technology with an ability to reduce research time, the growth of cafeteria-style legal services, and a movement toward preventive care, as opposed to the traditional pathological approach to the law, are even more changes—all of which are in play in a push towards more commoditization of the legal profession. These changes are occurring within the context of 18 new law schools having been established in this country since 1988, with efforts for the start-up of even more law schools.

I do not believe that this continued increase in law school graduate production is in line with the realities of the changes in the legal profession. The business of legal education will become more competitive, and I submit that the successful law school is the one that is able to establish itself within the market for legal services as a provider of persons with quality training needed to meet the legal service demands of a population. It is this position in which North Carolina Central University finds itself—actually ahead of the curve in terms of the changes impacting the legal profession and the effect these changes have on legal education.

Our continued focus on practical legal education, complemented with a high quality clinical legal education

program, is geared toward the real and existing demand for legal services. The NCCU School of Law faculty focus on students supports the goal of creating practice-ready graduates and keeping them in demand. Our Law School maintains a regular schedule of courts visiting our Law School to hold real hearings in the presence of our students, providing an in-school experience with the judiciary. We actively seek to maintain close connections with the practicing bar to provide our students with a real vision of the profession of which they will soon join. Our public interest mission, with a value on service, reinforces the notion that the law is a means for helping to improve the lives of people which is, again, aligned with our focus on practical education. And of course this is all done while ensuring that our students graduate with a training in critical thinking necessary to be effective lawyers. This, I believe, places our Law School at the intersection in which the demand for legal services and the requirements of legal education is headed. We will keep a focus on the market for legal services within which our Law School has established its niche, with an eye towards increasing our strength therein. Simply graduating students with an ability to pass the bar exam is not our goal. Graduating students with an ability to pass the bar exam and meet the real demand for lawyers to provide the services for real people with real legal problems, within the context of a larger social responsibility is our goal.

The changes in the legal profession are real, as is their impact on legal education. It would be irresponsible for our



Law School to operate with ignorance to these changes. Legal education must adhere to a relevancy with the legal service needs of a changing world. I have no doubt that we meet this challenge and that our Law School is ahead of the curve in these changing times. The North Carolina Central University School of Law is an established leader in legal education and we will remain so.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Raymond C. Pierce". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Raymond C. Pierce
Dean and Professor of Law

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Chief Justice of the United States on the Bench at NCCU School of Law

John G. Roberts Jr., Chief Justice of the United States, presided over a moot court competition at North Carolina Central University School of Law on April 14, 2009. He was joined on the bench by former NCCU law professor and Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Allyson Duncan and retired N.C. Supreme Court Chief Justice Henry Frye Sr. Roberts presided over the proceeding at the request of NCCU School of Law Dean Raymond C. Pierce.

NCCU law students Matthew Reeder '09 and LaTanya Harris '09 presented oral arguments, with fellow student Mike Stuart 3L serving as brief writer for the side of the government. For the defense, Kahlida Lloyd 3L and Dominique Williams '09 argued the briefs written by Robert Dodson 3L.

The case concerned a defendant who was suffering from paranoid schizophrenia but refused the medication that might restore his competency to stand trial for threatening to murder a judge. The argument was whether the government could force him to comply with the medical intervention.



Moot Court Award Winners, Left to right: Dominique Williams '09, Robert Dodson 3L, LaTanya Harris '09, Kahlida Lloyd 3L, Matthew Reeder '09, John Stuart 3L



Top, left to right: James D. Williams '75, Chairman of the School of Law's Board of Visitors, Chief Justice Roberts, Dean Pierce

Dean Pierce, Chief Justice Roberts, Representative H. M. "Mickey" Michaux '64, Attorney Eric Michaux, Judge Jim Wynn, Judge Linwood Foust '73

Dean Pierce, Chief Justice Roberts, Chancellor Charlie Nelms

Students attending the luncheon with Chief Justice Roberts



ALUMNI ADMITTED TO THE SUPREME COURT BAR

Alumni and Friends of
the Law School who were
sworn in to the Supreme
Court Bar by Chief Justice
John Roberts on April 13,
2009, in alphabetical
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Dale J. Davis '04
James C. Dockery
(NCCU undergraduate)
Ralph K. Frasier Jr. '94
Kristopher B. Gardner '02
William G. Goldston '81
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Henry M. Tyson '76

Above: **Chief Justice Roberts** speaking
to law students during an impromptu
visit to a classroom.

Right: **Ralph Frasier Jr. '84,**
Chief Justice Roberts at the swearing
in ceremony



Diversity Pipeline

Street Law Programs and Law Camp Aim to Inspire Future “Legal Eagles”

As the United States becomes increasingly diverse, the legal profession is in danger of becoming less so. According to Census data, racial and ethnic minorities make up approximately 30 percent of the U.S. population and are projected to reach nearly 50 percent by 2050. At the same time, only 9.7 percent of practicing lawyers are from racial and ethnic minorities, and this percentage has not changed significantly since 2000. In fact, the number of minority applicants to law school actually declined from 2000 to 2005, according to the Law School Admissions Council (LSAC). If a hallmark of a democratic society is a justice system that reflects its citizenry, these statistics are disturbing.

Since the establishment of the American Bar Association’s Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession in 1986, the association has issued a series of reports and recommendations and undertaken initiatives to strengthen minority presence in the legal profession. In 2005 the ABA Presidential Advisory Commission on Diversity in the Profession and the LSAC issued a report recognizing that the key to increasing diversity in the legal profession is expanding the pool of minority applicants to law school — which in turn requires increasing minority representation at every stage of the educational pipeline, starting with elementary

How NCCU School of Law is addressing the need for increased diversity in the legal profession through programs that introduce minority youth to law and the legal system and encourage them to pursue legal careers

school. In 2006 the ABA House of Delegates adopted a resolution urging bar associations, bar examiners and law schools to collaborate with universities, colleges, and elementary and secondary schools to encourage young people of color to continue their education and to pursue careers in the law.

The Street Law Diversity Pipeline Initiative

NCCU School of Law is one of 10 law schools that participated in the LSAC-funded Street Law Diversity Pipeline Initiative. About half of ABA-accredited law schools have programs that send law students into public schools or other community settings to teach young people about the law. Many are called Street Law programs, the name given to one of the earliest such programs at Georgetown University. Graduates of the Georgetown Street Law

program later founded Street Law Inc., a nonprofit education company that develops teaching materials and provides training in teaching about law, democracy and human rights. Street Law Inc.’s texts and training materials are widely used in high schools and in law school Street Law programs across the country.

The LSAC-Street Law Diversity Pipeline Initiative was a pilot program that ran from 2006-08 at schools with existing Street Law or public legal education programs. The 10 participating schools were selected through a grant application process and received funding to add elements to their existing programs that would focus explicitly on career choice. (In addition to NCCU, the participating law schools were Georgetown, Miami, Marquette, the University of San Francisco, Wayne State, Loyola-Chicago,

BY PAGE POTTER



Roger Williams, and the Minnesota Justice Foundation, a collaboration of three Minnesota law schools.)

The participating schools were encouraged to experiment with different career-related activities, such as field trips, law camps, short conferences, guest speakers and mentoring programs. Two conferences brought program participants together to share ideas and learn about career choice materials and resources developed by the LSAC and the ABA. The two-year initiative included an evaluation of the impacts of the career-focused activities on high school students' knowledge about legal careers and the pathway to law school.

NCCU School of Law's commitment to diversifying the profession, of course, goes back to its mission and its founding as a

law school at a historically black institution. In addition to programs focused on preparing minority college students and graduates for law school and law school admission, the Law School has been engaged in reaching out to middle and high school students through programs like the Law Camp and Street Law, to plant the seed of interest in a legal career. Participation in the Diversity Pipeline Initiative has enabled NCCU School of Law to expand and enhance these programs significantly.

The Legal Eagle Law Camp

NCCU first offered its Legal Eagle Law Camp in the summer of 1993. The idea for a law-oriented summer day camp for teens originated with Lydia Lavelle ('93), then a student in the evening program working by day as an administrator with the Durham Parks and Recreation De-

**Kimberly Randolph 2L,
with her class at Shepard Middle
School, fall 2009**

partment. Lavelle was aware of a need for quality, academically oriented summer camps for Durham's middle and high school youth. She had read about a law camp at another law school and thought the idea a natural for NCCU School of Law. She proposed the camp to Frances Bynum '82, then dean of the evening program, as a collaboration between the Law School and Durham Parks and Recreation. Professor Bynum Solari served as the director of the Law Camp, with assistance from Lavelle, until 1997, when Lavelle joined the Law School administration as Pro Bono Coordinator and Director of Alumni Relations. Lavelle and Nichelle Jones Perry ('93) served as co-directors of the Law Camp from 1997 to 2006. Pro

Bono Director Page Potter has directed the Camp since then.

The centerpiece of the Law Camp has always been a mock trial held on the last day as the culminating event of the week. Other highlights are a field trip to the Durham County courthouse and jail and a scavenger hunt in the law library. There also are presentations on what it's like to be a law student, on legal careers, and on the law school admissions process. Faculty, administrators and alumni donate their time each year as presenters, witnesses and judges. Professor Tom Ringer's presentation on the rules of evidence was for many years a popular feature of the Camp. Law students serve as counselors, each working with a small group of five to seven Law Campers

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through the week, coaching and preparing them for the trial.

In summer 2008, funds from the Diversity Pipeline Initiative Grant enabled the Law School to expand the Camp from a half-day to a full-day format and to give scholarships to a number of campers with financial need. Activities were added to give campers more opportunities to practice law-related skills and more exposure to additional aspects of the law. These in-

cluded an oral advocacy exercise, a reflective essay, sessions on mediation and negotiation, and "Meet a Lawyer" sessions in which the campers' "law firms" interviewed faculty or alumni to learn about their work history and backgrounds and then decided as a group which they would hire and why. Games, a legally themed movie and a session at the campus bowling alley enlivened the week. Individual and team competitions for points awarded for the various activities added



excitement. The mock trial is still the favorite activity for most campers who relish “feeling like a real lawyer” as they present their case.

The Law Camp’s reputation and popularity have grown over the years. It regularly fills to its capacity of 38 campers from grades 7 through 10, with participants coming from as far away as Charlotte and New Bern. While no attempt has been made to track Law Camp participants’ subsequent educational or career paths, results of the evaluation conducted by Street Law Inc. suggest that the Law Camp experience correlates strongly with increased interest in a legal career. In a survey taken at the end of the week, 80 percent of Law Campers reported that they were “interested” or “very inter-

ested” in a legal career, and 67 percent said they were more interested in legal careers as a result of the camp.

Street Law—NCCU School of Law partnering with Durham’s public schools

NCCU’s Street Law course, in which second and third year students teach in Durham’s public schools, also owes its inception to Lydia Lavelle. In 1998 Lavelle made the acquaintance of Natalie McKinney, a new associate with the law firm Moore & Van Allen. McKinney had taken Street Law as a student at the Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley, and enthusiastically described its benefits to Lavelle, who took the idea for the course to Durham Public Schools administrators and Law School

A STORY OF HOPE, INSPIRATION, AND ACHIEVEMENT

A Hillside High School teacher tells a story illustrating the impact of the Street Law students on one of her 10th graders, R.J., who had a GPA below 2.0 when he moved from another state to live with his grandmother in Durham. During their first class, one law student asked the students about their future career goals. R.J. raised his hand and said he wanted to be an attorney. The teacher recalled the law student’s positive and encouraging response and how she then would frequently call on R.J. R.J. did well in Civics, becoming a leader in the class, graduated and went on to college at UNC-Wilmington. The teacher credits the positive reinforcement from the law students with helping to motivate R.J., giving him a goal to shoot for and keeping him excited about school.

Law Campers interview professor Michael Wallace ’83 at a “Meet a Lawyer” session, Summer 2009 Law Camp





Dene Davis '08, in the background, is shown assisting Future Lawyers & Leaders (FLLA), a middle school after school program, in conducting a mock trial, with students from Lowe's Grove and Shepard Middle Schools. The mock trial was held at the Durham County Courthouse in March 2008.

In addition to programs focused on preparing minority college students and graduates for law school and law school admission, the Law School has been engaged in reaching out to middle and high school students through programs like the Law Camp and Street Law to plant the seed of interest in a legal career.

faculty. A grant from the N.C. Bar Association Foundation financed the purchase of Street Law textbooks, teachers' manuals and workbooks for law students, and McKinney was hired as an adjunct to teach the course. NCCU first offered Street Law in spring 1999 at three schools—Shepard Middle School, Hillside High, and the Advancement Center, an alternative school.

NCCU's Street Law course is a clinical field placement course for second and third year law students. After basic instruction in lesson planning and teaching methods, law students are placed with a middle or high school social studies

teacher, most often a 10th grade Civics & Economics teacher. For six to eight weeks, they teach a series of classes on legal topics that are part of the course curriculum: the jurisdiction of state and federal courts; criminal law and procedure; and the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decisions that form the framework of our legal system. Often they conduct mock trials or moot courts with the high school students.

NCCU's Street Law students now collaborate with 14 teachers at eight Durham schools. Street Law is offered both fall and spring semesters and enrolls between 10 and 24 law students per semester. Teacher

demand for law students is strong — there are typically more placements available than law students to fill them.

Participating high school teachers say the Street Law program makes legal and civics concepts relevant and exciting. The law students serve as role models and help counteract the sometimes negative perception of lawyers and the justice system held by many young people. In the words of one teacher, Esme Scott, who teaches at Durham School of the Arts, "Street Law has helped my students, many of them who were disengaged from Civics, become more engaged. Some of them now are thinking about the legal profession; a lot more feel a need to do well in high school so they can get to college; it's given them information and made them feel empowered."

The law students benefit as well. Pro Bono Director Page Potter, who has taught Street Law since 2003, says the course provides excellent practical training in skills that law students will use as attorneys, particularly public speaking and presentation skills and the ability to break down complex concepts and communicate about the law in terms that 10th graders—or clients and juries—can understand. In addition, teaching Street Law is an excellent way for law students to refresh their knowledge of basic law school subjects in preparation for the bar

DEWARREN LANGLEY— A LAW STUDENT COMES FULL CIRCLE

DeWarren Langley 2L, is not your typical second-year law student. Not many 24-year-olds started their own nonprofit at age 15 to encourage teens to become more politically active, or mentor upwards of 65 undergraduates as College Liaison for NCCU BLSA's Pre-Law Program.

For Langley, it started in Darnell Tabron's seventh-grade Law class at Shepard Middle School in Durham. There were no lawyers in his family, so the class was his first exposure to law. Taking part in a mock trial in Shepard's new moot courtroom gave him the first inkling that he wanted to become a lawyer. When he interviewed a lawyer as an assignment for another class, his career goal solidified and his course was set. Next came Jordan High School (class of 2003) and Hampton University (B.S. Business Management and Economics, 2007), followed by enrollment at NCCU School of Law.

Langley's passion is helping young people realize their goals in life. His own career goal is to be a juvenile defender, and he is already a seasoned volunteer, mentor and board member with organizations such as Partners for Youth, Standing Tall for Success, and Kids Voting USA. In fall 2009, he was able to bring his experience full circle when he chose Shepard Middle School as his teaching placement for the Street Law course. He says it was refreshing and rewarding to go back to his old school, where so many of his former teachers still are teaching. And he feels it was especially helpful to the middle schoolers for them to hear, "I was sitting where you are sitting now, and if I could do it, so can you."

exam, and law students also appreciate the opportunity to share their knowledge with young people in the community.

In Spring 2008, Law School Diversity Pipeline grant funds were used to add two activities to the regular Street Law program to encourage public school students to pursue legal careers. The first was a field trip to the Law School for three high school classes. It included a presentation by Professor Todd Clark; panels by law students and recent graduates; a mock



DeWarren Langley talks to eighth graders from Shepard Middle School on a field trip to the Law School. Langley graduated from Shepard Middle and returned in fall 2009 as a Street Law teacher.

trial in which high school students participated as witnesses or lawyers; tours of the Law School; and lunch with the law students in small groups. The second new activity was an after-school program for middle school students, “Future Lawyers & Leaders of America.” It was developed and piloted in spring 2008 at Lowe’s Grove and Shepard Middle Schools by a team of Street Law students led by Larry Brown ’08 and Kevin Hicks ’08. Teams of law students met with children at each school twice a week. The program culminated in a mock trial presented by the middle school students and held at the Durham County Courthouse, with parents in attendance and Wake County District Court Judge Lori Christian presiding.

In a separate outreach program, Future Lawyers & Leaders has continued a tradition of NCCU Law students reaching out to the young people coming behind them. One of the first such efforts was Future Attorneys Challenging Elementary Students, or FACES, organized by Elaine O’Neal Bushfan ’91, who is now Durham’s Chief District Court Judge. The program paired law students with students at Fayetteville Street Elementary School. Now, law student outreach is coordinated through Future Lawyers for Community Advancement, chaired by Lishelle Monroe ’10 and Zshakira Carthens ’11, and it focuses on Hillside High School and the Early College High School at NCCU.

Diversity Pipeline Outcomes Evaluation

One goal of the Street Law Diversity Pipeline Initiative was to assess the im-

pact of the different career-focused pipeline activities piloted at the participating law schools on high school students’ career interest and aspirations. The findings in the evaluation report are encouraging. Among high school students in classes taught by NCCU Street Law

ing the Internet for information about college or law school admissions, and requesting materials from an undergraduate institution.

The most recent report of the ABA Presidential Commission on Diversity ac-

NCCU Law, with its historic contribution to diversifying the legal profession and its continuum of outreach from middle school through high school and college, is playing a leading role in making a truly diverse legal profession a reality.



students—72 percent of whom were from racial or ethnic minorities—25 percent reported being more interested in a legal career as a result of what they learned from the law students in class. Among students who also attended the field trip to the Law School, that number increased to 39 percent. Perhaps even more significant, nearly 30 percent of the students reported increasing their activities related to career exploration and continuing their education, such as talking with a teacher about selecting a college program that will prepare them for law school, search-

knowledge the continuing need for efforts to increase representation of racial and ethnic minorities, as well as other minorities such as LGBT and persons with disabilities. The report noted that minorities are better represented among nearly every other professional group, including physicians (24.6 percent), accountants (20.8 percent) and university professors (18.2 percent). It urged adoption of the successful pipelining models of these professions. In particular, it pointed to programs that “connect law students and law schools with practitioners on pipeline ini-



tiatives in the early secondary school stages,” like Street Law and the Law Camp.

As the U.S. population becomes ever more diverse, it is important that the legal profession reflect that diversity. NCCU School of Law, with its historic contribution to diversifying the legal profession and its continuum of outreach from middle school through high school and college, is playing a leading role in making a truly diverse legal profession a reality.

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Page Potter joined NCCU School of Law in Fall 2002 as Pro Bono Coordinator and Academic Support Specialist. As Director of the Pro Bono Program since 2005, she promotes law student engagement in pro bono activity and service to the community. She teaches the Pro Bono Clinic, a public interest field placement course, and Street Law, which places law students with Durham public school teachers to assist in teaching middle and high school students about the law. She advises the student public interest law or-

Sonny Haynes 3L and Chris Navarro 3L teaching at Riverside High School, fall 2009

ganization, coordinates several student pro bono groups, and directs NCCU’s week-long summer Legal Eagle Law Camp for middle and high school students. Potter received her M. Phil. in German from the University of Vienna, Austria and her J.D. from Duke Law School in 1981. After law school, she clerked for the Illinois Supreme Court, practiced law in Durham and taught as an adjunct at Wake and Durham Technical Community Colleges. From 1987-2000 she directed the Paralegal Program at Meredith College in Raleigh, North Carolina, where she also taught legal research and writing and directed the internship program.



Page Potter, Director, Pro Bono Program M. Phil., University of Vienna, Austria; J.D., Duke University School of Law



NCCU School of Law Celebrates 70th Anniversary

The Alumni Reunion Weekend began Friday, Aug. 21, 2009, with a welcome reception and dance at the Doubletree Hotel. Our Alumni enjoyed an evening reconnecting and reuniting with former classmates. Saturday was filled with one exciting activity after another including tours of the Law School, a golf tournament, a picnic, an Alumni Association meeting and an elegant awards dinner.

Alumni who took the tour were amazed at how much the Turner Law Building had been changed by the 2005 addition. While the tour was taking place, other alumni took the opportunity to tee off at the Willie E. Gary Golf Tournament, or attend a “Back to School with Your Professors” seminar featuring Professors Cheryl Amana and Thomas Ringer. Later in the afternoon, alumni gathered under a covered picnic area to enjoy a down-home cookout at the Alumni Family Picnic held in Piney Woods Park. Saturday’s grand finale featured a gala dinner and awards ceremony.

The Farewell Breakfast on Sunday morning ended a memorable 70th Anniversary alumni weekend that gave those attending opportunities to reconnect, introduce family members, enjoy time with old friends and revisit the past through common memories at NCCU School of Law.

Above: Dean Pierce, with the Honorable H.M. “Mickey” Michaux ’64 and the Honorable Leroy R. Johnson ’57 are all smiles at the Alumni Awards Gala held on Saturday evening.



Clockwise, from top left:
Alumni from the Class of 1984 celebrating their 25th Anniversary

Buffet dinner and Alumni Awards Gala

Georgia Williams, with her husband, the Honorable Joseph "Joe" Williams '75, James "Butch" Williams '79 (no relation), and Andria Jacqueline Williams '09, daughter of Joseph and Georgia Williams



Dean Pierce presenting Dorothy Bernholz '75 with the Julian Thomas Pierce Award for her outstanding contribution to Pro Bono Legal Services



Dean Pierce; James Rogers '87; Willie Gary '74; Delores James, Director of Development; and Ronald Draper '74; in the background, Jeffrey Clemmons '78, at the Willie E. Gary Legal Eagle Golf Tournament

New Board of Visitors Members Nominated and Confirmed at NCCU School of Law

On Sept. 15, 2009, the NCCU School of Law Board of Visitors nominated and confirmed 11 new members.

Members of the board provide advice and counsel to the Dean and serve as goodwill ambassadors for the School of Law. Most of the new members are distinguished alumni of the Law School. Dean Pierce praised the new members, saying he believes they will "further strengthen the accomplished professional profile of the board."

New board members in positions of public service are: State Sen. Eleanor "Ellie" G. Kinnaird '92; Dorothy C. Bernholz '75, Director and Staff Attorney at Carolina Student Legal Services at UNC-Chapel Hill; Jay J. Chaudhuri '99, General Counsel and Senior Policy Advisor for the N.C. Department of the Treasury; Donna

Douglas '84, attorney for the Office of Chief Counsel, U.S. Treasury Department; and Pamela Thorpe Young '85, Chair of the N.C. Industrial Commission.

New Board of Visitors members from the judiciary are: Wanda G. Bryant '82, N.C. Court of Appeals; and Herbert L. Richardson '76, Senior District Court Judge of Robeson County, N.C.

The new board members in law practice are: Leonard T. Jernigan '76, Jernigan Law Firm, Raleigh; Mark D. Locklear '96, Locklear, Jacobs, Brooks & Hunt, Lumberton; Geoffrey H. Simmons, Simmons Law Firm, Raleigh; Joseph A. Williams '75, Joe Williams & Associates, Greensboro.

Officers

James D. "Butch" Williams Jr. '79,
Chair

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BPLI Study Abroad Program Accredited by the ABA

The Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Law Institute (BPLI) at NCCU School of Law has successfully launched a new ABA accredited summer study abroad program. The Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Law Institute at North Carolina Central University School of Law has successfully launched a new ABA accredited summer study abroad program. Thirteen students traveled to San Jose, Costa Rica in May and June of 2009 during the inaugural session of the study abroad program. The University of Costa Rica welcomed the program with open arms. The program consisted of three courses, educational excursions, a program dinner and weekend activities. Professor Mark Morris '82 taught the Mediation course and had Costa Rican student participation in this course. Professor Susan Hauser taught a course in Comparative Limited Liability Companies where students learned about the formation of LLCs in the United States and Costa Rica and the different aspects of this type of business entity.



Professor Kim Cogdell, who serves as the Director of the study abroad program and the Director of the Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Law Institute taught the Comparative Biotechnology, Bioethics and Policy course. Students had the opportunity to earn five credits during the program and could receive financial aid to help with program fees. In addition to the in-class component of the program taught by NCCU School of Law faculty, students received lectures from a faculty member from the University of Costa Rica. During one of the educational excursions, participants toured the rainforest. This tour placed special emphasis on biodiversity and was in conjunction with a lecture in the Biotechnology course. On weekends, students headed to the beach for a bit of rest and relaxation. Several students took advantage of the many outdoor activities Costa Rica has to offer, such as whitewater rafting on one of the top ten best rivers for rafting in the world. Other highlights included rock climbing in waterfalls, visiting an active volcano and soaking in natural hot springs.

The establishment of the program was a result of the hard work and dedication of many members of the law school community. A pilot program was initiated through the Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Law Institute under the direction of Professor Cogdell during 2008 where students, enrolled in the Comparative Biotechnology, Bioethics and Policy course, spent spring break in Costa Rica. This international initiative was repeated again during spring break in 2009. This pilot program provided the foundation for the summer study abroad program. Dean Pierce was extremely

supportive in the establishment of the program. Throughout the accreditation process, he was in constant communication with the American Bar Association, ensuring that all required information was received. With his support, Professor Cogdell was able to travel to Costa Rica to meet with the dean of the law school in Costa Rica and obtain the necessary paperwork to establish an agreement between the two universities to establish the program. In addition, Associate Dean Tammi Jackson played an instrumental role by helping with the financial aspects of the program. Delores James, the Law School Director of Development, and Assistant Dean Steve Douglas '82 were also very supportive and helpful.

Morris and Hauser were pioneers in the creation of the program and even sacrificed some travel reimbursement because they believed that it was important to expose our students to these types of opportunities despite these challenging economic times. Rather than having to attend program sponsored by other schools, this time, NCCU law students could attend a program sponsored by their own law school. The students have often commented on how their lives were changed by the study abroad experience. Because of the joint efforts of the NCCU School of Law administration, faculty, and staff, this program is now prominently listed among study abroad programs accredited by the ABA on its website.

Kimberly J. Cogdell
Assistant Professor

RETIRING FACULTY

PROFESSOR THOMAS RINGER

For 31 years, Professor Thomas Mdogana Ringer Jr. has given time, love and energy to advance the interests of the Law School. Professor Ringer has consistently demonstrated an interest in the welfare of students and others in the Law School community.

When Professor Ringer and I started our first year at the Law School in 1979, he would announce at the beginning of each of his classes, “Oyez! Oyez! Oyez! Court



is now in session.” This was indeed effective at capturing the attention of his first-year students. And no mercy was shown to the student who happened to come in a bit late and had to sit in the dreaded first row—where Professor Ringer would surely call upon him or her during that session. Since then, Professor Ringer has trained about 3,000 lawyers. Among them are distinguished private-practice lawyers, judges, university trustees, corporate managers, the chief operating officer of an NBA team,

legislators, prosecutors, high-ranking military lawyers and law professors.

Professor Ringer was an early coordinator of moot court and trial advocacy teams. He devoted many hours working with the teams to perfect their advocacy skills. Soon his students developed a reputation for outstanding performance at prestigious regional and national competitions. When I traveled to observe one of the teams competing in regional competition, I heard the coach/coordinator of a top-ranking law school say, “I hope we don’t face North Carolina Central in early matching rounds.” This tradition of outstanding moot court performance by the Law School has continued.

Dear Tom:

“I have admired that you are selfless, amazingly tolerant and kind to others. You have given a great deal to the Law School. Many of its successes can be traced, directly or indirectly, to your efforts: the renovation and expansion of the Law School, the performance-based admission program, and (not to forget!) taking the measuring tape to map out the upper parking lot at Alston Avenue. Professor Thomas Mdogana Ringer Jr., borrowing a passage from the Parable of the Talents, I say to you as you transition to the next-life-phase, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

Charles E. Smith

Professor Smith, who started the same day as Professor Ringer, teaches in the Intellectual Property Law area and specializes in Patent Law.

PROFESSOR WALTER NUNALLEE

At my former law firm, I frequently interacted with attorneys in the firm’s tax group. I had particular respect for them because of the complexity of their work and the perception of their importance to the firm. They were a sharp, capable, confident and cool group of lawyers. I enjoyed working with them.

When I came to NCCU School of Law, one of the first professors to offer me as-



sistance was Tax Professor Walter Nunallee. I had heard great things about him even before I began my term as the Dean. When I met him, he reminded me of the tax-group attorneys at my former law firm—sharp, capable, confident and cool. Walter Nunallee’s outstanding contribution to this Law School is without question. He has built an outstanding and highly respected tax program that has allowed many graduates to go forward and establish productive tax law practices, and he has done so in a way

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that has provided additional prestige to our institution.

It is my personal appreciation that I want to highlight. When I was a brand new law school dean with no prior experience in law school administration or teaching, Walter Nunnallee regularly offered me support. He dismissed all suggestions that my lack of experience in law school administration would be a detriment to my ability to be a successful dean. He provided me with valuable information regarding the position of the law school within the state's legal community. He listened to my ideas for strengthening the school and he provided good suggestions. Without question, Walter Nunnallee was a big help to me as I got started in this new career.

This law school will miss him as he moves into retirement. I offer him my thanks.

Raymond C. Pierce, Dean

Cheryl Amana volunteered at Creek-side Elementary School in fall 2008. Professor Amana presents each spring at the Links annual conference for middle school students of the San Francisco Bay area. She was a contributor to *Dear Sisters, Dear Daughters*, published by the ABA, Jan. 2009. Amana was on a panel for both the Women's Law Caucus (spring 2009) and Black Women's Law Caucus (fall 2009) on Surviving in Law School. She presented on "The Impact of Domestic Violence on Children" at the XXXI International Congress of Law and Mental Health, New York University School of Law, July 2009. She also conducted a CLE as part of the Law School's 70th Anniversary on "Addressing the Impact of Domestic Violence on Children." Amana was on a panel at the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law on alternative careers in law in fall 2009. In Feb. 2010, she spoke at the Western Regional BLSA conference on careers in the academy.

Jim Beckwith presented a discussion of teaching in a smart classroom at the Annual CALI Meeting in Boulder, Colo., in June 2009. He also wrote a paper for the program, "Raising the Bar: Partnerships in the Effective Use of Technology." The discussion highlighted the advanced classroom facilities of the Law School.

Jennifer Brobst made the following presentations: CLE presentation for the N.C. Association of Defense Attorneys titled "PTSD Expert Witness Testimony," Sept. 25, 2009; one-hour didactic at the Center for Child and Family

Health on "Mental Health Expert Witness Testimony," Nov. 5, 2009; and a training session for the N.C. Coalition Against Sexual Assault on "Sexual Assault Court Advocacy," Feb. 19, 2010. She also authored or edited the following publications: toolkit/manual on "The Needs of Children in Domestic Violence Shelters," Nov. 2009 (for online access see home page of www.ccfhnc.org); Module V, "Legal Needs," in a five-part online course series on "Children and Domestic Violence," Jan. 2010 (available to service professionals and the public through Area Health Education, <http://www.aheconnect.com/ahec/default.asp>); "Public Duty Doctrine and Domestic Violence" for the N.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence quarterly newsletter, Feb. 2010. Brobst was also re-appointed to the N.C. Commission on Mental Health, Developmental Disability, and Substance Abuse, and was newly appointed to the N.C. Commission on Domestic Violence. She is president of the Durham-Orange Women Attorneys and is completing a term on the Advisory Council of Legal Aid of N.C.

Frances Bynum (formerly Solari) '82 argued before the North Carolina Supreme Court in the case of *Copper v. Denlinger*, in which she represents the plaintiffs. The issues before the court were the plaintiffs' vagueness challenge to the Durham Public Schools gang policy and the personal liability of former superintendent Ann T. Denlinger for violation of the plaintiffs' due process rights.



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Charles Hamilton Houston

A Visionary on Racial Equality

Charles Hamilton Houston (1895–1950) was a black lawyer who played a role in dismantling the Jim Crow laws and helped train future Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall. Known as “The Man Who Killed Jim Crow,” he was active in nearly every civil rights case before the Supreme Court between 1930 and *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954). Houston’s brilliant plan to attack and defeat Jim Crow segregation by using the inequality of the “separate but equal” doctrine (from the Supreme Court’s *Plessy v. Ferguson* decision), as it pertained to public education in the United States, was the master stroke that brought about the landmark *Brown* decision.

The Honorable Charles Becton has been named as the North Carolina Central University School of Law Charles Hamilton Houston Chair for the 2010 spring and fall semesters. He is teaching “Civil Rights and Criminal Administration.” Becton is a former judge of the North Carolina Court of Appeals, and in 2008-09, served as president of the North Carolina Bar Association.

Judge Becton received his BA degree from Howard University in 1966, his Juris Doctor degree from Duke University School of Law in 1969, and his L.L.M. from The University of Virginia School of Law in 1986. He has been a litigator for more than 30 years. From 1981-90, he was a judge on the North Carolina Court of Appeals, and in 1985, he was named North Carolina Appellate Judge of the year. Becton is the John Scott Cansler Lecturer at the University of North Carolina School of Law (Chapel Hill) and a Senior Lecturer in Law at Duke University Law School. Becton has taught and lectured at trial advocacy skill institutes across the country, in Canada, and in the Republic of South Africa. Becton has been included in The Best Lawyers of America since 1993. He has been a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers since 1995 and is a past president of the North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers. He has received numerous awards including: The William J. Brennan Trial Advocacy Award in 1988; the Roscoe Pound Foundation’s Richard S. Jacobson Award (co-recipient) from the Association of Trial Lawyers of America in 1990; and the Robert Keeton NITA Trial Advocacy Teaching Award in 1995. In June 1990, Becton was the first recipient of the Charles L. Becton Trial Advocacy Award given by the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers. In 2006, Becton was the first recipient of the Advocate’s Award from North Carolina Bar Association Litigation Section. He also received the American Bar Association’s Torts and Insurance Practice Section’s Pursuit of Justice Award. In 2009, Becton received Duke University Law School’s Charles S. Murphy Award for Public Service.



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Kim Cogdell presented at the South-eastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Meeting on Aug. 6, 2009. The title of the presentation was "DNA Databases and the Surveillance Society."

Don Corbett has published two articles: *Stunted Growth: Assessing the Stagnant Enrollment of African-Americans in the Nation's Law Schools*, 18 Temp. Pol. & Civ. Rts. L. Rev. 177 (2008), and *Let's Talk About Sext: The Challenge of Finding the Right Legal Response to the Teenage Practice of "Sexting,"* 13 J. Internet L. 3 (2009).

Nakia Davis '01 was author of the article, *Child Custody and the SCRA: My Child or My Country?*, which was republished in Sept. 2009, in the "Best Articles Published by the ABA" section of General Practice, Solo & Small Firm Division magazine. Davis' article was originally published by the ABA Section of the Individual Rights and Responsibilities in spring 2008.

April Dawson served as a moderator at the NCCU Constitution Day Program on Sept. 16, 2009. She delivered a lecture at the CLEO Womble, Carlyle, Pre-Law Summer Academy, held July 20-24, 2009. Dawson was also a presenter at the Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction conference in June 2009. She presented at the Mid-Atlantic People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference in Jan. 2009, where her topic was "Justification for the Non-Waivability of FMLA Rights: Examining Language, Policy and the Law." She also presented at the Continuing Legal Education Program, Back

to School with Your Professors, Oct. 31, 2008, where her topic was "The Family and Medical Leave Act," and the South-eastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Aug. 1, 2008, where she spoke on "*Taylor v. Progress Energy, Inc.* and the Waiver of FMLA Rights: How the Fourth Circuit Got it Right, New Scholars Workshop."

Susan Dunn spoke at the Joint Annual Meeting of the Business Law, Corporate Counsel, and International Law Sections of the N.C. Bar Association in Pinehurst in Feb. 2010. She spoke on recent developments and enforcement trends at the Department of Justice and the SEC under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

Adrienne Fox published the 2009 supplement to her book, *Admissibility of Evidence in North Carolina*. She also taught at the Southeast Regional NITA program, May 2009, and the N.C. Advocates for Justice CLE on Evidence in Civil Trials, Jan. 2010.

Kevin Foy '94 was a panelist for two sessions at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Government, titled "Working Together in Council-Manager Municipalities," Dec. 2009, and "The New Metropolitan North Carolina," Feb. 2009. In Oct. 2008, Foy served as a speaker at the Sustainability Summit, Fayetteville, Arkansas, where his topic was "LEED Certification and Best Green Building Practices," and as a convener at the N.C. League of Municipalities session in Charlotte titled "Keeping University Communities Safe."

Brenda Gibson '95 served on the Justice Roberts Competition Preparation Team, spring 2009. She also conducted training sessions with the NCCU Moot Court Board and BPLI during the last academic year. She attended the North Carolina/South Carolina Legal Research and Writing Colloquium at Elon University School of Law, spring 2009, and also the LexisNexis Legal Research and Writing Conference in Miami in Dec. 2009. Gibson conducted a Plagiarism Workshop for all NCCU law students in fall 2009. The Legal Writing Program, under Gibson's direction, hosted its first annual Excellence in Legal Writing Reception, where students who competed in the legal writing program's first intra-scholastic writing competition were recognized. The top three prizes were sponsored and presented by the following firms: Nichols & Satterfield PLLC, first prize; Gray Newell LLP, second prize; and McCuller & Whitaker, PLLC, third prize.

Pamela Stanback Glean '80 was a presenter at the 2009 American Association of Law Schools (ALLS) Clinical Legal Education Conference in Cleveland, Ohio. Her topic was "Complex Personnel Issues Hiring, Training, and Supporting a Diverse Group of Clinicians."

Dionne Gonder-Stanley was appointed to the N.C. Bar Association Law School Liaison Committee, 2009-10. She has attended the following conferences: AALS Clinical Legal Education Conference, May 2009; CLEA New Clinicians Conference, May 2009; NITA's North Carolina Advocacy Teacher Training



NCCU School of Law Faculty, Back Row: Left to Right: Gonder-Stanley, Reddix-Small, Branch, Williams, Clark, Mombrun '88, Dawson, K. Wallace '99, M. Wallace '83, Green, Foy '94, Edwards, Malhoit, Beckwith, Potter and Joyner; Front Row: Left to Right: Solari (Bynum) '82, Cogdell, Wright, Vernon '00, Hauser, Hayes '98, Lavelle '93, Kabatchnick, Collins, Nachman '96, Glean '77, Meddock '91 and Jefferies '76.

Conference, Jan. 2009; and N.C. Bar Association CLE, Trials of the Century: Cross-examination & Closing Argument Techniques, Oct. 2008. She also participated in the alumni/faculty panel at the Christian Legal Society Prayer Breakfast, Nov. 2009. Gonder-Stanley co-presented a lecture/demonstration on Evidence and Objections to participants in the Legal Eagle Law Camp, Summer 2009. She was a volunteer attorney with the Ex-punction Seminar Project of the Durham County Bar Association's Public Service Committee, 2009-10, and a volunteer judge for the UNC-Chapel Hill Collegiate Mock Trial Tournaments in Feb. 2009 and Feb. 2010.

Susan Hauser's article, *Predatory Lending, Passive Judicial Activism, and the Duty to Decide* was published at 86 N.C. L. Rev. 1501 (2008). Her article *Cutting the Gordian Knot: The Case for Allowing Modification of Home Mortgages in Bankruptcy*, will be published in the Univer-

sity of Maryland Journal of Business and Technology Law in June 2010. She presented "Preemption of State Predatory Lending Laws: The Impact of the 2008 Crash in Mortgage and Credit Markets," as a part of a workshop on business law at the SEALS Annual Meeting in Palm Beach, Fla., in Aug. 2009. She was also the moderator for a panel presentation on "Foreclosure Prevention and Ethical Dealings with Foreclosure and Clients" at the NCCU Law Review's Spring Symposium in April 2009, and presented "Balancing Work and Life: Professionalism," at a seminar, Being Secured in an Unsecured World: Bankruptcy for Paralegals, at the North Carolina Bar Center, March 12, 2009. Hauser served as Contributing Editor for the Kaplan PMBR Civil Procedure Study Aids (Finals Series and Flash Cards), 2008-09.

Deborah Jefferies '76 conducted a workshop on "How to Conduct Effective Legal Research" for BLSA's 2009 Sub-

Region III Academic Retreat in Durham in Sept. 2009.

Irv Joyner writes a monthly "Legal Eagle" article for Durham-based *Spectacular Magazine*. He composed 3 appellate briefs in 2008 and 10 in 2009 for cases filed in the N.C. Court of Appeals. His 2008 and 2009 supplements to *Criminal Procedure in North Carolina* were published by LexisNexis. He was appointed as a Commissioner for the North Carolina Indigents Defense Services (IDS) Commission and Legal Redress Chair of the North Carolina Conferences of the NAACP. Joyner also serves on the Local Organizing Committee for the 50th Year Reunion and Commemoration of the founding of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). He was a keynote speaker for the Granville County Ministerial Alliance Martin Luther King Celebration and the Bennett College Honors Convocation; and he was a panelist for the Greensboro

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Commemoration of the Klan/Nazi Massacre and the Durham-Orange County Women Attorneys' Program on Race and Gender in the Legal Profession. Joyner was also highlighted in the documentary film "Obama In North Carolina: The Path to History."

Craig M. Kabatchnick published "The NCCU Veteran's Law Clinic: Students Learning to Help Veterans," in the ABA Human Rights Magazine, published by the ABA Section on Individual Rights and Responsibilities, spring 2008. He also authored two law review articles in the Marquette Elder's Advisor for the Marquette University School of Law: *PTSD and its Effects on Elderly, Minority, and Female Veterans*, spring 2009, and *The TBI Impact: The Truth About Traumatic Brain Injuries and Their Indeterminate Effects on Elderly, Minority, and Female Veterans of All Wars*, winter 2009. Kabatchnick served as keynote speaker and coordinator for the Veterans Issues Clinic in Fayetteville in May 2009. He was also a keynote speaker at the Convergence of Elder and Disability Policy Scholars Conference, April 2009. The topic was "The Battle After the Battle: The Effects of Undiagnosed and Untreated PTSD and Traumatic Brain Injuries on Combat Veterans of All Wars." He presented on the topic "Emerging Issues in Veterans Law," at a Conference at John Marshall Law School, Veterans Legal Support Center & Clinic, Nov. 7, 2008. Kabatchnick was featured in *Independent Weekly's* front-page article, "V is for Victory: Veteran David Best Finally Wins his Appeal," Oct. 28, 2009.

Lydia Lavelle '93 attended the

AALS Workshop for New Law Professors in Washington in June 2009 and the AALS Annual Conference in New Orleans in Jan. 2010. She served as a panelist discussing "The Hidden Assault on Our Civil Rights," by Kenji Yoshino at an event sponsored by the Carrboro Cybrary in Carrboro, N.C., Sept. 22, 2008. She gave a presentation on "Legal and Ethical Issues in Sport" to NCCU graduate students in Dr. Beverly J. Allen's PEDG 5140 course, Sept. 2008. Lavelle also served as a panelist discussing legal and policy issues facing the gay, lesbian, transgender and bisexual community as part of a conference held by the International Gay & Lesbian Travel Association in Chapel Hill, Sept. 2009.

Reginald Mombrun '88 authored a book (with Felicia Branch), *Mastering Corporate Tax*, published by Carolina Academic Press, Fall 2009. He authored the article, *An End to the Deadbeat Dad Dilemma? Puncturing the Paradigm by Allowing a Tax Deduction for Child Support Payments*, Fordham Journal of Corporate & Financial Law, spring 2008. He presented "Should Congress Follow Through on Codifying the Substance Over Form Doctrine" at the Law & Society Annual Convention on Friday, May 29, 2009. Mombrun also chaired the Panel Discussion "Tax Rules and Social Outcomes" at the convention. He presented "Shifting the Paradigm by Bringing Tax Arbitrage to the Lower Income Separated Family: Why Should the Middle to Upper Class Family have all the Fun?" to NCCU law faculty as part of its "Works in Progress" series, March 25, 2009. He also gave an annual presenta-

tion, starting in 2008, of Tax LL.M. programs, "To LL.M. (Tax) or not to LL.M.," and advised students seeking LL.M.s in taxation. Mombrun was invited to make a presentation of his article, "An End to the Deadbeat Dad Dilemma? Puncturing the Paradigm by Allowing a Tax Deduction for Child Support Payments," to faculty at Widener School of Law, Harrisburg Campus, Dec. 3, 2008. He delivered a lecture to Advanced Tax students, "The Four Rs: Regulations, Rulings, Reliance and Retroactivity," Nov. 13, 2008. He presented with Dr. David Elkins, a visiting Professor of Law, Southern Methodist University, "Globalization and Income Taxation," Nov. 7, 2008.

Mark Morris '82 chairs the Standards, Discipline, and Advisory Opinion Committee of the N.C. Dispute Resolution Commission and serves on the Board of Directors for the Mediation Network of North Carolina. Morris presented a program titled "Ethics Update: Changes to North Carolina's Standards of Professional Conduct for Mediators" at the N.C. Bar Association's 2009 Annual Meeting. He presented "Alternative Dispute Resolution and the Court System" to a group of government officials from the Peoples' Republic of China at the Duke Center for International Development (DCID), Sanford Institute of Public Policy in 2009. The third edition of his treatise, published by LexisNexis, *North Carolina Law of Torts*, with co-author Charles Daye, is forthcoming in 2011.

Dorothy D. Nachman participated in the Tax CLE sponsored by NCCU and the N.C. Bar Association, along with

Walter Nunnallee, Reggie Mombrun, and Felicia Branch, spring 2010.

Page Potter served as panel moderator and presenter on the subject, “Reaching Out: Street Law’s Law School Diversity Pipeline,” at the Southeast/Southwest People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, March 2009.

Wendy Scott was a visiting professor at the University of Maryland Law School July 2008-June 2009. Scott co-authored the book *Inside Constitutional Law: What Matters and Why*, published by Aspen, spring 2009. She published two articles: *Dr. King and Parents Involved: The Battle for Hearts and Minds*, in New York University Review of Law & Social Change, spring 2009, and *Desegregation Law and Jurisprudence*, in the Duke Forum for Law & Social Change, summer 2009. Scott presented a work in progress on the opening conference panel of the 2009 Mid-Atlantic People of Color Scholarship Conference at Temple Law School titled “Re-Segregation/De-Segregation” with Professor Kimberly Robinson (Emory) and Professor Erika Woods (Baltimore). She presented another work in progress titled “The Dissenting Opinions of Justice Thurgood Marshall: Casting a Vision for the Future of Constitutionalism” with co-author Professor Linda Green (Wisconsin Law) at the conference, Critical Race Theory at 20: Honoring Our Past, Charting Our Future, April 2009. Scott was invited by the Drexel Law School faculty to present her work in progress, “Diversity and Desegregation,” in Jan. 2009. She also presented this paper at a lunch for the

NCCU School of Law faculty in Feb. 2009. Scott spoke on the opening panel at the Feb. 2009 Duke Law School conference, Moving Education Forward: Perspectives and Innovations in Education Law and Policy. The topic was “Does Integration Still Matter?” She presented her published paper, “Intersection of Race and Gender,” as part of “The First 100 Years of Women” St. Louis University School of Law Speaker Series in Feb. 2009. In April 2009, Scott was invited by the Faculty Speakers Committee of Chicago-Kent College of Law and the Associate Dean of the University of Maryland School of Law to present a work in progress on Justice Marshall.

Kia Vernon '00 attended the AALS annual meeting in New Orleans in Jan. 2010; the Workshop for Pre-tenured Minority Law School Teachers and the Workshop for New Law School Teachers in Washington in June 2009. She was also a presenter at seminars on Living Wills and Health Care Power of Attorney Forms at Calvary Church in Cary in Nov. 2008, May 2009 and Nov. 2009. She volunteered at J.Y. Joyner Elementary in Raleigh in 2009. As part of an outreach project for NCCU School of Law’s Spanish for Lawyers class, she hosted a fall 2008 luncheon and seminar for the Law School and its students to raise awareness about some of the stereotypes and misconceptions involving the Spanish-speaking community and how to combat them in the legal profession.

Fred Williams was appointed to a three-year term as a member of the Lawyer Assistance Program Board. He

was also appointed to a one-year term as the vice chair of the Board. The Board provides CLE programs to satisfy the requirement of the State Bar for continuing education on substance abuse and mental health issues.

Pamela Newell Williams authored *North Carolina Appellate Law: A Guide to the North Carolina Appellate Rules*, fall 2009. She served as an editor of the *Judicial Opinion Writing Coursebook*, University Readers, fall 2009. Williams has published two articles: *A Comparison of Child Advocacy Laws in Abuse and Neglect Cases in England and the United States*, 31 N.C. Cent. L.J. 33 (2008), and *A Historical Overview of the Fair Labor Standards Act*, 10 Fla. Coastal L. Rev. 675 (2009). She is also a contributor in the manuals, “The Survivor’s Guide to Guardian Ad Litem Appeals,” and chapter six, “Motions, Appeals, and Other Procedural Tools for GAL Representation” of the 2007 *Guardian ad Litem Attorney Practice Manual*. Williams created the online lesson “Grammar Online Module,” CALL, 2010 and composed 3 CLE Manuscripts: “What You Should Know About Appeals,” May 2008, “Appellate Advocacy at the Trial Court Level,” Oct. 2008, and “Court Reports,” Oct. 2009.

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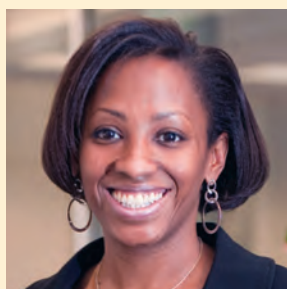
KIA H. VERNON '00, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Kia H. Vernon is a native of Greenville, N.C. She graduated magna cum laude from North Carolina Central University, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish with certification to teach grades K-12. She taught Spanish at high schools in Wilson and Greenville for four years before returning to NCCU in 1997 to pursue a law degree. She graduated with honors from the School of Law in 2000.

After graduation, Professor Vernon worked at Blake and Vernon PLLC, a small law firm in Cary, specializing in family law and real estate transactions. Subsequently, she opened her own office, Vernon Law Group PLLC, and continued to serve the legal needs of clients in the Triangle.

In 2007, she returned to NCCU School of Law as an adjunct professor, teaching Legal Reasoning and Analysis, Legal Research and Persuasion, and Spanish for Lawyers. In 2009, she joined the faculty as an assistant professor. She teaches Pleadings and Practice, Spanish for Lawyers and Domestic Relations.

Professor Vernon is a member of the Wake County Bar Association, the N.C.



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Bar Association and the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT).

LYDIA E. LAVELLE '93, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Lydia E. Lavelle was born in Athens, Ohio and graduated with a B.A. from St. Andrews Presbyterian College. She earned a Master's of Recreation Resources from North Carolina State University, and worked in the field of parks and recreation administration for several years.

A 1993 graduate of the Law School's evening program, she clerked for the Honorable Clifton E. Johnson '67 on the North Carolina Court of Appeals from 1993-1995 before obtaining a position at the NCCU School of Law. She was the Law School's first Pro Bono Coordinator and Alumni Relations Director. She also served as the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs at the Law School for 10 years.

She teaches Civil Procedure, State and Local Governmental Law, and Sexual Identity and the Law. She has also taught Legal Writing II, Advanced Legal Writing I, and Street Law. She serves as a member of the Law School's Web Site Committee, CLE Committee, and the Law School Relations and Communications Committee. Her memberships include the 15B Judicial District Bar (N.C.), the North Carolina Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys (NCAWA) and the North Carolina Gay Advocacy Legal Alliance. She is a past president of NCAWA and currently serves on their nominating committee. She is licensed to practice law in North Carolina and Ohio.



Lavelle

Her comment, *From the Diamonds to the Courts: Major League Baseball v. the Commissioner*, was published in the North Carolina Central University Law Journal in 1995. 21 N.C. Cent. L.J. 1 (1995).

BRENDA REDDIX-SMALLS, VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Brenda Reddix-Small has practiced law as a litigator for more than 30 years. She specialized in complex litigation, juvenile law, education law, civil liberties, voting rights, municipal law, and commercial transactions. In 1993, she received the Modjeska Simpkins Flame of Justice Award for her advocacy on behalf of women and children. Reddix-Small served as Executive Director of the South Carolina Conference of Branches of the NAACP in 1997-98, overseeing statewide litigation involving reapportionment, voting rights



Reddix-Small

WENDY SCOTT, NEW ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

NCCU School of Law welcomes Wendy Scott, who assumed the position of Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in July 2009. Scott brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this position as an academician and administrator. In announcing the appointment, Dean Pierce also praised Dean Scott's predecessor, David Green, for the outstanding job he did during his term as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, "The growth and strengthening of our law school is clearly marked by David's tremendous contributions."

Scott received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Harvard University and her Juris Doctor from New York University. She joined the NCCU School of Law faculty in 2006 after 17 years on the Tulane Law faculty where she served 2 years as Vice Dean for Academic Affairs. She has

a national reputation as an expert on race law and constitutional law and theory.

Scott joined the Tulane faculty after a successful career in labor law and public interest civil rights advocacy. From 1980 to 1984, she served as a staff attorney at the Legal Action Center of the City of New York. The Center represents former substance abusers and ex-offenders in employment and licensing discrimination cases, and represents employers and unions on numerous workplace issues. She also worked as an associate at Vladeck, Waldman, Elias & Engelhard, a union labor and plaintiff employment discrimination law firm in New York City. From 1986 to 1989, she was Associate Counsel for the Center for Law and Social Justice, a community law office and research center in Brooklyn. In that position, she directed all litigation and supervised the



preparation of research studies on racial violence, redlining and Charter revision in New York City, while also teaching as an adjunct professor at Hunter College, Brooklyn and CUNY law schools. Articles by Scott have appeared in the Harvard Law Review, Emory Law Journal, University of Tennessee Law Review, Tulane Law Review, Howard Law Journal, Villanova Law Review and Wake Forest Law Review. Her work on the desegregation of public colleges and universities has been widely cited.

and civil rights impact strategies.

In 1980, she co-founded Carolina Regional Legal Services Corporation, and she served as Executive Director and Program Coordinator for 10 years, directing litigation for a multi-county area. Her specialties included complex litigation, appellate advocacy and consumer rights. She also co-founded a regional health clinic in Manning, S.C. that provided care in an under-served region to women, the elderly, infants and children.

Reddix-Small has also supervised and litigated voting rights legislation for

the state of South Carolina, guiding the implementation of single member districts for municipalities and several school boards across the state. She served as co-counsel in three death penalty trials and acted as general counsel for six years for a small municipality in South Carolina. As city prosecutor in Lake City, S.C., she was responsible for minor criminal trials.

Professor Reddix-Small has recently begun conducting research, publishing and studies in the Intellectual Property field. After gaining an LL.M. in Intellectual Property, she began studying the

distribution and allocation of resources, and the intersection of social policy, technology and intellectual property law in the commercial sector. Having taught Uniform Commercial Sales and Administrative Law, she also litigated complex commercial and business disputes representing contractors and small businesses. She is most proud of her civil rights litigation record, handling police brutality cases, employment discrimination and bank lending discrimination in U.S. district courts and the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

She is also co-founder of eBushua Foun-

dation, a children's theater and arts organization, in South Carolina.

She graduated from Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island with a joint degree in English American literature and Economics.

Reddix-Small obtained her law degree from Georgetown University Law School and her LL.M. in Intellectual Property from Franklin Pierce Law School in New Hampshire.

She is a member of the American Bar Association, the National Bar Association, the American Intellectual Property Association and other organizations.

DEBORAH JEFFERIES '76, STEPS DOWN AS LAW LIBRARY DIRECTOR TO BECOME ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Deborah Jefferies, long-time Director of the Law Library, has stepped down and taken a position at the Law School as an associate professor, teaching Administrative Law and Advanced Legal Research. Dean Raymond C. Pierce praised her for her service. "The Law School is truly grateful to Deborah for



Jefferies

her leadership," he said, "and her unwavering dedication and steadfast commitment to NCCU School of Law's mission of delivering to its students a high-quality practical legal education."

Professor Jefferies began her tenure at NCCU School of Law in 1986 as acting law librarian & assistant professor. She served as director of the library for 23 years. She has also taught Legal Bibliography and the legal research section of Legal Research and Persuasion classes. She has taught on topics of law library management, information technology and intellectual property for the School of Library and Information Sciences. She has written and presented in the fields of law librarianship and legal research.

Jefferies has been active in the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) and the South Eastern Association of Law Libraries since 1987, serving on numerous boards and committees of both organizations. She also serves on several law school and university committees at NCCU. She most recently served as the librarian on an ABA site-evaluation team.

Before coming to NCCU School of Law, Professor Jefferies was an Attorney/Advisor for the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services. She is a member of the N.C. State Bar.

SCHOOL OF LAW WELCOMES LAUREN COLLINS, NEW LAW LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Lauren M. Collins joined the Law School in Oct. of 2009. Before that, she was the head of reference services at the

J. Michael Goodson Law Library at Duke University. She has held positions as a reference librarian at Duke, Wayne State University and the University of Miami. Professor Collins received a Master of Science in Information from the University of Michigan in 2003, J.D. from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1994 and a B.A. in communications from Howard University in 1991.

After graduating from law school, she practiced employment and labor law in North Carolina and Michigan and provided anti-harassment training to union employees for a national law firm.

Professor Collins serves on the Publications Committee of the N.C. State Bar. She is active in the American Association of Law Libraries, having served on national committees and as an officer at the local and national levels. Her work includes articles in the *AALL Spectrum* and the *North Carolina State Bar Journal*. She has developed legal research lessons for the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI) on international legal research topics and cost effective legal research.



Collins



NCCU competed in the Region IV ABA/LSD-sponsored Client Counseling Competition hosted by Regent University School of Law on Feb. 12-13, 2010 in Virginia Beach. The NCCU team consisted of 3Ls, Erika Bales and Lynn Burke. They emerged as one of six teams from the preliminary round on Friday afternoon tied for second place. One of two teams from Washington and Lee University led with 12 points (lowest scores were best), and the second Washington and Lee team tied with ours for second with 14. The three other teams to ad-

vance were Campbell University, University of Richmond, and Liberty University. On Saturday morning, our team won its next round and advanced to the final round against Washington and Lee and Richmond. In the finals, Richmond won, Washington and Lee took second and NCCU placed third. The Richmond team went on to represent our region at the national competition in Waco, Texas.

I regret that we did not win this year, but I am proud of our team. Erika and Lynn were well prepared and represented us well. They exhibited the kind of professionalism and esprit de corps that we expect of our students.

I would like to thank every faculty member, student, and staff member who assisted us in many ways to prepare the team members for this competition. Thank you, and please share in the pride we feel for these students and their performance in representing our Law School.

—Fred J. Williams, Associate Professor

North Carolina Central University Law students visited the U.S. Supreme Court, with help from alumni and friends' donor funds. Professors April Dawson and Craig Kabatchnick took 19 law students to the Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 19, 2010. Professor Kabatchnick, who knows the Clerk of the Court, Gen. William Suter, arranged reserved seating for the group. There was an air of anticipation as they were escorted into the courtroom. One of the students said he felt like he was a child at Disney World. Before the cases began, new members of the Supreme Court Bar, of which Professor Dawson is a member, were sworn in.

The cases the students watched were very interesting. *Granite Rock Co. v. Int'l Brotherhood of Teamsters* involved a claim of tortious interference with contract, in which an employer sued a union for violating a "No-Strike" clause, and *Mac's*



General Suter is standing just below the large portrait in the background, Professor Kabatchnick is standing right of center in the foreground and Professor Dawson is standing far right, back row. The students who participated in the trip, not in the order of this photo, are: 3Ls, Faith Everett, Merium Malik,

Kwame Opata, Roberta Sa, Emily Walker, Dale Williams; 2Ls, Nicole Drew, Doug Edwards, Karen Lander, Rosetta Royster, Beverly Smith, David Strauss, Betsy Styons; 1Ls, Dene Alexander, Amy Crowe, Jaamal Jennings, Obieze Mmeje, Ashleigh Parker, Max Walko.

Shell Service v. Shell Oil Product involved a breach-of-contract claim between a gas station franchisee and its supplier franchisor. The law students received a practical education by watching how the attorneys responded to vigorous questioning by the justices. After observing the arguments, the group had lunch in the Supreme Court cafeteria.

After lunch, the students were escorted to the attorney's lounge to meet and talk



BAR PREP AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR DECEMBER 2009

James Cyrus, Don Torino, De'neisha Pinder, Eric Williams, David Simmons, and Matthew Reeder, 2009 graduates, were recipients of the fall 2009 Bar Prep Award scholarships. These scholarships are made possible by the generous support from alumni and friends of the Law School. Dean Ronald "Steve" Douglas, who oversees the award process, said the scholarships "are so important in helping our students prepare for and successfully pass the bar examination."

with Gen. Suter. He gave them an overview of the procedures of the Supreme Court and answered questions from the students. Following the session with General Suter, a representative from the curator's office escorted the group back to the courtroom and discussed the protocols and traditions of the Court, as well as the historical and allegorical references in the architecture.

The NCCU law students and professors were given VIP treatment from the very beginning, and felt very privileged to have participated in such a prestigious and honorable event. One message that resonated with all of the students was from Gen. Suter, who said that there are three things that make a good appellant attorney—preparation, preparation, and preparation. He also said that it does not matter where you went to law school or what your class rank is. "What matters," General Suter stressed, "is what's in your head and in your heart. That's what makes the attorney."

—by *Faith Everett 3L, Nicole Drew 2L, Merium Malik 3L and Roberta Sa 3L*

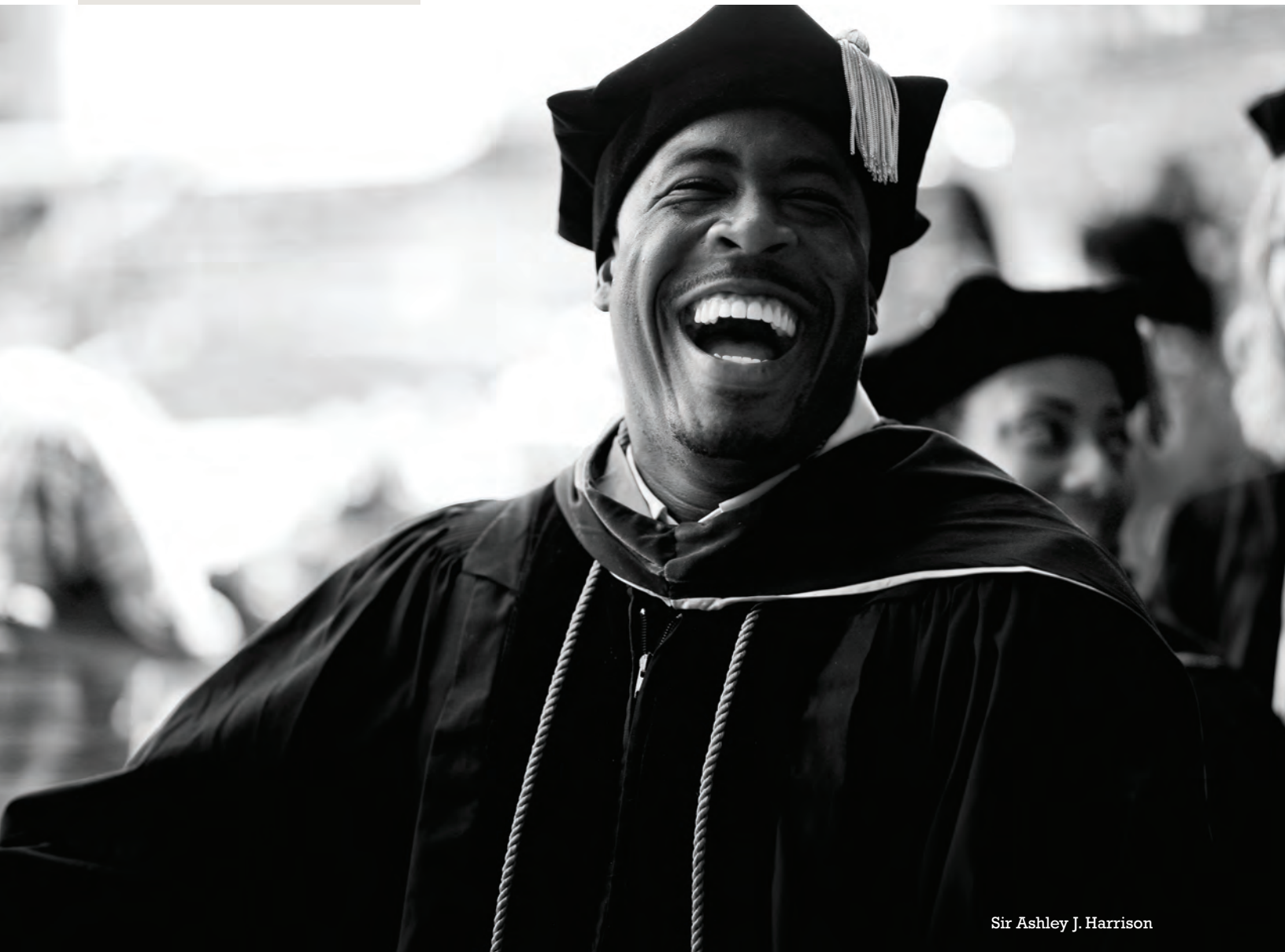
What better way to kick off the 70th Anniversary of North Carolina Central University School of Law than to coincidentally have the largest graduating class in the history of the Law School receive their Juris Doctor degree. This momentous event took place on May 16, 2009 at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park (DBAP).

Students met at the DBAP at an early hour to board Durham city buses that carried them to the "big" graduation at O'Kelley-Riddick Stadium and then back to the DBAP afterward, so that the graduates could arrive on time for the Law School ceremony, scheduled earlier than usual because of a Durham



From left: **Tashana Williams, Vanessa Williams, Yolanda Williams, Erin Wills, Jonathan Wilson**

The Class of 2009 Commencement 70 years and counting



Sir Ashley J. Harrison



Theodore M. Shaw, 2009 Commencement Speaker

Theodore M. Shaw, Director-Counsel and President of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund (LDF) from

2004 to 2008, is one of the nation's leading voices in civil rights. Shaw joined the LDF in 1982 and, in 2004, became the fifth person to lead the organization.

While at LDF, he was lead counsel in a coalition that represented

African-American and Latino students in the University of Michigan undergraduate affirmative action admissions case. That case, *Gratz v. Bollinger*, went before the United States Supreme Court in 2003 along with *Grutter v. Bollinger* which challenged the use of affirmative action the University of Michigan Law School. Shaw worked as a trial attorney in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice from 1979 to 1982, where he litigated civil rights cases at the trial and appellate levels and at the U.S. Supreme Court. He currently serves on the Legal Advisory Network of the European Roma Rights Council based in Budapest, Hungary. He previously taught at Columbia, University of Michigan, Temple and CUNY law schools. He is the recipient of the Wien Prize for Social Responsibility from Columbia Law School; the A. Leon Higginbotham Jr. Memorial Award from the National Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, and the Baldwin Medal from the Wesleyan University alumni body.



Students entering the DBAP

Dean Pierce, with the 2009 class president, Joyvan Malbon



Bulls game scheduled that evening at the park.

The keynote speaker was Theodore M. Shaw, the Co-chair of the Obama Transition Team for the U.S. Department of Justice and the Past Director-Counsel and President of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. Other speakers included Tonya Ford '99 and SBA president Chance Lynch, who welcomed the graduates. After receiving their diplomas from Dean Pierce and other members of the administration, Class of 2009 president Joyvan Malbon "gave the charge to the class" and sent the 180 graduates on their way.



Above:
John Kernodle

Left:
Elizabeth Graham, Stanley
Graham, Norlan Graves

S P E A K E R S E R I E S

FRED WHITFIELD '88, FEATURED SPEAKER AT SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT LAW LUNCH AND LEARN

Fred Whitfield, President and Chief Operating Officer of Bobcats Sports & Entertainment, was the featured speaker at a Lunch and Learn for North Carolina Central University School of Law students on Sept. 9, 2009. Whitfield is a 1988 graduate of the NCCU School of Law, where he also served as president of the Student Bar Association. He is one of only three African-Americans who hold the position of team president across the spectrum of major professional sports. He oversees all operations for the Charlotte Bobcats, Time-Warner Cable Arena, and the Bobcats Youth Foundation.

"We were honored to have Fred Whitfield return to his law school to speak with our students," Dean Raymond C. Pierce said. "He is the consummate business leader and a great role model for our students on how to apply their law degree beyond what is typically thought of as the role of an attorney."

Before joining the Bobcats organization, Whitfield served as Director of Business and Legal Affairs for the Jordan Brand, where he managed endorsements and sports marketing strategy and execution for the elite division of Nike. Jordan Brand's clients include such top athletes as Ray Allen, Carmelo Anthony, Richard Hamilton, Derek Jeter, Joe Johnson, Chris Paul and Dwyane Wade.

From 2000 to 2003, Whitfield was Director of Player Personnel and Assistant Legal Counsel for the Washington Wizards. While there, he was responsible for the team's salary cap administration and managing contractual issues. He is widely credited with resolving the team's salary cap problems, enabling the team to rebuild through trades and free agency.

For the past 25 years, Whitfield has hosted the Achievements Unlimited Basketball School in Greensboro, serving more than 8,000 children from the region in a week-long camp that focuses on fundamental basketball skills, the importance of academics, and the need to take a strong stance against substance abuse, through demonstrations and lectures from high profile NBA, NFL, and ACC athletes. Before attending the NCCU School of Law, he earned Bachelor of Business Administration and Master of Business Administration degrees from Campbell University.

NCM Capital and the Sports and Entertainment Law Society of the NCCU School of Law sponsored the Lunch and Learn with Mr. Whitfield.

Fred Whitfield



Walter Dalton at luncheon



LT. GOVERNOR WALTER DALTON GUEST SPEAKER AT PILO LUNCHEON

North Carolina Lt. Governor Walter Dalton was the guest speaker at the NCCU School of Law on Oct. 28, 2009. He addressed the student members of the Law School's Public Interest Law Organization (PILO) at a luncheon.

Dalton received his law degree from UNC-Chapel Hill. He developed a successful private law practice and spent 12 years in the State Senate before being elected Lt. Governor in 2008.

As Lt. Governor, Dalton presides over the Senate and sits on the State Board of Education and the State Board of Community Colleges. He has long been an advocate of improving public schools and preparing students to compete in a global economy. He chairs the Joining Our Businesses and Schools (JOBS) Commission, which aims to align the



curricula of early-college high schools more closely with state and regional work-force needs and to improve science, technology and math education in the public schools. He also has championed efforts to preserve jobs by making capital more readily available to small businesses.

THOMAS PEREZ, JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S CIVIL RIGHTS CHIEF, SHARES EXPERIENCES WITH CONSTITUTIONAL LAW STUDENTS

Assistant Attorney General Thomas E. Perez spoke to students and faculty at NCCU School of Law, Monday, Feb. 1, 2010 on the merits of public service in the federal government.

Perez, a veteran civil rights lawyer, was chosen by President Barack Obama to lead the U.S. Justice Department's Civil Rights Division and was confirmed by

the Senate in Oct. 2009. He was invited to speak by the Civil Rights & Constitutional Law Society, an NCCU law student organization. The mission of the Civil Rights & Constitutional Law Society is to promote activism, advocacy, discussion, research, writing and legal representation for civil and human rights issues.

Perez began his presentation by engaging the students with questions about their career aspirations after law school, especially as they related to public service. He described his own experiences in federal public service, and he discussed how civil rights investigations have increased since the start of the Obama administration. He encouraged the students to consider a career in public service, and urged them to take advantage of internship and job opportunities at the Department of Justice.

Perez, the son of immigrants from the Dominican Republic, worked in the Justice Department for most of the Clinton administration. As a prosecutor in the Civil Rights Division, he handled some of the government's highest-profile civil rights cases, including a hate crime case in Texas involving a gang of white supremacists who went on a deadly crime



Dean Pierce and Tom Perez

spre directed at African-Americans. From 1995 to 1998, while still a Justice Department employee, he served as special counsel to Sen. Edward Kennedy and was Kennedy's principal adviser on civil rights, criminal justice and constitutional issues. For the final two years of the Clinton administration, Perez served as the Director of the Office for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He left the federal government from 2001 to 2009, working as a consultant and teaching at the University of Maryland School of Law. He also served four years as a member of the Montgomery County (Md.) Council.



Jonathan Patton

I WAS VERY APPRECIATIVE that Assistant U.S. Attorney General Perez took time out of his busy schedule to talk with students. Mr. Perez gave an account of his professional career and how he ended up becoming the Assistant U.S. Attorney General. As a 3L who is embarking on a legal career, I was comforted to know that hard work, preparedness, and integrity does pay off. Mr. Perez began by getting to know everyone in the room and offering advice to those who expressed interest in a particular field, and comforted those who are still trying to figure out our future. I thank the Dean and the Constitutional Law Society for exposing the students to this great opportunity.

Jonathan Patton 3L



Professor Reginald Mombrun '88, Dean Pierce, Dee Dee Nachman '96, U.S. Congressman Bob Etheridge, Professor Felicia Branch, N.C. State Representative H.M. "Mickey" Michaux '64, U.S. Congressman G.K. Butterfield '74

N.C. CONGRESSMEN ETHERIDGE AND BUTTERFIELD SPEAK AT TAX LUNCHEON

The luncheon was held on Feb. 5, 2010 as part of a Tax Update Continuing Legal Education (CLE) program for attorneys. U.S. Congressman Bob Etheridge, stepped in to deliver the keynote address in place of the scheduled speaker, U.S. Congressman Pete Stark of California, who was ill and unable to attend.

U.S. Congressman G.K. Butterfield, a

Law School alumnus, delivered opening remarks and introduced Etheridge. Also attending were four members of the North Carolina legislature, State Representative H.M. "Mickey" Michaux, Larry Hall and Paul Luebke, and Senator Floyd McKissick Jr.

Support from McGuireWoods and the N.C. Bar Association helped make the event possible.

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Letter from the Alumni President

Dear Fellow Alumni:

IT IS MY HONOR AS PRESIDENT OF THE NCCU SCHOOL OF LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO BRING YOU GREETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE ASSOCIATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

During the first few months of my tenure we have been busy advancing the goals of my predecessors and making an increased effort to have board members serve as active ambassadors who regularly connect with the alumni of tomorrow.

My position provides me with the opportunity to encourage fellow alumni to also become active ambassadors for the Law School and to nurture a lifelong affinity for this great institution. I encourage you to include NCCU School of Law among your philanthropic priorities. I also encourage you to stay active: become a mentor; hire NCCU School of Law graduates; attend law school and law alumni events; and volunteer your time.



As NCCU School of Law is a very important part of your past, there should also be a place of importance for it in your present and in your future. I ask that you share

your successes and your love of the law school with our current students who look to our alumni as sources of encouragement and symbols of hope.

I would like to thank the past and present Alumni Association Board members for their dedication to the Law School, the staff at the Law School who give us tremendous support, and everyone who continues to sustain this association with their generous donations of time and talent. I sincerely appreciate your support and encouragement, and look forward to your active involvement in the advancement of our alma mater.

Finally, please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or recommendations you have regarding the Law School or the Alumni Board, or if you have an interest in working with the Board.

With Warmest Regards,
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stipends and more support for student programs like the Performance Based Admission Program (PBAP).

You can go online to <http://web.nccu.edu/law/> or return the attached envelope with your gift designation to make a contribution. You may contribute to the operating funds listed on the envelope, or choose a designation from the listing below. Thank you for helping us to help the next group of Legal Eagle Alumni. Now more than ever, your support is vital to continuing the great legacy of the NCCU School of Law.

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KIMBERLY MOORE, NCCU School of Law Alumna, Helping to Make Constructive Changes in the Kosovo Criminal Justice System

Kimberly Moore '94, an Assistant U.S. Attorney, has been working in Kosovo since 2008 as a legal advisor for the Justice Department's Overseas Prosecutorial Development Assistance and Training program (OPDAT).

During the week of March 1, 2010, OPDAT-Albania joined forces with OPDAT-Kosovo to conduct a trial advocacy skills training course for Albanian prosecutors. Approximately 24 prosecutors and 6 Magistrate School students took part in the program, which began on the morning of Feb. 22, 2010, with welcoming remarks by US Ambassador John Withers.

This program, held at the School of Magistrates in Tirana, focused on basic trial skills, such as direct and cross examination, impeachment, and opening



Left: Kimberly Moore

Below: Trial advocacy training for prosecutors and defense attorneys, Kosovo, 2009

Bottom: Training session for prosecutors and police officers, Kosovo, 2009



1968

The Honorable A. Leon Stan-back, retired Superior Court Judge, completed his second year as a member of the N.C. Board of Law Examiners. He is the first NCCU Law graduate appointed to serve as a member of that body.

1974

James C. Johnson is a retired associate professor and Director of the Undergraduate Social Work Program of North Carolina A&T State University, and is a Board Member of the International Civil Rights Museum. Mr. Johnson's name is on the Wall for Tolerance at the Civil

Rights Museum in Montgomery, Ala., and he has twice received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine from the Governor of North Carolina.

1978

Patrice A. Hinnant has been appointed by Gov. Beverly Perdue to the

and closing statements. Although this was the first trial advocacy program taught in Albania using U.S. teaching methods, it was one in a series of joint trainings between OPDAT-Albania and OPDAT-Kosovo, with more planned in the future. Such trainings are part of the capacity building efforts undertaken by OPDAT and, in particular, are designed to enhance the litigation and teaching skills of prosecutors in both countries.

Another significant aspect of this training was that it was taught by Certified Trial Advocacy Skills Instructors from Kosovo under the guidance of OPDAT legal advisors from Kosovo and Albania. Since March 2009, Kosovo prosecutors, defense attorneys, and magistrate school candidates have participated in trial advocacy skills trainings taught by Resident Legal Advisor Kimberly Moore and instructors from the National Institute for Trial Advocacy ("NITA"). Approximately 22 of those participants are now certified NITA instructors.

Trial Advocacy Skills Trainings will now be added to the curriculum for the Initial Legal Education Program at the Kosovo Judicial Institute and part of the continuous legal education program for sitting prosecutors and judges.

As a result of this strategic investment in resources by the US Embassy Pristina and OPDAT, these future trainings will now be taught by Kosovo instructors.

Moore has served for approximately 15 years as a prosecutor, first as a state prosecutor and currently as a federal prosecutor. She has prosecuted complex crimes and has made extensive use of undercover agents, confidential informants, and electronic surveillance. She has extensively mentored investigators, in particular state and local investigators who have been part of federal-state task forces.

Moore has been an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the U.S. Attorney's Office for

the Eastern District of North Carolina since 1999.

In 2004, Moore served a six-month detail as a Deputy Special Master for the Sept. 11th Victims Compensation Fund. In this capacity, she reviewed claims and served as Hearing Officer in Washington, D.C. and New York City, in connection with claims for personal injuries arising from the Sept. 11th attacks.

In 2004, Moore received the U.S. Department of Justice Law Enforcement Coordination Award for her work with the community and law enforcement in Lumberton, N.C., and in 2007, she received a Special Commendation Award for her work in the Electronic Surveillance Unit.

Superior Court for Guilford County.

1980

Betty Brown was elected to the District Court in Guilford County, Greensboro, N.C.

Moses Carey Jr. has been named

chair of the N.C. Employment Security Commission by Gov. Beverly Perdue. Carey has more than 40 years of experience as a professor, public official, manager and health care leader.

Dayle A. Flammia has been named a "Super Lawyer" each year for the last

five years. For the 10th consecutive year, he has been named to "Best Lawyers in America" and "Top Lawyers in North Carolina."

Harvey W. Raynor was named interim county attorney for Cumberland County, N.C. on Aug. 4, 2009, upon

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the death of long-time County Attorney Grainger R. Barnett.

1981

Garrett D. Page was elected judge for the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County, Pa., on Nov. 3, 2009. He took the bench on Jan. 4, 2010 for a 10-year term. He is only the second African-American to ever be elected judge in a county that was founded in 1784.

Richard E. Strowd has been promoted to Senior Director, Office of Contracts, Research Triangle Institute, Research Triangle Park, N.C.

1982

The Hon. Rossie D. Alston Jr. was appointed to the Virginia Court of Appeals.

Anthony Fox has been named President of the N.C. Association of Municipal Attorneys, which provides leadership, advocacy and educational training on issues affecting cities and towns throughout the state. Fox, who practices law with Parker, Poe, Adams & Bernstein, shares the same name, albeit with a different spelling, with the mayor-elect of Charlotte, Anthony Foxx.

Kris Gardner has been named partner at Tharrington Smith, LLP, in Raleigh.

1983

Christine J. Driessen has been lecturing internationally for the past 10 years on the topic of the Power of Christian Prayer to Heal, with a special

focus on Africa, medical schools and youth groups.

Ann Toney is a criminal defense lawyer practicing in the areas of cannabis, dispensary, MMJ and primary caregiver law.

1984

Glenn Adams has been named as the new chair of the NCCU Board of Trustees.

Lawrence Wittenberg is the President of the National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives (NOSSCR).

1985

Reuben F. Young is Secretary of the N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, a member of Gov. Beverly Perdue's cabinet.

1987

J. Carlton Cole has been appointed Superior Court Judge for the First Judicial District by Gov. Beverly Perdue. The district covers six northeastern North Carolina counties—Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates and Pasquotank.

Lauriette W. West-Hoff is the first minority in North Carolina history to be appointed to the North Carolina Appraisal Board.

1988

Charles K. Blackmon has joined the firm of Tuggle Duggins & Meschan, PA. He focuses his practice primarily on corporate business, and sports and enter-

tainment matters. He has broad experience in representing closely held businesses and nonprofits, particularly with employment, compliance, and dissolution issues.

Fred A. Whitfield was the guest speaker for the NCCU Sports and Entertainment Law Lunch and Learn on Sept. 9, 2009. Whitfield has been president and CEO of Bobcats Sports & Entertainment since 2006. He is one of only three African-Americans who hold the position of team president across the spectrum of major professional sports. He oversees all business operations for the Charlotte Bobcats, Time-Warner Cable Arena and the Bobcats Youth Foundation.

1990

Ola Lewis, a Superior Court Judge in the 13th District for Brunswick County, was featured recently as a Trailblazer in The Brunswick Beacon. Judge Lewis established a Drug Treatment Court in 2008 to help change the lives of its participants and to help them make a difference in their homes and communities.

Vincent R. White is a District Court Judge in the 18th Judicial District in Castle Rock, Colo. He is one of only three African-American district court judges in the state. He has been on the bench for four years and handles major civil litigation.

Gwendolyn Burrell has been named Executive Director of the N.C. Governor's Crime Commission Division. Burrell has been the Deputy Director

for Grants Management and Statistical Analysis in the division for the past six years. She oversaw the management of about 500 grants statewide to state and local government agencies and nonprofits, and the collection and analysis of data relating to criminal justice programs. The Crime Commission is composed of 45 criminal justice professionals from across the state. Its chairman is Scott Thomas '92, District Attorney for Carteret, Craven and Pamlico counties, who was appointed by Gov. Beverly Perdue in June 2009.

Eleanor "Ellie" Kinnaird is in her seventh term of the North Carolina Senate.

Lydia E. Lavelle was elected vice chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee of the Chapel Hill/Carrboro/Durham Metropolitan Planning Organization. She serves on the panel as the liaison from the Carrboro Board of Aldermen.

Janne Y. McKamey has joined the firm of Stearns-Montgomery & Associates. McKamey brings 16 years of experience in domestic relations, collections and small-business concerns to the firm. She was previously a managing attorney of Hollander Law Offices LLC.

Carolyn J. Yancey was elected in Nov. 2008 to a District Court judgeship in Granville County. She is the first female judge for more than 15 years (in the 9th Judicial District.)

1994

Scott Casey has been recognized as a

board-certified specialist by the N.C. State Bar Board of Legal Specialization.

Angela C. Foster has been elected District Court Judge for Guilford County, Greensboro, N.C.

1995

Heidi Stewart was been elected president of the 28th Judicial District Bar, which encompasses Buncombe County, in June 2009. Her private practice is in the areas of family matters, including divorce, collaborative law, mediation and elder law issues.

1996

Jannika E. Cannon has joined Tully Rinckey PLLC in its Washington, D.C. office as a senior associate. Cannon will focus her practice on federal sector labor law and employment law. Before joining Tully Rinckey, Cannon represented federal personnel at another Washington firm. She began her legal career as an attorney with the Navy Department's Office of General Counsel, focusing on procurement law.

Harold Cogdell Jr., a former member of the Charlotte City Council, was elected vice chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Mecklenburg County.

Steven P. Richards is a consumer bankruptcy law specialist practicing in Wilmington, N.C.

1997

Avery Michelle Crump has been elected District Court Judge in Guilford County, N.C.

1998

Melissa Averett has been recognized as a board-certified specialist by the N.C. State Bar Board of Legal Specialization.

Thomas E. Brewington was recently certified by the American Board of Legal Medicine as a Diplomate.

Karlene Scott-Turrentine is a partner in the firm of DeCillis & Turrentine PLLC, Henderson, N.C. The *Henderson Daily Dispatch* reported that the firm, formed in 1968, is the first integrated law firm in the 9th Judicial District (Warren, Vance, Granville and Franklin counties).

Ashley B. Young has joined the Law Offices of James Scott Farrin.

1999

Jay J. Chaudhuri has been appointed General Counsel and Senior Policy Advisor to North Carolina State Treasurer Janet Cowell. He will be the sole fiduciary for the \$66 billion state retirement fund. The office also issues all state and local bonds, and the treasurer chairs the State Banking Commission.

Barry K. Shuster has been appointed General Counsel and Secretary of the Cary Community Foundation. He has also been appointed to the Entrepreneurs Subcommittee of NC LEAP (North Carolina Lawyers for Entrepreneurs Assistance Project), a public service program of the N.C. Bar Association Foundation. Shuster practices transactional law, ADR and insurance defense litigation in Cary, and teaches law at

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NCCU School of Business. He is also a partner and editor of RS&G LLC, a publisher of national small business management journals.

2000

Janet B. Dudley is practicing family law and civil litigation in Scotland Neck, N.C.

Toni Sa King was appointed to the District Court bench for the 12th Judicial District (Cumberland County) by Gov. Beverly Perdue.

Dahr Tanoury is an Assistant Attorney General with the North Carolina Agriculture Office.

2001

Brenda Branch, Chief District Court Judge for Halifax County, North Carolina, was featured on WRAL.com: Mechanic-turned-judge sets eye on Juvenile Justice.

Rick Fleming became a shareholder with the Law Offices of James Scott Farrin in Jan. 2009. He heads the firm's Social Security Department and is a board-certified specialist in Social Security Disability.

David Hendricks joined the Law Offices of James Scott Farrin in Feb. 2009. He works in the firm's Intellectual Property Department and primarily handles patent applications.

Editor's note: The Law Offices of James Scott Farrin employs one current NCCU law student, Cali Schmitt '10, and five NCCU alumni. John Agner '98 is of counsel, Ashley Young '98 and David

Hendricks '01 are associate attorneys and Rick Fleming '01 and Michael Jordan '93 are shareholders.

Kerstin Sutton has been reelected Vice President of Membership for the N.C. Advocates for Justice, an organization of over 4,000 legal professionals dedicated to protecting people's rights.

2002

Kris Gardner has been named partner at Tharrington Smith LLP in Raleigh. His practice area includes administrative law, beverage alcohol control law, municipal law and litigation.

Devon E. White has joined the Hutchison Law Group in Raleigh in its intellectual property practice group. White's practice will focus on trademark prosecution and enforcement, including representation before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board.

2004

Joshua D. Malcolm has been appointed Chief of Staff/University Attorney at UNC-Pembroke. Malcolm was previously the university's Assistant Counsel.

Tonya E. White was elected President of the Lenoir County Bar Association. She is an Assistant District Attorney for Wayne, Lenoir and Greene counties in eastern North Carolina.

2005

Clifton R. Stancil and **Timothy Wipperman** co-founded the law firm of Wipperman & Stancil PLLC. The firm has offices in Durham and Greensboro, with a practice focus in criminal defense and business law.

Randall Gregg, editor and publisher of the online Raleigh Telegram newspaper, spent eight days in February in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, embedded with 82nd Airborne Division soldiers from Fort Bragg, as part of his paper's coverage of earthquake relief efforts. Gregg stayed with soldiers as they slept on outdoor cots, performed daylight and night patrols, and distributed food and water to the Haitian people. He has posted stories, photos and videos at www.raleightelegram.com/indexhaiti.html.

2006

Kelly Burgess works in the NCCU School of Law as a writing specialist. As part of her duties, she reviews and critiques writing samples and conducts workshops on The BlueBook and legal analysis.

Helen Parsonage has been elected president of the Forsyth County Criminal Defense Trial Lawyers Association for 2010.

2007

John Carbone M.D. was appointed by Gov. Beverly Perdue to a three-year term on the N.C. Commission for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services; the commission advises on a wide range of issues involving mental illness, mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse.

William S. Eubanks II recently prevailed in a landmark environmental lawsuit in federal court that challenged an industrial wind energy project's construction and operation under the Endangered Species Act. Eubanks, an

attorney with the public interest environmental law firm Meyer Glitzenstein & Crystal, represented a coalition of nonprofit conservation organizations that support the development of responsible wind energy that fully accounts for environmental protection and wildlife concerns. The precedent-setting ruling sends a clear message that while wind power is an essential part of the nation's energy portfolio, companies developing renewable energy must still comply with environmental laws in a manner that protects the public interest. Discussion of the lawsuit has been featured on NPR, and in The New York Times and The Washington Post.

Harold J. Eustache Sr. wrote an article in the November/December issue of the Maryland Bar Journal titled "Technology Changing Health Care Landscape."

2008

Grayson Cheek has joined the law firm of David & Associates PLLC in Wilmington, where he is building a criminal defense practice in a firm that has historically handled personal injury and workers' compensation claims.

Karen G. Darlington Jr. and **Kenya Davis Rogers** announced the opening of their new law office, Darlington Rogers PLLC, at 5500 Executive Center Drive, Suite 214, Charlotte, N.C. 28212.

Elizabeth DiNello has written a paper about climate change that was accepted for presentation at an international conference in Hong Kong. Ms. DiNello presented "Climbing the Great Wall: How the Interplay Between China



One of our most esteemed and revered alumni, Judge **Clifton E. Johnson** will be greatly missed. Judge Johnson was featured quite extensively in an article in the last *Of Counsel* (Spring 2009). His portrait that hangs in the moot courtroom of the Law School graced the cover of that issue. A golf tournament in honor of Judge Johnson is planned for 2011.

and the United States Will Affect Mitigation in a Kyoto Successor Treaty" at the conference "China and Global Climate Change: Reconciling International Fairness and Protection of the Atmospheric Commons" on June 18-19, 2009.

Sarah Jessica Farber is a Staff Attorney with N.C. Prisoner Legal Services. Farber works on post-conviction matters.

Suntrease Williams is an assistant U.S. attorney in the Department of Justice.

2009

Barbara J. Lagemann is an associate attorney in the Law Office of John C. Fitzpatrick.

Anthony Morrow is an Assistant District Attorney with the Chicago District Attorney's Office.

Patrice Ray was featured in the November 2009 edition of the *Carolina Paralegal News*, "Soaring Eagles" Section, in an article headlined "Job well done; paralegal-turned-lawyer sets example for others."

Beverly R. Spencer is practicing in the areas of family, civil, juvenile and criminal law with Dotson Associates in Greensboro.

IN MEMORIAM

Clifton E. Johnson '67,

Charlotte, N.C., June 25, 2009

Marshall McCallum Jr. '67,

Charlotte, N.C., April 25, 2009

Carlton Fellers '70,

Raleigh, N.C., Dec. 4, 2009

Donald L. Pitts '70,

Wheeling, W.Va., March 2009

Lowell Spencer '75,

Paintsville, Ky., Feb. 22, 2009

Robert J. Hensley '76,

Raleigh, N.C., Aug. 18, 2009

Donald J. Murphy '76,

Greensboro, N.C., Nov. 20, 2009

Earl Whitted Jr. '78,

Goldsboro, N.C., Jan. 5, 2010

Harold R. Hoke '84,

Matthews, N.C., Sept. 29, 2009

Edwin J. Hamlin '86,

Raleigh, N.C., June 2009.

Louise E. Harris '86,

Winston-Salem, N.C., Jan. 17, 2009

Jack L. Wilson '91,

Burnsville, N.C., Feb. 11, 2009

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ALUMNI RECEPTION

LUMBERTON AREA ALUMNI GATHER AT ANNUAL HOLIDAY FUNDRAISING RECEPTION

The Lumberton alumni held their annual alumni reception on Dec. 12, 2009, at Adelio's, a popular Italian restaurant in Lumberton. Those attending from the School of Law included Dean Raymond Pierce; Holly Taylor, a third-year law student; Delores James, the Director of Development, and Shawnda Brown, Assistant Director of Business Affairs.

We would like to acknowledge Arnold Locklear for his continuing generous support of this annual fundraising event. Alumni receptions play an important role in providing financial support for School of Law students and faculty programs.



Left to right: Judge John Carter '79, Phillip McRae '81, Luther Douglas '81, Mark Locklear '96, Judge Herbert Richardson '76, Joshua Malcolm '84, Holly Taylor 3L, Arnold Locklear '73, Judge Henry Oxendine '73, Dean Raymond Pierce.



Judge Herbert Richardson and Judge Henry Oxendine



Left to right: Arnold Locklear, Joshua Malcolm, Holly Taylor



Left to right: Dean Pierce, Phillip McRae and Arnold Locklear, background, Delores James



Chief Justice John Roberts visits Professor Don Corbett's Torts class

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