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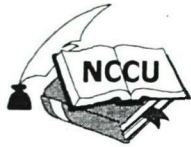
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Law Alumni Newsletter

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President's Message

We the alumni of North Carolina Central University School of Law have much to be proud about. The recent successes continue our tradition of excellence.

During the 1994 - 1995 school term, the Trial Advocacy Board participated in three (3) national trial advocacy competitions. The trial teams were successful over the following law schools:

Brigham Young University
University of South Carolina
Campbell University
Memphis State University
University of Richmond
Howard University
University of Maryland
University of Missouri at St. Louis
University of Alabama
University of Florida
University of Texas

The Princeton Review has ranked North Carolina Central University in the top ten of the most desirable law schools to attend for the past two (2) years. This ranking is due in part to the hard work of our faculty and staff as well as our new Director of Recruitment, Tracy Hicks Barley, '93.

The ubiquitous participation of our membership in leadership roles is also noteworthy. We are in leadership roles in education, politics, trial and appellate advocacy and the judiciary.

I am truly proud of "our" school and hope you share that pride. Further, as president of "your" Alumni association, I hope that pride translates into increased participation in the Alumni Association, and support of your law school. only 151

members of our alumni association paid dues in 1994 for total revenue of \$4,995.00. Only 77 members of the alumni association contribution to the Annual Fund for total revenue of \$9,700.00. It is not fair that so few carry the burden for so many. The fact that you can practice your chosen profession has an attendant obligation to give to the Law School.

I would like to thank the Alumni Association and the Board of Directors for your hard work over the past year. A very special thanks for contributing funds to assist in my attendance at the National Bar Association Annual Convention, held in Baltimore, Md., August 1 - 5, 1995. The School of Law was well represented at the convention. The following members were in attendance:

Frank Turner, Regina Budd,
Gerald Roper, George W. Harris, Jr.,
Tonja Roberts, Allen G. Robberts,
Gwendolyn S. Hailey, Monte Watkins
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Attorney Willie E. Gary hosted an Alumni breakfast during the convention which was attended by Ms. Kaye Webb, University Counsel and Dean and Mrs. Percy Luney. During the breakfast, Attorney Gary committed to annually providing a full law school scholarship to a Shaw University graduate. I implore you to follow his lead and provide additional scholarship aid individually or through the Alumni Association.

Congratulations to the new members of the Alumni Association, the graduating class of 1995. A number of the graduating class members continue to pursue employment opportunities. Please provide any employment leads to the Alumni Association or Ms. Lisa Morgan Crutchfield, School of Law Placement Director.

Never forget from whence is the source of your strength. Your law school's greatness is not a question of "can", but a question of "will".

I remain,

Very Truly Yours.

Grady Jessup, '86
President

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ALUMNI NEWS

IN MEMORIAM

John Wesley Copeland Jr.

Class of 1983

Christa Tidwell Bell '93 is an Assistant Public Defender in Richland County, South Carolina.

Lawrence Campbell '84, formerly of Roberti, **Wittenburg '84**, **Holtkamp '89** & **Lauffer** has opened a law office in Durham, North Carolina.

Gregory Davis '89 is an Assistant Public Defender in Chicago, Illinois.

Lydia Lavelle '93, former research assistant for the **Honorable Clifton E. Johnson '67** of the North Carolina Court of Appeals, has opened a law office in Durham, North Carolina.

Janne' McKamey Lopes '93 and her husband **Thurston Lopes** have opened a law office at the Gilliam Law Center in Atlanta, Georgia.

Robert C. 'BO' Howes '93 has joined **Alexander Mendaloff, III '93** as a partner in forming **Medaloff & Howes, L.L.P.** in Statesville, North Carolina.

Congratulations to **Alison Newman '93** on her marriage to **Eric Harrison, Esq.** in April, 1995. Newman is now an associate at **King, Kitrick, Jackson & Troncon** and a public defender for two municipalities in Brick, New Jersey.

John Ashley Pierce '94 is an associate with the firm of **Browne, Flebotte, Wilson & Horn '91** in Durham, North Carolina.

Michelle Rippon '81, has been named to the Board of Governors of the North Carolina Bar Association.

Anita Earp Robinson '86 Congratulations to her and husband, **Jay Robinson**, on the birth of their daughter, **Elizabeth Grey Robinson**. Robinson is now an Administrative Law Judge for the Office of Administrative Hearings with the State of Maryland.

Barbara Silver-Smith '90 was appointed General Counsel of the United Pentecostal Churches of Christ, Inc.

John C. Stiles '94 has opened a law office in Cary, North Carolina.

Mitchell A. Wolf '78, former Administrative Law Judge with the North Carolina Employment Security Commission, opened a law office for the general practice of law (specializing in personal injury) in January, 1994 in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Kathleen D. Yaninek '94 has passed both the Pennsylvania and New Jersey bar exams and is working as a litigation associate at the firm of **Mette, Evans & Woodside** in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

In May, several of our Alumni, **Tracy Hicks Barley '93**, **John Eluwa '89**, **Irene Finney '94**, **Willie Gilbert '90**, **Woodrena Baker-Harrell '94**, **Monique Morris '94**, **Shavaughn Neal '93**, **Alexander Perry '93** and **Selana Searies '94** participated in the Southeastern Regional National Institute of Trial Advocacy held in Chapel Hill, North Carolina to improve their trial advocacy skills.

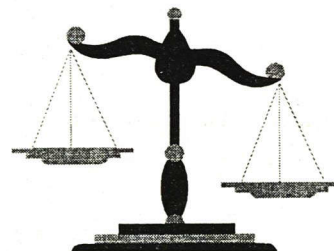
Peter Mack, Jr. '93, **W. Mack Rice '93** and **Jane F. Burke '92** have formed the firm of **Rice, Burke & Mack, P.A.** with offices in Havelock, North Carolina and Turner North Carolina.

LAW SCHOOL NEWS

Paul L. Jones '74, Director and supervising Attorney for the Law School's Civil rights Clinic, was selected as the Mary Duke Biddle Foundation Fellow for the Spring 1995 Class of the North Carolina Institute of Political Leadership.

Professor **James Beckwith, Jr.** who teaches Contracts, Sales and Secured Transactions and Commercial Law received the 1995 NCCU Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence in May, 1995.

Professor **Cheryl Amana**, who teaches Health Law and Family Law, received the "Torchbearers and Trailblazers Award" from the N.C. Equity's Women of Color Program for her work in the area of reproductive health.



EMPLOYMENT

Hire a Central Student

Bright and qualified Central students are eager to interview with your office. Interviews and resume forwarding can be arranged by the school's placement office based on your hiring criteria.

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

Lisa Morgan Crutchfield
Placement Office
NCCU School of Law
1512 S. Alston Avenue
Durham, NC 27707

Demand Index

1996 Princeton Review

If you are hoping to gain admission to one of these twenty law schools, prepare to fight tooth and nail. In an effort to convey the popularity of certain law schools with applicants, we have calculated the "Demand Index" of the twenty most in-demand law schools in the country. This value is an indicator of more than simply the number of applicants to each school. It also takes into account the rate at which admitted applicants accept offers of admission to a given law school. (Fellow geeks, follow along: We have taken the number of applicants to each school and divided that number by the actual number of slots available in each school's first-year class. By dividing the number of applicants *admitted* to each school by the number of slots available at each school, we have some indication of just how popular a given school is with those it admits. By dividing the first value - relative applicant volume - by this second value, we arrive at our demand index.) Atop the list - no surprise here - is the Yale University Law School. Yale receives almost 5,000 applications for fewer than 200 spots in its first-year class. More than 50 percent of admitted applicants chose to attend Yale - a remarkable high proportion. Some very surprising appearances are made on the list by such young law schools as Georgia State and CUNY, Queens, two schools that are relatively unknown on a national basis but are enormously popular with residents of Georgia and New York. The trait that

these schools tellingly share with twelve of the other top twenty is that they are inexpensive public institutions. Like bargain hunters fighting to get their hands on a great deal, law-school applicants flood the nation's top public schools with applications, and a very high proportion of those who gain admission choose to enroll.

Demand Index Top Twenty

1. Yale
2. Stanford
3. Harvard
4. North Carolina Central
5. New York University
6. Columbia
7. U. Of California, Berkley
8. Campbell
9. University of New Mexico
10. Arizona State
11. University of Arizona
12. Cornell
13. Georgia State
14. William and Mary
15. University of Chicago
16. CUNY, Queens
17. University of Hawaii
18. Northwestern
19. University of Florida
20. Boston College

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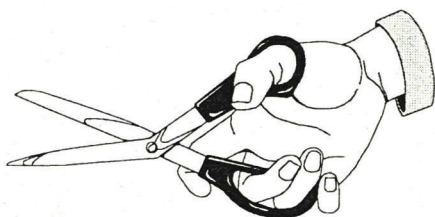
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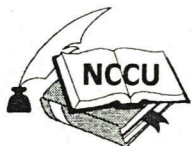
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