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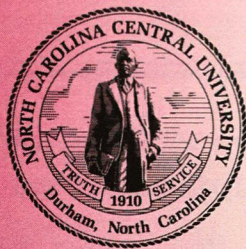
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NCCU School of Law

1995-1996 Academic Year

A Message From The Dean

Dear Alumni and Friends:

Greetings from a very happy dean of the North Carolina Central University School of Law! The School of Law has enjoyed an excellent year marked by many good developments including the establishment of another endowed chair.

Our student trial advocacy team won the regional Association of Trial Lawyers competition and placed fourth in the national competition. We have had a variety of speakers who lectured at the School this past year. I want to particularly mention our 1995 Law Day Speaker, the Honorable Ola Lewis Bray, and Ms. Wanda Bryant, class of 1982 and Senior Deputy Attorney General, who addressed the first year students during our orientation program. It was a real treat for our students to have Ms. Bryant and Ola Bray speak and to have the opportunity to chat with them about many of the issues facing the legal profession.

In this issue of *New Horizons*, you will read about the variety of student and faculty activities and our designation as the best law school for women by *National Jurist* magazine.

The expansion this year of the Law School Clinic will allow us much more adequate room for our clinical, faculty, staff and activities. Even while we are expanding our clinical programs, we face serious challenges in maintaining the quality of our clinical programs. The rescission bill passed by Congress this past summer would eliminate funding for all law school clinics from the Department of Education's budget. The School of Law is committed to maintaining the quality of our clinical programs. We have adjusted to the loss of these funds by requesting and receiving two more supervising attorney positions from the state legislature. We have also made raising funds for an endowment to assist with our clinical programs one of the key elements of the Twenty First Century Capital Campaign which shall begin in the fall of 1996.

Another major goal of this Capital Campaign will be to raise endowment funds for student scholarships. The planned elimination by Congress of the interest subsidy while students are in school is likely to increase substantially the average debt of a student graduating from the School of Law. This increased debt comes at a time when job markets are tight. If we are to continue to be a law school that is accessible to students with limited financial means, we must have more scholarship funds. If we want our law school graduates to continue their commitment to public service, more scholarship funds are needed to minimize their debt on graduation from law school so that they can accept lower salary public interest jobs or more pro bono clients.

Our students, like those at other law schools, are facing more competition in the job market. We need your assistance in our efforts to expand employment opportunities for them. Please hire our students for summer and full-time positions or notify me about employment opportunities in your law firm or organization.

I have been holding a series of meetings with students to learn more first-hand about their concerns and what they think about the

School of Law. We are trying to learn more about students' perception of the quality of life at the Law School. These meetings will continue in 1996.

We are looking for photographs to use in preparing a pictorial history of the Law School. Any photographs, particularly from the first thirty years of the Law School's history, would be greatly appreciated. Anyone willing to share a photograph should contact Assistant Dean Adrienne Meddock at 919/560-6333. If you wish to send a photograph, please send it to Assistant Dean Meddock at the Law School.

The *Princeton Review of the Best Law Schools* (1996) demand index rates the School of Law fourth behind Harvard, Stanford and Yale because the School of Law receives so many applications (over 1700) and admits so few students (approximately 250) to fill its Day and Evening Programs. Over the past two years, the *Princeton Review* has ranked the School of Law second and fourth in the nation for the percentage of its graduates employed in public interest position after graduation.

Our 1995 entering class has completed its first semester. The class consists of 82 full-time day students and 33 part-time evening students for a total of 115. The average undergraduate grade point average for this group is 3.0 and the average LSAT score is 150. The first year Day Program is 59% female, 62% African-American and other minorities. The first year Evening Program is 58% female, 21% African-American and other minorities.

During the summer and fall semesters, alumni events were held in Asheville, High Point, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Fayetteville, Charlotte, Philadelphia, Baltimore (NBA Convention) and Myrtle Beach (North Carolina Association of Trial Lawyers). I will continue my efforts to meet and consult with alumni about the future of the Law School in the upcoming year. I urge you to join in our efforts as we work to increase alumni involvement and further the mission of the School of Law.

Nineteen hundred ninety-six promises to be an exciting year for the Law School. I invite you to share our enthusiasm and to become involved as we continue our tradition of excellence in legal education.

Sincerely,

Percy R. Luney, Jr.,
Dean



NCCU Best Law School for Women According to *National Jurist* Magazine

North Carolina Central University School of Law is the best law school for women according to a survey in the October/November 1995 issue of *National Jurist* magazine. The magazine compiled information on 168 American law schools, and based the ratings on the percentage of women included in the student body and on the faculty, the number of women holding leadership positions in student organizations and on law review, and on women's perceptions of their treatment on each campus.

Dean Percy R. Luney, Jr. believes that it is the School's historical commitment to opportunity and diversity in the profession that makes the school so highly rated. "If you look at the history of our law school, it's one that has always been respectful of individual rights. That goes across the board."

Women comprise 54% of the school's student body and 58% of the faculty. Dean Luney believes that the number of women in the faculty and the administration is a major factor in making the law school attractive to women students. "It makes for an atmosphere that is conducive to women. It also helps to sensitize male faculty and male students."

North Carolina Central University School of Law was the only North Carolina law school to score in the Top 100.

NCCU School of Law and School of Business Receive Half-Million Dollar Joint Chair in International Business and Law Endowed by RJR

The RJR Corporation has given \$333,000 to establish the RJR Nabisco Endowed Chair in Business and Law at North Carolina Central University. The person selected for the chair will focus on teaching, research, and scholarship in the areas of international business transactions, international trade, and comparative law.

The RJR Chair will be held by a Visiting Distinguished Professor, who will teach a course in both the School of Law and School of Business each semester, including an upper level seminar in contemporary international business issues. The Chair also will write a scholarly article for publication in either the *North Carolina Central Law Journal* or *School of Business Management Journal*.

According to Chancellor Julius L. Chambers, "We are indeed grateful to RJR Nabisco for its contribution.... Establishment of an endowed chair in the area of international business and law will infuse a new energy on the campus and will provide a global focus that our students need to successfully compete for jobs in the marketplace."

The RJR gift is being matched by a grant of \$167,000 from the University of North Carolina Board of Governors' Distinguished Professors Trust Fund. The selection of the Distinguished Professor will be made by a joint committee of the Schools of Law and Business from distinguished scholars who are not already on the University faculty.

The RJR Chair is the second endowed chair to be established at the School of Law this year. The Charles Hamilton Houston Chair in Constitutional Law was dedicated in March. That Chair was established through a gift by Franklin Anderson, a University trustee, and his wife, Susie Powell, a former professor at the School, and is endowed for \$1,000,000.

Chancellor Chambers Argues Before Supreme Court in NC Redistricting Case

Appearing before the United States Supreme Court was all in a day's work for Julius Chambers as the director of the NAACP's Legal Defense Fund; he argued some of the most important civil rights cases of the past two decades. But two years ago, he left that post and became NCCU's Chancellor. An important North Carolina voting rights case had him back before the Court on December 4, 1995, as one of the attorneys arguing for the North Carolina Congressional redistricting plan that created the Black majority First and Twelfth Congressional Districts. Those districts are currently represented by Eva Clayton and Mel Watt, the only African-American congressional representatives for North Carolina. The plaintiffs in *Shaw v. Reno*, including Durham attorney Robinson Everett, are challenging the redistricting on the basis that it creates an illegal racial quota that ensures two Black Representatives.

Chancellor Chambers noted, "I've never lost interest in the practice of law, and this case presented me with a good opportunity to keep up with the law.... I'm involved because the case is important to North Carolina, to black people and to the United States.... It would be a sad day for this nation and for this court if they say that adequate minority representation in the electoral process is no longer a priority."

Chancellor Chambers is also a member of faculty of the School of Law.

Events

Morris Dees Speaks at the School of Law

Well-known civil rights attorney Morris Dees spoke to over one hundred students during a March 31 visit to the School of Law. The visit was sponsored by the North Carolina Bar Association as part of its Professionalism series.

Dees heads the Southern Poverty Law Center and is best known for suing the Alabama KKK and white supremacist Tom Metger in separate hate crime murder civil suits. In Alabama, Dees was able to get the deed to the KKK "clubhouse" as damages for the mother of lynching victim Michael Donald. Dees related the powerful story of the trial in which one of the murderers, a Klan member since his childhood, was reduced to tears and asked for Donald's mother's forgiveness for his crime.

Dees then talked about his suit on behalf of

the family of another young black man who was beaten to death in Portland, Oregon by skinheads wielding baseball bats. There, he was able to successfully strip white supremacist Tom Metger of his assets for inciting the action of the youths through his White Aryan Resistance (WAR) movement. Dees talked about his philosophy of putting hate groups out of business by such civil actions.

According to 3L Shawna Early, "Mr. Dees was inspiring and really opened my eyes to some history."

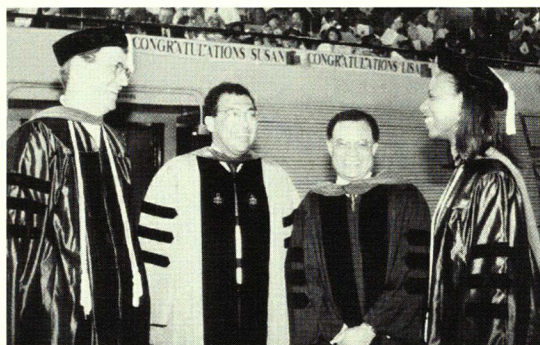


From left to right: Morris Dees is welcomed to the School of Law by Dean Luney and Jim Talley, NC Bar Association President, who introduced Mr. Dees' speech.

United States Top Appeals Lawyer, Solicitor General Drew S. Days III, Commencement Speaker for NCCU School of Law

Solicitor General Drew S. Days, III addressed the North Carolina Central University School of Law Commencement Ceremony May 13, 1995. The School of Law conferred juris doctor degrees upon 64 Day Program graduates and 16 Evening Program graduates in the ceremony following the University Commencement exercises.

Days was nominated to serve as the United States Solicitor General by President Clinton on April 7, 1993, was confirmed by the Senate, and was sworn in on May 28, 1993. The Solicitor General has primary responsibility for representing the United States Government on appeals to the United States Supreme Court and has been held by many renowned advocates, including Thurgood Marshall, and is often a



From left to right: Gred Stafford '95, Dean Luney, Solicitor General Days, and Brenda Gibson '95 celebrate 1995 commencement exercises in MacDougald Gym.

stepping stone to appointment to the Supreme Court. Solicitor General Days was introduced by School of Law Dean Percy R. Luney, Jr. Days took as a theme for his address the School of Law's mission to represent those underserved by the legal profession, exemplified by the School

being ranked second nationally by percentage of graduates serving as public interest attorneys. Drawing on his experiences on the law faculty of Yale, he noted that students too often saw the professional duty to serve the public good, *pro bono publica*, as an all-or-nothing responsibility. "Students would say to me when they didn't get a job with a public interest law firm, 'I guess it's Wall Street for me'. They would see this in terms of wearing a 'White Hat' or a 'Black Hat.'" Days urged all the graduates, whether prosecutors, defense attorneys, small practitioners or corporate attorneys to become "Grey Hats" and to use their positions to serve the public good as they served their respective clients.

Days also urged students to treat each case as important and to keep the client's best interests at heart. "Not every case is a Constitutional case," he remarked, recalling a story from his days at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, where he worked with NCCU Chancellor Julius Chambers, who attended the ceremony with his wife. Days told how an NAACP employee returned to work late, explaining he had been to court for a simple matter. When asked by Thurgood Marshall why he did not ask one of the many experienced NAACP attorneys to accompany him to court, the employee replied, "Mr. Marshall, I didn't want to go to the Supreme Court!"

Like Marshall, Days' career has centered around the struggle for human and civil rights. After graduating from Hamilton College and the Yale School of Law, Days served for two years in the United States Peace Corps in Honduras. After completing service in the Peace Corps in 1969, Days joined the legal staff of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund in New York, where he litigated cases in the areas of school desegregation and employment discrimination. In 1977, Days was nominated by President Jimmy Carter and confirmed by the Senate to serve as the United States Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights. After serving in the Carter Administration, Days joined the Yale law faculty in 1981, where he was named Alfred M. Rankin Chair in 1991 and also served as the Director of the Orville H. Schell Jr. Center for Human Rights. His academic focus has included the areas of federal jurisdiction, Supreme Court practice, anti-discrimination law, and international human rights.

Deputy Attorney General Wanda Bryant Addresses 1Ls During Orientation

North Carolina Deputy Attorney General Wanda Bryant gave the keynote address during this year's Orientation. Director of the Citizens' Rights Division of the Attorney General's Office, Ms. Bryant talked about her experience at the School and her work with the Attorney General's office. The School of Law was pleased to host this distinguished alumna and students valued her remarks as they began their study of the law.

School of Law Hosts Law Camp for Young People

North Carolina Central University School of Law conducted its third annual Law Camp for 7th through 12th graders, June 26 through 30. The program is the only one of its kind in North Carolina.

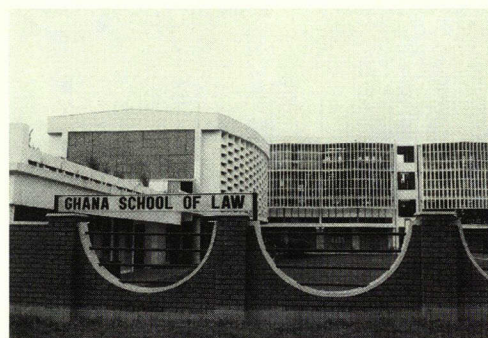
Co-sponsored by the Durham City Parks & Recreation Department, the camp offers participants exposure to the field of law including participation in mock trials. Campers serve as judges, attorneys, witnesses and jurors for trials. Mock cases included a student's lawsuit against a high school history teacher for giving him a failing grade, a criminal case loosely based on the O.J. Simpson trial, an armed robbery case, and a child custody dispute case.

Camp Director and NCCU Law Professor Patti Solari recruited fellow faculty members and local attorneys to speak to the campers on various topics. Speakers included: Professor Tom Ringer on Evidence, Professor Renee Hill on Trial Practice, Attorney John Boulton on Family Law, Attorney Catherine Constantinou on Arts and the Law, Public Defender Bob Brown on Criminal Defense Law, and Attorney Paul Jones on Constitutional Law.

Ghana High Court Members Visit School

Members of the Ghana judiciary, including the High Court, visited the School of Law on February 20, 1996. The dignitaries came to North Carolina to learn about judicial reform and practices. The visit to the School was made by special request of the justices, who are particularly interested in our program of study.

Professors Jessup and Mills Visit Ghana School of Law



Professors Janice Mills and Grady Jessup visited the Ghana School of Law from November 28 through January 7 as part of the American Bar Association's African Law Initiative. The program establishes an exchange between American and African law schools to share

information on legal education and has paired North Carolina Central University School of Law with the Ghana School of Law.

Professor Mills, the author of *North Carolina Landlord-Tenant Law*, lectured on property law. She teaches Property Law and Real Estate Finance. Professor Jessup, who lectured on trial advocacy, teaches Appellate and Trial Advocacy at Central and serves as an advisor to the School's award-winning Trial Advocacy team.

The visit by Professors Jessup and Mills will fulfill the NCCU School of Law's commitment under the ABA African Law Initiative. However, the exchange has been so successful that this visit will be the first step in implementing a new agreement for faculty and student exchanges with the Ghana School of Law in the future.

Three Russian Scholars visit School of Law

As part of the Environmental Equity Series, North Carolina Central University School of Law, the Duke School of the Environment, and the Environmental Protection Agency hosted Dr. Pavel G. Pleshanov, a distinguished Russian biophysicist, on Monday, March 27. Pleshanov is Director of the Institute of Applied Human Ecology of the Russian Ministry of Health and is heavily involved in the Chernobyl cleanup.

School of Law Professor Thomas Earnhardt, Coordinator of the Environmental Equity Series for NCCU, stated: "We are very fortunate to have a speaker of Professor Pleshanov's caliber to address issues relating to radiation genotoxicity from the Chernobyl accident. Pleshanov is one of the preeminent scientist in the world dealing with nuclear radiation and related environmental issues."

In a separate visit, Professors Julia Merkoulouva and Natalia Sidorova of the St. Petersburg University, Russia, visited the School of Law during the week of March 27. The professors teach in the areas of criminal law and criminal procedure. The Russian law professors sat in on classes and discussed teaching techniques with their American counterparts at the School of Law.

The visit is part of a program spearheaded by Professor Adrienne Fox. Fox, a nationally recognized expert in teaching trial practice, visited St. Petersburg in October 1994 to help the Russian school develop a program designed to teach trial skills to their students.

Court of Appeals holds Second Session at the School of Law



NC Court of Appeals Judges Gerald Arnold, Clifton Johnson '68, and John C. Martin are welcomed to the Moot Court Room by Dean Luney for their historical session.

Alumnus and Court of Appeals Judge Clifton Johnson '68 and fellow Judges Gerald Arnold and John C. Martin held a day-long session this November at the School of Law. Students and Faculty members were permitted to sit in on the oral arguments as

they were conducted in the Moot Court Room. While students were themselves preparing for their Appellate Advocacy arguments, seeing the real thing gave them confidence. Said one student, "the cool thing was seeing the other attorneys being nervous. It made me believe that I could do it myself!" This is the second time that the Court of Appeals has held a session at the School of Law in what has become a yearly tradition.

NCCU School of Law 1996 Federal Tax Conference Held Saturday, February 24

This eight-hour tax seminar and CLE was held at the School of Law covering a range of topics including: Federal Tax Update, Contract With America Tax Provisions, Handling A Case Before the Tax Court, How To Handle An IRS Audit, Offers-In-Compromise, and other timely topics. Speakers will include Alan Weinberg, former IRS Greensboro District Counsel; Visiting IRS Scholar Mary Dean (see article below); Professor Ulysses Taylor '92, Fayetteville State University; Gwyn Walker '96, IRS Greensboro Office; and Professor Walter Nunnallee.

Dean of African Law School Visit NCCU School of Law As Part of International Initiative

Mr. S.Y. Bimpong-Buta, Director of Legal Education for the Ghana School of Law in Ghana, Africa, visited the School of Law April 12-15 as part of the American Bar Association's African Law Initiative. The program establishes an exchange between American and African law schools to share information on legal education.

Mr. Bimpong-Buta visited the United States to learn about law school administration and the American judicial system, to establish faculty and student exchanges between his school and NCCU School of Law, and to become familiar with library materials and teaching aids, such as computerized legal research and compact disc storage systems.

North Carolina Central University School of Law was a particularly suitable host as it has well established and innovative tutorial and clinical education programs, areas in which Mr. Bimpong-Buta has a particular interest.

Mr. Bimpong-Buta addressed the faculty on issues of Ghanaian importance, including the 1992 Fourth Republican Constitution and the role of the legal profession in the country's democratic process.

Congressman Mel Watt Addresses Constitutional Law Class



Congressman Watts on the NCCU Campus.

The Honorable Mel Watt, member of the United States House of Representatives, was guest lecturer for the Constitutional Law class at the School of Law on October 27, 1995. Congressman Watt spoke on the constitutional issues surrounding Redistricting.

The School of Law was pleased to welcome Congressman Watt. The Constitutional Law class has an enrollment of over eighty students from the second year Day Program and is taught by Professor Marilyn Bowens.

SCHOOL OF LAW GOES WORLD WIDE!

The School of Law is pleased to announce that information on admissions, events, curriculum, and even exam schedules are now available on the Internet through our World Wide Web pages at <http://www.nccu.edu/law/>.

A special thanks is owed to Joe Seagle, who designed the pages.

UPCOMING CLE: APRIL 12, 1996

A CLE Program *Protecting Our Children: Intervention, Counseling, and Advocacy* will be held at the School of Law on April 12, 1996. The program is being co-sponsored by the North Carolina Civil Liberties Union and the North Carolina Association of Social Workers.

LAW WEEK BANQUET SCHEDULED

The popular Law Week Banquet has been scheduled for April 13, 1996. Details on the banquet and other Law Week Events will be mailed soon.

ALUMNI BREAKFAST

Dean Percy Luney and Attorney Paul Jones '74 attended and the Dean addressed a Breakfast meeting of School of Law Alumni at the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers Annual Meeting in June in Myrtle Beach, SC. This year's breakfast will be held on Wednesday, June 19, 1996.

Retired Faculty Honored

Assistant Dean for Development Monica Kalo and Professors Adrienne Fox and T.M. Ringer coordinated a dinner honoring retired distinguished faculty members Daniel Sampson, Al Broderick, and Patricia Marschall and the late Law Librarian Anne Duncan. The May 20 dinner was held at the Sheraton in Research Triangle Park and was attended by over 140 alumni and friends of the School of Law. The funds raised through the event will be used by the Alumni Association to endow a lectureship series on Legal Professionalism and Ethics, honoring these distinguished retirees. A full report on the event will be made in the next *Of Counsel* magazine.

NCCU School of Law Professor Cheryl Amana Receives NC Human Relations Citizen Award

Anne Franklin, Chairperson of the Awards Committee of the North Carolina Human Relations Commission, has announced that Cheryl Amana, a professor at the School of Law, is a 1995 recipient of the North Carolina Human Relations Citizen Award. The award was presented at the Commission's annual awards banquet, held September 29 in Research Triangle Park. Actor Clifton Davis was the featured speaker.

Paul Jones Named Pro Bono Coordinator

Paul L. Jones '74 has been named as Community Legal Services and Pro Bono Coordinator at North Carolina Central University School of Law. Prior to assuming this new position Jones was Supervising Attorney for the Civil Rights Litigation Clinic in North Carolina Central's Clinical Legal Education Program for three years. Before affiliating with North Carolina Central's Law School, Attorney Jones was in private practice in his hometown of Kinston for fourteen years. After graduating from the NCCU School of Law in 1974, Jones was an attorney for the United States Supreme Court for two years.

The responsibilities of the co-ordinator include providing legal advice, education, and referral of pro bono services to low and moderate income citizens. Evening and weekend legal advice clinics will be provided through working with local churches, community centers and public housing developments. Pro bono activities to the underserved will utilize individual students, student organizations, faculty, the University's Community Service Center and the local bar association's pro bono committee.

Jones brings a wealth of community activism and over twenty years of legal experience to his new position. He is licensed to practice before all North Carolina State Courts, the United States District Courts for the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of North Carolina and the United States Supreme Court. In addition he is licensed to practice before the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, United States Tax Court, United States Court of Claims and the United States Court of Military Appeals. Following federal government service Jones served on active duty for three years with the United States Army with the 2nd Armored Division at Fort Hood, Texas. Presently Jones is a Lieutenant Colonel with the United States Army Reserves assigned as a Judge Advocate with the 108th Division (IT) at Charlotte, NC. The Lenoir County Bar and Eighth Judicial District elected him as their president while he practiced in Kinston. Governor James B. Hunt appointed Jones to the North Carolina State Banking Commission and the North Carolina State Bar named him to two terms on the Disciplinary Hearing Commission. Jones has served on the Lenoir Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees and the Kinston-Lenoir County Board of Education. He is a Golden Heritage Life Member of the NAACP, Life Member Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers and the North Carolina Bar Association.

NCCU Law Professor to Direct Child Violence Victim Abuse Treatment Project Funded by Governor's Crime Commission Grant

William R. Pittman '91, Executive Director of the Governor's Crime Commission, has announced that a \$58,000 grant will be administered by North Carolina Central University in order to institute a treatment project for children who are the victims of violence and abuse. The Project Director is Professor Cheryl Amana, who teaches Family Law and Bioethics.

The Child Protection and Advocacy Program will change the system for evaluation and treatment for child victims of physical abuse, sexual abuse and neglect to limit the trauma of the investigative process on these young victims.

The Program is being instituted with the cooperation of Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in addition to North Carolina Central University. The Program will join six specialized medical and mental health programs already in existence at the three schools to forge a seamless system of care for child victims of physical abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect.

The Program's ultimate goal is to establish a Center for Child Protection and Advocacy with on-site law enforcement, social services, guardians ad litem, and rape crisis resources, and to serve as a statewide training site for practitioners and law enforcement officers. Additionally, the Center will serve as a resource for the diagnosis and treatment of child victims in the most difficult cases of abuse and neglect. The Center for Child Protection and Advocacy will bring a capacity to care for abused and neglected children in a program that reduces the multiple trauma of investigation and treatment in an efficient model of comprehensive care.

Professor Earnhardt Publishes Well Received Book On Fishing

The faculty's world famous fisherman, Tom Earnhardt, has just had published *Fly Fishing the Tidewaters* (Lyons & Burford 1995). According to one reviewer, "Tom Earnhardt is without equal when it comes to knowledge of, and personal experience in the tidewaters of Eastern and Gulf shores. His expertise is reflected time and again throughout this well-written, informative, easy read." The book is unique in its approach not just on the "how to" aspects of fly fishing but on explaining the roles of tides and the tidewater ecology on the fish the anglers seek. Professor Earnhardt will be featured at several book signings, including dates in Raleigh, Charlotte, Charleston, and New York.

While during the academic year he teaches Property, Environmental Law, and Business Associations, Professor Earnhardt has used his summer breaks to explore the fresh and salt water fishing spots of the world, usually in conjunction with his work with environmental organizations. His travels have included New Zealand, China, Europe, the Caribbean, Canada, and seven visits to Russia. His interests in working with people and natural resource issues exemplified in his environmental volunteerism have been his primary interest in his travels with fishing a secondary concern.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Professor Cheryl Amana was a fellow at the Sixth Annual Medical Institute for Law Faculty held at the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, where she lectured on how to conduct a Bioethics Seminar. She also drafted an article, *HIV Positive Pregnant Women and the Mandatory Use of AZT*. She also served on a panel discussion at the American Bar Association meeting on cameras in the courtroom.

Professor Thomas W. Earnhardt conducted a two-day seminar on wetlands at the North Carolina Museum of Natural History in July.

Visiting Professor Mary Dean, our IRS Visiting Scholar, served as a Guardian Ad Litem representing children before the Juvenile Court in Ramsey County, St. Paul, Minnesota, before moving to North Carolina in August. She is researching an article on the concept of manufacturing in IRC § 936 and volunteering with the Duke University Cancer Patient Support Program.

Professor Adrienne Fox served as the Regional Director of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy Southeast Regional program again this year. She also taught at the National Post-conviction Defenders' Seminar. She published a new supplement to her *Admissibility of Evidence in North Carolina* (Harrison). Professor Fox also spoke on Evidence law at NITA CLE programs in Charlotte and Raleigh.

Professor Renee Hill served as an assistant team leader for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy Southeast Regional program. She also took her Brownie troop camping.

Professor Grady Jessup '86 served as an assistant team leader for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy Southeast Regional program. He also attended training sessions in Toronto and the Masters Advocacy Training Program held in Boulder, Colorado.

Pro Bono Coordinator Paul Jones '74 taught at the Assistant Principals' Executive Program on employment law and tort liability held at UNC-A and at the Department of Public Instruction Summer Institute on sexual harassment, employment discrimination, and the Fair Labor Standards Act. He also serves on the State Bar Disciplinary Hearing Commission.

Professor Irving Joyner submitted a report to the Race Relations in the Profession Joint Commission of the NCBLA and the NC Bar Association on perceptions of racial bias in NC District courtrooms.

Dean Percy R. Luney, Jr. published the 1995 Supplement to *Burns North Carolina Discovery Revised Edition* (Harrison). He also attended several professional meetings.

Assistant Dean Adrienne Meddock '91 is drafting chapters for a casebook on Art and Entertainment Law along with coauthors from two other law schools. She was elected secretary of North Carolina Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts in June and is co-chairing an American Intellectual Property Law Association subcommittee on Ethical issues in ADR.

Professor Janice Mills completed the 1995 supplement to *North Carolina Landlord-Tenant Law* (Harrison). Her recent trip to Ghana is discussed in this issue.

Associate Dean Mark Morris '82 published the 1995 supplement to *North Carolina Law of Torts* (Michie).

Academic Support Specialist Nichelle Jones Perry '93 attended the Law Services Academic Assistance Training Workshop in June, where training focused on evaluating and strengthening student support programs, such as our Student Tutorial Program.

Professor T.M. Ringer placed 17 students with practicing attorneys this summer as part of the placement component of the Civil Litigation Clinic.

Associate Dean Charles Smith worked on the state's limited liability company laws and limited partnership laws on the General Statutes Commission.

Mary Dean Joins NCCU School of Law Faculty as IRS Visiting Scholar

Mary Elizabeth Dean, Senior Attorney for the Internal Revenue Service District Counsel's Office, St. Paul, Minnesota, has joined the faculty of North Carolina Central University School of Law for the 1995-96 academic year. She and the school were selected for participation by the Internal Revenue Service's Visiting Professor Program. Under the Program, an experienced tax attorney from the Internal Revenue Service spends an academic year in residence at a specially selected law school as a Visiting Professor. The Visiting Professor will teach a course in taxation each semester and will prepare a scholarly paper on an emerging tax law issue.

Professor Dean is teaching Estate and Gift Taxation this Fall and will teach a course on Tax Procedures in the Spring. She has taught courses in taxation at Hamline and William Mitchell College of Law and in business law at Augsburg College. She has an impressive practice background, serving as an attorney in the Chief Counsel of the IRS's office from 1978 to 1984, where she drafted regulations and legislation. She was in private practice in 1985 through 1987 with Rogers and Wells. At that time, she returned to the IRS, where she has been active in litigation and attorney education. She has also served as a guardian ad litem representing children's best interests before the juvenile court.

Professor Dean earned her Juris Doctorate in 1978 at Suffolk University Law School in Boston, graduating second in her class of 465. She earned a master of taxation law from Georgetown in 1983.

The Program will be an asset to the School of Law's already strong Tax Program, coordinated by Walter Nunnallee. Several School of Law students each year seek advanced degrees in the Law of Taxation. NCCU law graduates have received Masters of Law degrees from the taxation programs at NYU, University of Florida, and Georgetown.

IN MEMORIAM

We note with regret the passing of four alumni.

John Wesley Copeland Jr. '83 passed away in April 1995 at 52. He received his law degree *cum laude* and served as the associate editor of the *Law Journal*. He was an assistant District Attorney in the 7th Prosecutorial District of North Carolina, leaving in 1992 for private practice in Wilson. He was active in community and professional organizations.

Michael Eric Lee '75 of Greensboro died in August. He was 49. Mike was the past president of the North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers and of the Guilford County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. He received the 1995 Humanitarian Award from the NC Law Enforcement Officers Association.

Dr. Robert Morgan II '61, died in September in West Reading, Pennsylvania. He was retired from Kutztown University, where he was an administrator. He was a well known community leader who was appointed to the Pennsylvania State Health Coordinating Council in 1976, served as an associate minister and elder of his church, trained as a certified police academy instructor, and taught in the KU education department.

R. Marie Sides '83 died in February 1996 while returning from a vacation in Mexico. She was 61. She was best known as the plaintiff in the landmark employment law case against Duke University, which carved out an exception to the doctrine of employment at will in North Carolina law. She practiced law in Durham.

Busy Alumnus Willie Gary Wins Half Billion Dollar Case, Has Student Center Dedicated in His Honor and has Article Published

While **Willie Gary '74** is known as one of the most successful trial attorneys in the country, the Fall of 1995 has been an especially fruitful one for him.

First, he won an enormous lawsuit for breach of contract and unfair trade practices in Mississippi in November. Gary told the *Palm Beach Post*, "It was the case of the giant corporation taking advantage of the little person." His client, Jerry O'Keefe, owner of a chain of Mississippi funeral homes, won a \$500,000,000 verdict against a Canadian corporation that tried to run him out of business. In a stirring closing, Gary told the jury that "the workings of the jury system speak louder than any fancy words ever written by any speech or given by anybody... louder than the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in his famous *I Have A Dream* speech. The system speaks." It spoke loud enough to this jury; eleven of the jurors voted to award Gary's client one billion dollars, although the twelve agreed on the half-billion dollar award. As of the time of publication, an appeal had not been filed.

Representing a prominent white family, Gary, who is African-American noted to the *Palm Beach Post*, "To think, here I am the son of a former sharecropper and my great-great-grandfather was a slave and standing next to me in court is [my client] Jerry O'Keefe, the son of former slave owners.... The case itself transcends money, especially during these difficult times since the O.J. Simpson verdict and what it created with race relations in this country."

In a second distinction in November, the Board of Trustees of Shaw University dedicated the Willie E. Gary Student Center in a ceremony held November 18 on the Shaw campus. Gary is senior partner in the Stuart, Florida law firm of Gary, Williams, Parenti, Finney, Lewis and McManus. Finally, Attorney Gary co-authored "Second Chair Trial Advocacy" in the November edition of *The Practical Litigator*, published by the American Law Institute. The article, co-written by his law partner F. Shields McManus, describes teamwork techniques for effective use of the "second chair" lawyer in civil case preparation and trial.

Congratulations on several jobs well done!



Attorney Willie Gary '74

Michelle Rippon Elected to NC Bar Association Board

Asheville Attorney **Michelle Rippon '81** has been elected to the Board of Governors of the North Carolina Bar Association for a term expiring in June 1998. She is a partner in the firm of Van Winkle, Buck, Wall, Starnes and Davis, where her practice concentrates in the areas of appeals, employment law and insurance defense. Additionally, she serves on the Asheville Board of Adjustment, has chaired the NCBA General Practice Section, and has served as course planner for several CLE seminars.

Alumnus Publishes Article in PLI Guide

Edward M. Reisener '83 has just had his article *Using Litigation Support Programs and Graphic Evidence Media In Patent Cases* in the 1995 edition of *Winning Strategies in Patent Litigation*, published by the Practising Law Institute. The article addresses document imaging, computer-generated graphic evidence, and ethical issues relating to the use of computers in litigation. The article also provides an appendix of computer resources and consultants for litigation.

Alumni Photos to Be Featured in Permanent Display in School of Law

Have you held legislative or judicial office? As a reminder of the achievements of our alumni for our students and guests and as a tribute to your success, we will be gathering and framing for permanent display photos of our distinguished alumni. Please send an 8" x 10" black and white photo along with your name and title, a description of the office held, your jurisdiction, along with the dates served to the Office of the Dean, Attn: photo project, 1512 S. Alston Avenue, Durham, NC 27707.

Students

NCCU School of Law Trial Advocacy Team Makes National Final Four In 164 Team Field

After placing first regionally, the Trial Advocacy team from North Carolina Central University School of Law represented the Mid-Atlantic region in the National Trial Lawyers of America Student Trial Competition in Miami, Florida, held March 30 through April 1, 1995. In the National Competition, the team placed fourth among twenty regional champions from across the country. The competition began with 164 teams competing at the regional level from 101 American law schools.

Remarkably, NCCU School of Law revived its Trial Advocacy Program in 1994 after nearly a decade of dormancy to reach its fourth in 164 ranking.

The success of the NCCU team was due in part to the support of the entire School of Law community. Since there was no money budgeted for the National competition, the team relied on last minute donations from alumni, students, and faculty to pay the entry fee and travel expenses for the Miami trip.

The National competitors were selected through ten regional

competitions. In regional competition, North Carolina Central defeated trial advocacy teams from the Universities of Maryland and Richmond as well as Howard University to advance, along with Campbell University, to the National Competition.

Twenty regional winners were invited to compete in the National Competition held in Miami. At Nationals, NCCU's team competed against and defeated regional winners from the Universities of Missouri at Kansas City, Alabama, Florida, and Texas to advance along with three other teams to the "Final Four" semi-finals. In the semi-final round, NCCU faced regional rivals Campbell, with the round going to the Campbell team.

Members of the 1995 team were second year students Jimonique Simpson-Reaves, a native of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Kent Harrell of Morehead City, North Carolina, Atiba Adams of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Jannika Cannon from Madison, Tennessee. The team is advised by Professors Thomas Ringer and Grady Jessup.

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2L Reelected to Town Council

Second year student Mark Chilton was reelected in November 1995 to the Town Council of Chapel Hill. He was first elected while still an undergraduate student at UNC-CH, the first student to so serve. In a letter to the *Independent* thanking them for their endorsement, Chilton felt it important to note that he was a student not at UNC-CH as they reported, but was in fact a proud Legal Eagle.

Chilton wrote, "Central was the only law school I applied to. NCCU Law is the only progressive law school in North Carolina. Out of all the law schools in the United States, NCCU Law has the highest percentage of graduates working in public interest law. What's more, we have a dedicated faculty whose stated mission is to train lawyers for practice in communities under-served by the legal profession.... No doubt, many of *The Independent's* readers believe that the United States has far too many lawyers already.... Alas, we have far too few lawyers who work for the public interest, for non-profits, as public defenders, for Legal Services, etc. Those are the kind of people I go to school with and I am damn proud of them."

Congratulations on your reelection and thanks for setting the record straight.

Simpson-Reaves Receives First Prize at School of Law for Copyright Law Paper

Paula Katz, attorney for the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers, recently announced that Ms. Jimonique Simpson-Reaves won the first place prize in the Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition at North Carolina Central University School of Law. Ms Simpson-Reaves' paper, *Multi-media Works in a Copyright No-Man's Land*, dealt with emerging computer copyright law issues. The prize carries a cash award of \$500.00 and was presented to Ms. Simpson-Reaves by Dean Percy R. Luney, Jr. The paper is still under consideration for one of five National Prizes.

Students Participate In Information Technology Competition

When you call names on the Internet, are you subjecting yourself to limitless lawsuits in endless jurisdictions for that defamation? That's the question that Melissa Croom (2L Evening) and Susan Mitchell (3L Evening) had to address in the John Marshall Information Technology and Privacy Law Moot Court Competition, October 27 through 29 in Chicago. The NCCU team defeated both Dickinson and Franklin Pierce teams, for an excellent first time showing. The team is advised by Assistant Dean Adrienne Lea Meddock, who teaches Relational Injuries and Intellectual Property at the School. Ms. Mitchell and five others also competed in the Saul Leikowitz Memorial Trademark Law competition in Atlanta on February 24, 1996.

1996 Brings Another Successful Trial Advocacy Team

The Trial Advocacy Team of North Carolina Central University School of Law placed third of twenty-teams in the Southeast Region of the National Trial Competition held February 8-10, 1996, at the University of Mississippi in Oxford, Mississippi.

In early rounds, the team defeated the University of North Carolina, University of Tennessee and Memphis State. The team advanced to the Championship round where they lost in a split decision to Memphis State. Team members are Lamar Frasier, Craig James, Cleo Marshall, Valarie Perkins, Nicholle Phair, and Brian Wilks. The competition is sponsored by the Texas Young Lawyers Association, the American Bar Association, and the American College of Trial Lawyers. The team is coached by Professors Thomas Ringer and Grady Jessup.

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