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NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

March, 1993

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On January 1, 1993, at 9:41 p.m. my life changed forever. At that moment, my daughter, Morgan Paige, came into this world. As one of the lawyers in my firm has since told me (Lawrence Campbell '84), no decision my wife and I make for the rest of our lives will be able to be made without considering how it will affect our daughter.

Another thing I noticed once she was born was that all other things outside of my family took on just a little less significance. I still wanted to make sure my firm got off to a good start in 1993, and I am most concerned that the Alumni Association's Annual Fund Drive be the most successful ever, but now it all revolves around a little baby girl.

But it does not revolve around only one baby girl or boy. It revolves around all of them. What we put forth into this Alumni Association will affect all the babies whose future will be molded within the walls of our Law School and for the ones that come before them, who are a little older, and for the ones that come after, who are not yet a twinkle in their parents' eyes. This success can only come from the effort of the Alumni to get involved in the Law School itself and in this

Alumni Association. There is no justifiable reason why each and every alumnus cannot contribute some amount of time or money or both to help both this Law School and the Alumni Association exceed each and every goal that we can come up with.

The placement office needs practicing lawyers to do mock interviews to help prepare the students for the real ones. There is also a need for summer internships so that our students will have the hands-on experience needed to compete after graduation.

The Alumni Association needs your ideas on how to best serve the Alumni, the Law School and the students. But most importantly, we need your money so we can increase the financial support we provide to the students and to increase the programs and services that we want to provide to the Alumni.

As was regularly repeated during the past presidential elections, the ideas are there, they simply need to be put into action. Our situation is that we have the plans, but we need the financial assistance from our Alumni to make them a reality.

Please let me honor each and every one of you who give generously at the Law Day

President's Message, continued

Banquet during our Law Week activities. All donors at the Bronze Eagle level (\$1,000) or larger will be presented with a plaque expressing the gratitude of the Alumni Association.

Never has there been such an opportunity for so many to give so little to accomplish so much. Please reflect on this President's Message and see where you stand today and what you are able to accomplish on a daily basis, and think back to where you may have been without the NCCU School of Law.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Wittenberg

ALUMNI NEWS

Eugene Ellison '83, Vice Mayor of Asheville, North Carolina, recently announced his intention to run for mayor. Gene has served on the Asheville City Council for the past four years.

Anthony Fox '82 has been appointed to the North Carolina State Bar's Board of Continuing Legal Education.

Sonja S. Beckham '82 is Assistant Dean for Student Affairs at the Oklahoma City University School of Law.

William D. Young IV '91 has joined the law firm of Hatch, Little & Bunn in Raleigh as an associate. His primary focus will be in the areas of civil litigation, criminal defense, domestic/family law and landlord/tenant law.

Pamela Young '85, Texas Ethics Commission lawyer, was recently appointed by Texas House Speaker Pete Laney to serve as his ethics adviser. Young, while assistant general counsel at the Ethics Commission, developed an ethics training program for state employees and legislators.

Walter "Buddy" Boyd, Jr. '84 was recently named a partner in the Washington D.C. law firm of Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garret and Dunner.

Michael J. Duncan '92 has recently opened a law office in Raleigh. Michael will concentrate his practice in the area of social security law. (919) 834-4522

R. Patrick Durken '92 has recently opened a law office in Cary with an emphasis on personal injury, real estate, wills & trusts, elder law and traffic offices. (919) 481-0181.

Eric Ginsberg '92 was recently assigned to serve the World Health Organization in Geneva as a staff scientist in the Environmental Health Division. Eric is employed with the Environmental Protection Agency.

SEND US YOUR NEWS

Please keep the Alumni Association informed of your address and what you are doing in your career. Send address changes and any newsworthy items to:

Patti Solari
NCCU School of Law
1512 S. Alston Avenue
Durham, NC 27707

AN OPEN LETTER FROM
JOHNNIE W. BROWN

January 3, 1993

Dear Members of the NCCU Law Alumni:

My sincere thanks for the beautiful red roses given on my retirement.

Your participation and attendance at the reception and banquet added much to what was a most memorable evening for me.

I shall miss my contact with those who call or come by the Law School.

Best wishes to each of you!

Sincerely,

/s/Johnnie W. Brown

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

If you need to hire a law clerk or an associate, please let the Law School know by writing:

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The Alumni Association is sincerely grateful to all contributors to the Annual Fund. If you have not yet contributed, please complete the enclosed form and send it along with your donation. Your contributions

LAW WEEK 1993

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, March 29

7:30 p.m.
Law Week Kick Off Program
Comic Review
Moot Court Room

Wednesday, March 31

7:30 p.m.
Symposium:
"A Look at our Law School's
Mission"
Moot Court Room
Reception Immediately Following

Friday, April 2

1:00
CLE Program:
Professional Responsibility:
Ethical Considerations for Solo
Practitioners and Small Firms

5:00
Alumni Reception
Law School Lobby

5:30
Alumni Association
Annual Meeting

9:00
Alumni/Student Party

Saturday, April 3

10:00 a.m.
Eighth Annual Captain's
Choice Golf Tournament
Hillandale Golf Course

6:00 p.m.
Alumni Association Reception
Omni Durham Hotel

7:30 p.m.
Law Day Banquet
Omni Durham Hotel

CLE PROGRAM ON

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

On Friday, April 2, 1993, as a part of the Law Week Celebration, the Law School will present a three-hour CLE program on Professional Responsibility: Ethical Considerations for Solo Practitioners and Small Firms.

This program will satisfy the three-hour ethics block required of North Carolina attorneys in every third year.

Light refreshments will be provided and there will be an Alumni Reception immediately following the CLE.

Presenters and topics will be:

Artis Plummer, Jr.

"The Problem of Substance
Abuse and the Small
Practice"

Geoffrey H. Simmons

"Black and Solo: Avoiding
the Pitfalls"

Joretta Durant

"Problems and Pitfalls of
the Solo Practitioner"

Fern E. Gunn

"The Solo Practitioner and
the Disciplinary System"

If you are interested in attending this three-hour CLE on professional responsibility, simply complete the enclosed registration form and return it with your seminar tuition.

**PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY:
ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR
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- I. NCCU School of Law Alumni
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- II. Others
 - () \$35.00 if registration received before March 31, 1992
 - () \$45.00 for on site registration
- III. Law Students (Manuscripts not Included)
 - () No Charge
- IV. Manuscript Only
 - () \$10.00

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