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*North Carolina Central University*  
*School of Law*  
*Class of 2006*

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*Commencement Exercises*



**James E. Shepard, Founder**

*Saturday, May 6, 2006*  
*American Tobacco Historic Campus*  
*1:00 p.m.*

# *Program*

## *Processional*

**Welcome**

Esteban A. Echeverria  
SBA President

Angélica M. Reza  
Class Vice President

**Moment of Thanks**

Alesia M. Vick  
Class Secretary

**Greetings**

James H. Ammons  
Chancellor, NCCU

## *Time of Encouragement*

**Remarks**

James H. Monroe  
Valedictorian  
Lynn A. Prather  
Salutatorian

**Introduction of the Speaker**

Florence M. DuPavevich  
Class Treasurer

**Speaker**

John L. Burris, Esq.  
The Law Office of  
John L. Burris

## *The Class of Two Thousand Six*

**Presentation of Degrees**

Raymond C. Pierce, Esq.  
Dean, NCCU School of Law

Adrienne L. Meddock, Esq. '91  
Assistant Dean, Evening Program

R. Steven Douglas, Esq. '82  
Assistant Dean, Admissions

**School of Law Alumni Association Welcome**

Carolyn O'Garro-Moore, Esq. '87  
President, NCCU Law Alumni Association

## *Time of Appreciation*

**Presentation of Gifts**

Christina McAlpin  
Day SBA Representative

Jennifer L. Jones  
Evening Class Representative

**Recognition of Faculty, Staff, Family and Loved Ones**

LaDonna M. Williams  
Day SBA Representative

Karen S. Schuller  
Evening SBA Representative

## *Time of Reflection*

**Charge to the Class**

Stephanie J. Pough  
Class President

## *Closing*

**Closing Remarks**

Raymond C. Pierce, Esq.  
Dean, NCCU School of Law

## *Recessional*

# *Juris Doctorate Degree Candidates*

May 6, 2006

- Bahiyyah Khaleelah Abdul-Wakil
- \* Daniel François Albert
- Britton Helms Allen
- Janelle Diana Allen
- ▲ David W. Andrews
- ▲ Nita Pravin Asher
- Shelly Maxwell Bao
- Stephanie Y. Barbee
- Nathan Angus Baskerville
- Sameka Felicia Battle
- Bram Cassidy Bevins
- Jennifer Susan Blue
- \* Alice Pilgrim Bradney
- \* Ruth Ingram Bradshaw
- Benn A. Brewington, III
- \* Danielle Quintana Brown
- James Charles Bryan
- Michael Elmer Bulleri
- Keith Jacob Bunkley
- ◆ Kelly Nichole Burgess
- \* Sasha Leighann Carswell
- Verlyn Chesson Porte
- Eric B. Chupp
- Pheobe Annette Clark
- Tesha Nicole Clemmons
- Robert Brian Cloninger
- Susan W. Cope
- Keysha Nichole Council
- Phillip Haskell Cowan
- Calvin Columbus Craig, III
- Latoya Yvette Crosby
- Melissa Lynn Crosson
- Marissa Lynn Curry
- Florence Mangundayao DuPavevich
- Esteban A. Echeverria
- \* Nichóle Baxter Feaster
- Clelia Amari Fry
- Arneatha Alveria Gillis
- \* Susan L. Goetcheus
- Alexander John Gomes
- Jennifer M. Gray
- Justin B. Greene
- \* Steven K. Griffith
- Alicia Ann Gruenebaum
- Sherri Caldwell Hale
- Julie Denise Hall
- ▲ Casey Nicole Harding
- Angelique N. Harris
- \* Aisha Riaz Hasan
- \* James Pete Hoffman, Jr.
- LaTonya Denise Hucks
- Jonathan Eric James
- \* Jennifer Lynn Jones
- Lisa Alumbaugh Kamarchik
- Mitzi Yvonne Kincaid
- Dena Janae King
- \* Patrick Lowder
- Jennifer A. Luebke
- Charles Anyanga Malalah
- \* Chauncey Andomo Malone
- Laura Christine Manfreda
- Amanda Leigh Maris
- Rosa Maria Mejia Matusik
- ◆ Nancy Ann Mayer
- Bracken Juliette Mayes
- Christina McAlpin
- Ashley Nicole McDuffie
- V ▲ James H. Monroe
- Nicole Ashley Murphey
- ◆ Matthew Royce Myers
- Tin T. Nguyen
- Jeffrey Larkin Nieman
- Reginald DeForest O'Rourke, III
- D. Otieno Owino
- ▲ Helen L. Parsonage
- Caroline Tomlinson-Pemberton
- Brian Dean Phillips
- Jeannie C. Pino
- Stephanie Janelle Pough
- S ▲ Lynn A. Prather
- Meredith Rebecca Pressley
- Shannon T. Reid
- Angélica Maria Reza
- Jordan Lawrence Rice
- ▲ Michelle Lea Salter
- Jennifer Hedgecock Sanders
- Karen Sally Schuller
- Rosalind Latrice Sellers
- Sonal Yogendra Shah
- Wendy Denise Smallwood
- Latitia Darice Smith
- Idrissa Amara Smith
- Jacob Robert Starnes
- Sharon Lynn Stellato
- Gregory Seth Stephens
- Rebecca Jane Streamo
- \* Matthew Joseph Sullivan
- \* Sharare Tabeshfard
- L. Martin Taylor
- Kerwyn Merick Thomas
- Layton Carter Thompson
- Cressier Adele Thompson
- Michael Shane Truett
- John A. VanHook
- Alesia M. Vick
- \* Stephen Brian Walker
- Kehinde Abena Watford
- \* Myra Kathryn Price Weare
- Clare Marie Bobbitt Weddle
- \* William J. Wickward, Jr.
- ◆ Jeffrey B. Widdison
- LaDonna Mell Williams
- Jillian Elise Williams-Moore
- Syrena N. Williams
- Reneé M. Williamson
- Jennifer York Wilson
- Rhonda Wilson
- ▲ Anna Tycin Wood
- \* Ronnie B. Wotorson
- Allison J. Young

V Valedictorian  
S Salutatorian  
▲ Summa Cum Laude  
◆ Magna Cum Laude  
\* Cum Laude  
• JD/MBA

## *Faculty*

Cheryl E. Amana  
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Phyliss Craig-Taylor  
Marshall Dayan  
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Brenda Gibson  
David A. Green  
Susan E. Hauser  
Deborah M. Jefferies

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Monica K. Kalo  
Janice L. Mills  
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Walter H. Nunnallee  
T. Mgodana Ringer  
Charles E. Smith  
Frances P. Solari  
Fred J. Williams  
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Greg Malhoit (Supervising Attorney)  
Nelwyn J. Mpare (Supervising Attorney)  
Dorothy D. Nachman (Visiting Attorney)  
Sandra J. Polin (Visiting Professor)  
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**JOHN L. BURRIS** is a prominent civil rights attorney specializing in police misconduct cases. Born and raised in Vallejo, California, Burris obtained a bachelor of science in accounting from Golden Gate University, a master's in business administration from U.C. Berkeley Graduate School of Business, and a law degree from U.C. Berkeley School of Law, Boalt Hall in 1973. Burris began his legal career as a general litigator at Jenner and Block in Chicago; later becoming a prosecutor at the Cook County State's Attorney Office. When he returned to the Bay Area, he worked as a prosecutor at the Alameda County District Attorney's Office. In 1979, he entered private practice with Harris, Alexander, and Burris. He started the Law Office of John L. Burris in 1985. The firm focused initially on criminal defense, later focusing on victims of police misconduct, as well as racial and sexual discrimination. In 1999, Burris wrote the book, [BLUE VS. BLACK, Let's End The Conflict Between Cops and Minorities.](#)

Known for handling high profile and controversial cases, some of Burris' notable clients have included Rodney King, Tupac Shakur, D'Wayne Wiggins, NBA basketball stars Gary Payton and Jason Kidd, actor Delroy Lindo and many public officials and employees. After the 1998 bombing of American Embassies in Nairobi, Kenya and Dares Salaam, Tanzania, The Law Office of John L. Burris, and other California law firms represented over 5,000 victims of the terrorist acts.

Burris is married to North Carolina Central University Law Professor, Cheryl Amana and between them they have nine children.